

Milk Solids Will Stretch Family Food Dollars

If you want to stretch your food dollar to meet the other needs of your family, invest a part of it in dry milk solids, advises Dr. Ben Celquist of Michigan State College food and nutrition department. Dry milk solids may be purchased in groceries under several trade names.

The present retail price of dried milk solids enables you to make a quart of reconstituted skim milk for about eight cents. This quart of skimmed milk will furnish all of the calcium needed by a man or woman for one day. It will also furnish almost all of the riboflavin he needs and about one-half of his daily protein need. And that isn't all — this milk furnishes calories, phosphorus and other B vitamins in addition to those already mentioned.

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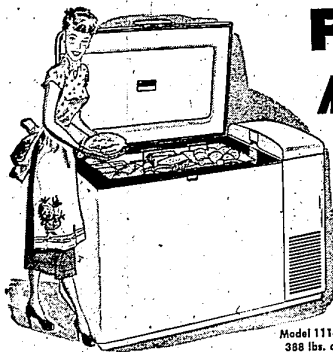
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FARM NEWS

WINTERIZE TRACTOR
ACCORDING TO PLAN
FOR SEASON'S USE

"There are two approaches to the problem of winterizing the farm tractor," says H. G. White, Michigan State College agricultural engineer. "The approach we take depends upon the type of use the tractor is to get."

If you're going to store the tractor for the winter, you should have drained the radiator and block by now. The liquid ballast in the tires should be removed if it doesn't contain calcium chloride or other anti-freeze.

The gas tank and carburetor should be completely drained. A complete crank case service also should be on the schedule — drain the oil, service the oil filter, clean and refill to the proper level with the proper grade of oil. In short, the tractor should be completely lubricated and it is a good idea to remove the plugs and run the engine for a few minutes with the starter or hand crank to spread the oil film over the cylinder walls.

The battery should be removed and stored in a cool place where it won't freeze. It also is a good idea to jack the tractor up on blocks to take the weight off the tires.

For a tractor in use the important points to remember are to use the correct winter grade of oil in the crank case, to service the crank oil operation and moisture condensation, to use the manufacturer's recommended grade of lubricants for winter operation.

The only poisonous snake native to Michigan is the Massasauga or rattlesnake.

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RAM ROUNDUP—A lone horseman, keeping a close eye on his herd, drives a flock of Merino rams toward a gathering point at Mesopotamia station in New Zealand. During such trips the fuzzy-coated ram-bunching animals—and herdsmen, too—get little time to enjoy the majestic scenery that surrounds them.

Circular Shows Practical Value
Of Soil Conservation Measures

Soil Conservation doesn't cost

it pays. W. S. Harrison, extension conservationist at Michigan State College, cites some recently published figures to support this statement.

A circular, "Conservation Problems and Achievements on Selected the long time conservation experiences on farms located in Wisconsin, Illinois and Ohio. A wide variety of farms are included, many of them typical of Michigan conditions. The bulletin was released by the North Central Farm Management Research Committee.

An example cited is a Wisconsin farm of 167 acres of rolling to steeply rolling land. In 1926, the farmer was faced with loss of topsoil, formation of gullies, and loss of income. Advanced conservation practices such as conversion of some cropland to permanent pasture and use of hay and meadow crops on one-half the cropland were adopted on the farm in the period 1926-1945.

Crop yields increased, feed production doubled, longer pasture seasons and better pasture were evident, and livestock income increased. Erosion was no longer a serious problem.

A significant fact is that net farm income was nearly \$1,000 more in the period 1945-49 than it was ten years previously. All earnings were calculated on 1945 prices.

C. M. Hardin, director of the Michigan Agricultural Experiment

Station and administrative advisor to the North Central Farm Management Research Committee, points out that the farms cited in the circular clearly demonstrate that conservation farming can be profitable under a wide variety of conditions and on many types of farms.

The
Grist Mill
By Ed Aichele
County Agricultural Agent

We are again starting off a new year and we all have necessary jobs to be done at this time. One of the most important is making out income tax returns. We have forms and instructions available in our office if you have not already received yours. Drop us a card or phone us and we will send them to you as long as they last.

Beginning next week, we are going to try to start the new year out right in our "Grist Mill" with a series of articles on "Farm Management Problems to be Done in the Winter". I know that the information we will have in these articles will be of value to most of you as a guide in getting the planning done for next year and perhaps on a long range basis.

Looking back over the past year, it has been a good year for farm families. Weather was good, crop yield was excellent. Livestock numbers are up and, generally, the farmer is in good shape.

DAIRY PRODUCTS
HOLD EVEN LEVEL
DURING PAST YEAR

The fiscal year October 1, 1950 to September 30, 1951, for milk and milk products was one of fairly even economic conditions, writes H. F. Simmons, secretary-manager of the Michigan Milk Producers Association, in the association's annual report.

Cold storage holdings of creamery butter as of September 20 totaled 113.6 million pounds compared to 234.1 million pounds a year earlier, Simmons continued.

Cold storage stocks of American cheese totaled 235 million pounds in September of this year while last year at the same time there were 292.4 million pounds in cold storage.

Government purchases of milk powder through August 31, 1950, amounted to 335,200,000 pounds while in 1949 they amounted to 77,155,000 pounds.

As 1951 progressed, Simmons states, production was inadequate to meet the demand and industry had to recall much of the huge storage supplies in government hands. The evaporated processors also used up their huge storage supplies and bid heavily for the production during winter and spring.

With the population increasing rapidly and the use of milk in ice cream, cheese and powder increasing, it would seem there would be a shortage of milk. However, Simmons adds, the increases in other dairy products have been offset by the decline in the sale of butter.

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