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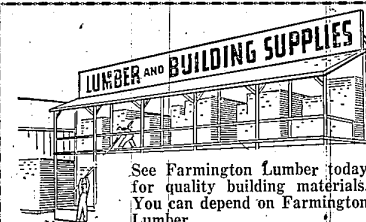
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MICHIGAN HAS MOST CATTLE BREEDING GROUPS

Michigan ranks high in the number of artificial breeding associations for dairy cattle and eighth in the total number of cows bred artificially, a recent U. S. Department of Agriculture report shows. On January 1, 1948, Michigan had 123 associations, 29 more than Minnesota, its nearest rival. In number of cows bred during 1948, however, Michigan ranked eighth with 120,000. Wisconsin led with 120,000 cows serviced artificially.

Every state in the United States now has an artificial insemination program for dairy cattle and nearly 2,500,000 cows are in herds being serviced.

O. E. Reed, chief of the bureau of dairy industry of USDA, recently pointed to the Michigan program as an example of what artificial breeding can do to spread good inheritance to a large number of cows. The former MSC dairy department head cited that 12 per cent of Michigan's dairy cattle are now being bred artificially.

Figures of the Michigan Artificial Breeders Cooperative at Michigan State College, East Lansing, show that 40 per cent of the dairy cows in Michigan country are bred artificially. In far away Denmark, at the top of the lower peninsula of Michigan, the figure reaches 25 per cent.

Daymen interested in the local artificial breeding associations in their county may obtain information from county agricultural agents.

Clean Up Raspberry Patch After Harvest

After harvest is the time to clean up the raspberry patch, suggests J. E. Moulton, Michigan State College horticulturist.

Raspberry growth habits make this clean-up necessary. Each season new canes appear as shoots from the crown or roots and from buds near the base of the previous year's canes. These new canes complete their growth the first summer, bear a crop the next year and then die.

Removal should be done when the canes are dead. If the job is not done, the patch soon becomes choked with dead canes, literally a "bramble patch". Old canes also harbor insects and diseases, such as cane borer and anthracnose.

Michigan State College extension folier F-74, "Hints on 'Raspberry Growing'", gives a pruning program to follow. It suggests that immediately after harvest all canes be cut out and burned. The folder can be obtained from your county extension office or the Bulletin Office, Michigan State College, East Lansing. Don't leave these old canes piled near the planting. Moulton warns. Burn them as they are cut out to check the spread of insects and disease.

Remove all quakers of red raspberries that have come up outside of the hill or row.

It has not already been done, pluck or cut off the end of young shoots of black and purple raspberries when they reach a height of two to two and one-half feet. Moulton says this practice is not recommended for red raspberries.

Can Use Newcastle Vaccine On Broilers

To combat Newcastle disease of poultry, two types of vaccine — killed-virus and live-virus — are being authorized by the Bureau of Animal Industry of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, which supervises the manufacture and sale of veterinary biological products.



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Wheat Growers Must Limit Acreage To Qualify For Price Support

Wheat growers in Oakland County were cautioned this week that, if they want protection of government price support loans or purchase agreements on their 1950 wheat crop, they must stay within their individual farm acreage allotment when they plant winter wheat this fall for harvest next summer.

The individual allotments have been mailed to all wheat growers who are recorded in the County AAA office, according to Walter R. Cook, chairman of the Oakland County AAA Committee. Farmers who intend to grow wheat for harvest next summer and who do not receive an allotment notice through the mail should contact the County AAA office.

"Farmers are under no legal obligation to follow their wheat allotments," Mr. Cook said, "and they may exceed them if they choose to do so but we want to be sure that every wheat grower understands that compliance with allotments is required in order to be eligible for price support next year. This requirement is not in effect for the 1949 crop because there were no acreage allotments in effect."

Farmers who are in doubt about their allotments and about eligibility for wheat price support next year are advised to call the County AAA office before they plant their wheat this fall.

Not only does farm safety mean a better place to live for the family but also for livestock. A few suggestions on protecting stock are listed:

Keep your pastures free of old machinery. Sharp edges often injure animals with resulting lost production and income.

Grounding wire fences properly will help to prevent electrocution of livestock on pasture during summer months. And make sure all electrical wiring in your barn is well insulated and safe. Wiring should be located so that animals cannot reach it and chew the wires.

Udder and teat injuries in dairy cows are also a danger to herd health. High door sills, short stalls with deep gutters and bad fences are frequent danger spots. In the winter, cattle sometimes slip on icy areas with resultant injury.

Painting buildings on the farm makes for a better looking place but it can also mean trouble if old paint cans are left where animals can reach them. Paint is poisonous to many animals.

Pick up all small pieces of wire and hardware from the barnyard and pasture. Bits of metal swallowed by animals cause the death of many animals each year.

It's difficult to prevent livestock injury but a good clean-up session will help. If injury should occur, don't waste any time in getting the help of a veterinarian. Early attention may mean the animal can be saved.

Hens Need Water To Keep Production High

Keeping plenty of water before the laying flock is important on summer days, say extension poultrymen at Michigan State College. High egg production increases the need for water since eggs have a large water content. Poultry are known to increase their water consumption when the temperature climbs.

Because water is so necessary in a good poultry program and because it adds to the labor when carried to the hen house, the poultrymen advise running water where it is possible. A number of fountains and watering devices are on the market or the farmer handy with tools can construct his own.

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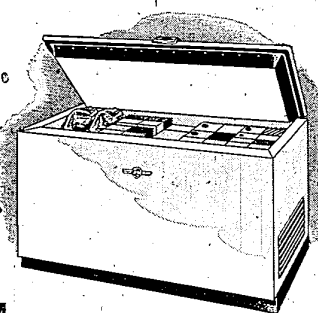
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