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# FARM FEATURES

## Fall Brings Change In Dairy Feeding

Michigan dairymen hate to see fall come. Fall means entertaining cows indoors and that means the steady grind of chores.

Michigan cows probably aren't too happy about the fall season either. They face the unnatural business of eating dried roughage after a summertime menu of what they were built to handle — pasture. J. G. Hays, Michigan State College dairy specialist, says the cows can't vote, so the decision as to when to barn the bossies and what to feed them is up to the dairyman. A few dairymen have red earwig grass for September and October pasture. Others have Balboa rye now seeded for October's menu. Hays says milk-producers should line up a schedule something like this:

1. Pasture alfalfa-brome fields that are to be plowed up next spring.
2. Keep hay constantly available in racks in the fields or barnyard, and offered in the barn if the cows sleep inside nights.
3. Feed green corn. This is the most economically utilized when it is fed either chopped or whole in the manger. "Thrown over the fence" often means that more feed is tramped than eaten.
4. Feed new silage as soon as it is "mushy" enough to be palatable and can be fed fast enough to prevent surface mold.
5. Feed grain of normal winter-time mixture and in winter-time amounts.
6. Invite the cows into winter quarters when the fields offer more exercise than feed.

## ECONOMISTS LIST CUSTOM RATES FOR CORN PICKING JOBS

Farmers planning to pay for custom work in their corn harvest or do custom harvesting for others can get a pretty good idea of average rates for this year from rates charged in the past two years. Michigan State College agricultural economists expect only slight changes from rates reported in an extensive survey in 1948.

Custom rates for picking corn were reported for both 1- and 2-row pickers. The 2-row pickers were used chiefly in the southern part of the state.

The most common rates for 1-row pickers were \$8 an acre or per hour. Farmers reported lower rates for 2-row pickers but only on an acre basis. The most common rate was \$4. Some farmers reported furnishing one or two wagons with the picker, but the custom rates were about the same with or without wagons.

Custom rates for field chipping of corn were given only on an hourly basis. Most common rates were listed as \$8 an hour for chopper and blower with one or two men, two wagons and one tractor; and \$9 an hour if two tractors were used. Rate for two or three men with wagons or trucks and two tractors was \$10 an hour.

The MSC economists emphasize that these charges are those most commonly reported. Rates will vary according to such working factors as field conditions, going wages in the area, and type of equipment.

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## ANNUAL RAM DAY AND TRUCK TOUR SET FOR OCTOBER

The old adage that "a good ram is half the flock" while a poor one is all of the flock" is very true when you stop to consider the ram has an influence on every lamb raised in the flock.

Michigan State College sheep specialists figure that a carefully selected purebred ram will increase the weight of market lambs from 2 to 10 pounds per head.

If this ram was used for the breeding of 40 ewes, on the basis of 50 lambs raised, you can estimate the purebred ram will bring an increase of about \$25 to \$125 a year more than a poorly selected ram.

Michigan sheep raisers will have an opportunity to select a registered ram from the leading purebred flocks in the state when they attend Ram Day at the Michigan State College sheep barn on Monday, October 2.

For the benefit of sheep raisers in northern Michigan, a series of six Ram Truck stops will be made in that section of the state the first week of October. Sheep rais-



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## MSC To Harvest First Banana Crop

Michigan State College will harvest its first crop of bananas in late November, according to Dr. William B. Drew, head of the department of botany and plant pathology.

According to Dr. Drew, about 11 dozen bananas will be taken from a dwarf banana plant, the first one of its kind to be grown in MSC greenhouses.

Among other tropical plants in the MSC botany greenhouse are ginger from the East Indies; vanilla from Mexico; Arabian and Near Eastern figs, and bamboo and sugar cane from Asia.

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