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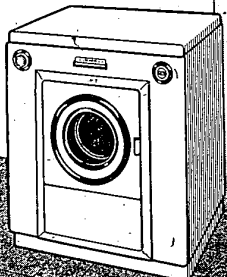
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# FARM NEWS

## DAIRYING PROVES VALUABLE ASSET TO STATE'S ECONOMY

Support gives the state's economy by dairying is emphasized by a Milk Industry Foundation review of facts about Michigan's dairy products also add to the wealth of the state.

Michigan dairy farmers received a total of \$177,293,000 in cash income from milk, according to the final official figures for 1950 tabulated by the Foundation in Washington. Cheese production of 24,865,000 pounds, and ice cream 25,155,000 gallons, and butter 53,400,000 pounds plus other dairy products added to the wealth of the state.

Milk consumption continues at high levels as consumers generally are drinking more milk. Better feeds, improved transport to the dairy plants and other production and distribution advances have helped in building and strengthening the milk industry.

## Census Indicates Rural Telephone Decline

Although a somewhat larger percentage of Michigan farm homes had telephones in 1950 than in 1930, the actual number of rural telephones in the state dropped 14,740 in the 20-year period.

This was revealed by C. V. Ballard, state director of the Michigan State College Cooperative Extension Service, in an analysis of the preliminary 1950 farm census figures.

Director Ballard pointed out that 1950 census figures are not precisely comparable with those of the 1950 census because of a change in the definition of a farm. The principal result of this change was to eliminate suburban and rural residences from the later tabulation. This did not affect the count of establishments devoted entirely to agriculture, however. Even though the figures cannot be compared directly, they accurately depict trends.

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## New Process For Breaking Down Organic Material Now Available

A new simple and economical process for breaking down organic material, such as straw, alfalfa, manure, corn cobs, stalks, and leaves, has recently been introduced to growers in Michigan.

Farm waste products have been discovered to be invaluable for building up the soil to top fertility, not only returning nitrogen, phosphorus and potash to the soil but also the little known trace elements. At the same time, humus, the only natural soil conditioner, is incorporated into the field.

Whole soil should be 25% air, 25% water, 40% mineral and 10% decayed matter (humus).

## Plan Work Sheets Sent To Farmers

In the current effort to contact every farmer in Oakland County, Farm Plan Work Sheets have been mailed to all farm operators. The sheets are part of the Oakland County Agricultural Conservation Program according to Walter R. Cook, chairman of the Oakland County FMA Committee.

To farmers who are not familiar with the program, it is open to every farmer in the county. All farmers who plan to use the program this year are urged to get their plans made without delay as the sign-up period closes March 31, 1952.

From the reports and plans now being sent to the county office, lime and fertilizer applications to legumes and grasses now established and where new seedlings are being made, drainage work in either open ditches or the drainage erosion control structures and establishing grass and legume cover seem to be the most needed practices.

Under this year's "first things first" program, each farmer is being urged to check his farm for conservation needs and to develop a plan of action to meet the most urgent needs. It is suggested that the farmer use any plans he may have on hand, such as the farm plans developed by the Soil Conservation Technicians or those worked out with the Farmers Home Administration, the Extension Service or other agency in developing the program for his farm.

If any farmer has not received a Farm Plan Work Sheet, Mr. Cook says he should contact the county office, 320 Hubbard Building, Farmington, if he is interested in taking part in the program and assistance will be given in making out a farm plan. And again, Mr. Cook emphasizes that a farm plan must be signed by April 1.

Humus retains much-needed moisture, making it available to the growing crop during the dry season. Farmers know the value of friable soil which does not dry up and crack open during hot weather. Soil organisms, bacteria, fungi, earthworms, etc., must have humus to exist and carry on their tremendously important work in producing healthy, disease resistant crops. This statement is a biologically proved fact. It is the only permanent method of eradicating degenerative diseases in man, animals and plants.

This new process is made possible by a product known as "biohumus B", recently introduced into the United States by Peter Philippe, a farmer from the Jersey Island in English Channel, who is acting as the chief technician for the North American continent. It is the commercial name of a composition (toxic) culture of bacteria or microbes especially prepared for the rapid decomposing of all matter of vegetable origin. Biohumus was discovered by Dr. Zelenky, a physiologist, quite by accident while carrying on experiments with cellulose. It is a catalyst, which, when introduced into a pile of waste material, immediately begins a fermentation process which breaks down the cellulose without the use of harmful chemicals which kill the soil organisms.

The temperature of the pile will reach as high as 170° degrees, germinating all seeds and producing a weed-free humus product. The piles will freeze even in below-zero temperatures. The bacteria, while breaking down the cellulose, fix nitrogen in the pile which will not leach away. The other elements are also retained and all become immediately available for plant food.

Nature takes years to do what Biohumus "B" does in six to eight weeks, and yet no harmful chemicals are used. Nature's method of producing the natural health-giving antibiotics is not interfered with, and the plants become disease-resistant as a result. Farmers are using it on their farmyard manure, straw stacks, corn cobs, stalks, etc.

This product, now being distributed by Hopki's Orchards of Farmington, promises to be a great soil rejuvenator which growers will demand to re-introduce quality and health in their industry.

Removing trees that are stunted or of low-quality species will improve the appearance of your farm woodlot.

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## Dairying Future Looks Better

Future of dairying for Michigan farmers is looking better, according to Art Mauch, extension agricultural economist, at Michigan State College. He adds that this is a good time to get out of the dairy business.

Mauch explained that average prices received for milk and butterfat by farmers in the United States went up 17 per cent during 1951, more than the increase in beef cattle or all farm products lumped together. However, that doesn't mean that dairy farmers are better off than other farmers. It simply means that they aren't as far behind as they were last year.

Making the picture brighter for dairy farmers is the fact that population is going up faster than milk production. In 1942 farmers in the country produced 119 billion pounds of milk—the same amount expected for 1952. But there are 20 million more people to use it.

Looking at the longer range picture the situation looks bright too. Mauch said that U. S. Department of Agriculture Economists predict that we will need more than 133 billion pounds of milk a year by 1950, and that by 1975 the demand will go up to more than 150 billion pounds of milk. Reason for the coming increase in demand is the coming increase in population which is expected to reach 190 million people by 1975.

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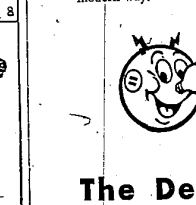
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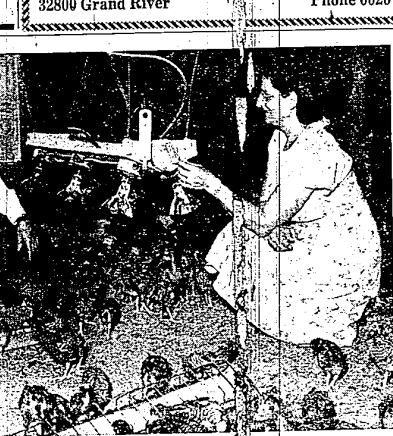
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