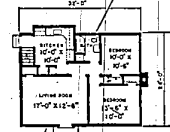


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FARM FEATURES

4-H'ERS TO GET \$380,000 FOR HIGHEST RECORDS

Forty-five business concerns and private citizens are offering \$380,000 in 4-H incentives this year through the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work, according to G. L. Noble, director.

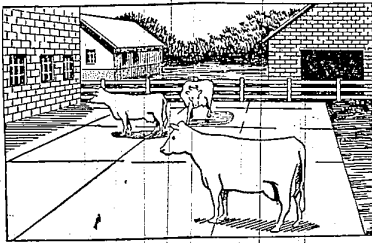
This amount will be presented to 4-H boys and girls who have outstanding records of accomplishment in the 25 agricultural and home economics programs arranged by the National Committee and supervised by the Cooperative Extension Service. Awards range from county medals to college scholarships. Some 1,800,000 members in 50,000 4-H Clubs from 46 states—plus Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico—may take part in the activities.

Climaxing the year's events is the National 4-H Club Congress to be held in Chicago, November 27 to December 1. An estimated 1,500 members, accompanied by leaders and other 4-H workers, will attend and receive well-earned recognition.

Nearly 150,000 county medals valued at \$100,000 are offered to the ambitious 4-Hers. State and sectional awards, which include trips to the Chicago Congress, U. S. savings bonds and gold watches, amount to over \$300,000. National winners announced at the Congress are eligible to receive scholarships totalling \$40,000. In addition, there are prize prizes and other benefits amounting to nearly \$50,000.

Civil Air Patrol aims to enroll 100,000 youths in a pre-flight program in U. S. high schools this fall.

PAVED BARNYARD HELPS KEEP COWS AND DAIRY BARNS CLEAN



With cleanliness the watchword on the modern dairy farm, paved barnyards are a big help in keeping cows and dairy barns clean.

When mud is knee deep in dirt lots, cows are kept out of the mud, much time is saved in cleaning them before milking. Beside, mud and filth are not tracked into the barn and barn cleaning chores are further reduced.

On a paved barnyard cows can get their needed exercise in all kinds of weather. According to dairymen, paved barnyards give greater protection from such infections as foot rot and mastitis.

A paved barnyard can be easily cleaned and all the valuable manure saved. Some dairymen believe that the saving in manure alone pays for the paved lot. And because a paved barnyard can be cleaned easily, flies are deprived of the filth in which to breed.

How to Make Floor

For each head of cattle, 30 to 40 square feet of paved yard is recommended. Paved yards are usually made about 4 inches thick; where heavy

trucks are driven they are made 6 inches thick.

Make pavement in sections 10 feet square. In this way you can place the concrete as time allows. Areas next to the barn and around feed bunks are usually laid first.

Use 2x4s for the side forms when the floor is 4 inches thick. 2x6s when the floor is 6 inches thick.

Make the usual mix in the proportion of 1 sack portland cement, 2 1/2 cubic feet sand, 3 1/2 cubic feet gravel or crushed rock, and 5 gallons of water. Add more sand and gravel if mix is soupy or sloppy—suck down on sand or gravel if mix is too thick.

Place full thickness of the pavement in one operation. Leave freshly laid concrete flush with the top of the guide forms with a straight 2x4 about 12 feet long. When the concrete becomes quite stiff finish with a wooden float. This gives the floor a gritty, non-slip surface.

As soon as the concrete stiffens, cover it with straw or earth and keep it moist for about 5 days by sprinkling.

It takes about 7 1/2 sacks of portland cement, 2 cubic yards of sand, and 1 cubic yard of gravel or crushed rock to build 100 square feet of floor 4 inches thick.

SUMMER COMFORT FOR HENS AIDS EGG PRODUCTION

Poultrymen who keep laying hens comfortable in hot weather can expect to profit by continuing egg production in summer when prices are higher than spring, says Michigan State College poultryman.

U. S. Department of Agriculture records show that for a 10-year period before and during the war, egg prices to farmers averaged more than five cents a dozen higher in August than in April. Average lay per hen in 1945 was 18.1 eggs in April and only 13.7 in August.

H. C. Zindel, MSC extension poultryman, says that many flock owners make the mistake of cutting down on the grain ration to summer layers. This has the effect of supplying less feed but feed of high protein content. Protein in the summer diet is a heating feed and layers cut down on the quantity they eat.

Summer comfort for layers keeps them eating — and laying. Poultry specialists emphasize various aids for summer comfort. Laying houses that are closed in winter should be convertible to open front in summer, and windows and ventilators should be provided and kept adjusted to keep the houses as cool as possible. They also emphasize the summer egg-laying value of a shaded yard—with or without pasture. Good green pasture in a yard can save up to 15 per cent of the feed.

The shade may be from trees or as roofed shelters open on all sides. But layers, Zindel says, should not be allowed to range far from the feed hoppers where they can eat — and then lay. Water should be cool and in ample supply.

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Mrs. Josephine Lawyer, home demonstration agent, says that 40 degrees is cold enough for every part of the refrigerator with the exception of the freezing compartment. On the other hand, no area should be higher than 50 degrees. If you are in doubt about the temperature, check it with a reliable thermometer about one hour after the door has been closed.

Make it a rule to freeze no more ice cubes than you actually need. After quick freezing, return the cold control to the normal setting just as soon as the job is done. Open the refrigerator door a few times as possible and do not permit it to stand open.

Make every inch of space count, but don't stack items if you can avoid it. Crowding prevents circulation of air and slows up cooling. Also it makes it necessary for you to hold the door open longer to locate items.

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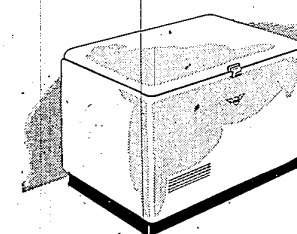
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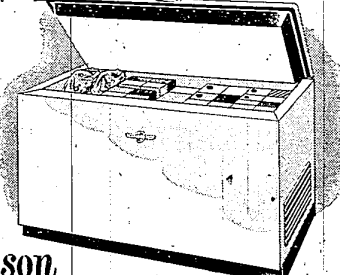
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