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Grazing In Woodlands Poor Farm Practice

Resist that temptation to pasture the farm woodland, say Michigan State College foresters. Woodlots not only make poor pasture, but become worthless for any serious wood production if grazed much.

Keith Hudson, MSC forester, says that farmers with good land in forest, who are desperately in need of additional pasture, would be better off to cut the area clear except for a few shade trees and convert to improved pasture.

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**FARM NEWS****GOOD YEAR FOR COT WORMS, SAYS AGENT BOSSERMAN**

This year seems to be excellent for the growth of certain insects, reports Willard E. Bosserman, Assistant County Agricultural Agent. To be a fruit or vegetable grower, one must also be an entomologist. We have already received many calls concerning cutworms.

DDT is used to control the cutworm. A 5% DDT dust can be sprinkled around each plant as they are set. If liquid DDT is used, use the wettable powder at the rate of two tablespoons of 50% wettable DDT per gallon of water, or two pounds per 100 gallons of water.

Wet the soil around the plants with the material when plants are set out. One application will be enough. DDT builds up in the soil so do not use any more than needed.

Warm Summer Weather Increases Farm Need For Milk Safeguards

Producing high quality milk and cream is a year-round program for every dairyman, advises D. L. Murray, extension dairyman at Michigan State College.

Warm summer months coming up can mean trouble if there is any weakness in production practices, Murray cautions. A check of several potential "danger spots" will help to insure high quality milk and cream.

Clean equipment is the first thing to check. Make sure that surfaces are bright and shiny, rather than clouded by milk stone. If milk stone is present, purchase some acid milk stone remover and use according to directions. Soaking utensils in a solution of one part vinegar to four parts water will soften the deposit so that utensils can be washed clean.

As another trouble spot, Murray cites the rubber inflations of the milking machine. He suggests that dairymen make sure they are in good condition and clean. Keep fat removed from the rubber by boiling in a lye solution.

When all equipment is clean for handling milk or cream, make sure that lids fit tightly on the

GRASS SPRAYING HAS NO EFFECT ON FARM ANIMALS

Just how tasty is a patch of grass sprayed with weed killer? Associate Professor B. H. Grigsby of the Michigan State College botany department placed this question before a "classful" of cows, sheep, pigs, horses and chickens recently, but none of the animals came up with an answer.

Grigsby, at a meeting of herbicide users called by the conservation department, said it apparently doesn't matter whether livestock eat green things plain or with a frosting of herbicide.

The botanist, running experiments on the palatability of herbicides, sprayed halves of several plots of pasture using a different weed killer on each. Then he turned livestock loose in the plots and watched for results.

The stock ate widely from both sprayed and unsprayed sections of the pasture. Grigsby said the same probably would be true with Michigan's deer herd, which does considerable browsing along sprayed highways.

The concentrations of weed killers Grigsby used were four to six times as strong as ordinary, but no after-effects showed up in the cattle. Even the chickens, which had pecked their way through the pasture, came out without being injured.

cons containing milk or cream to protect from sediment.

Milk and cream should be cooled promptly to below 60 degrees Fahrenheit and maintained at that temperature until delivered to the dairy plant.

It is easy, Murray says, to do a good job of producing high quality milk and cream, once facilities are available and a routine adopted that will give good results.

Grass Reduces Grain Feed Need

Grass-fed cattle going to market with a moderate finish may never top or feed for beef cattle. It usually makes the stockman the most money for his investment.

Michigan State College animal husbandmen point out that grass offers a year-round supply of forage or feed for beef cattle. It can be grazed directly, made into hay, or made into silage. To be successful in making grass into beef, you need a good supply of pasture. That is because cattle normally spend about an equal number of hours of the day grazing, chewing the cud and resting. If the supply of forage is short, more time will have to be spent grazing at the expense of the other necessary activities.

So far as supplemental requirements are concerned, salt is a necessity. It should be available all the time. In some areas a trace mineral salt may be needed to provide minor elements.

Young grass is high in protein, minerals and vitamins, so supplies the necessary food elements. As the plant matures, its protein content decreases, and supplemental protein is often necessary during the late growing season. Feeding one or two pounds a day of oil meal will usually maintain grains when forage is still plentiful but of low protein content.

Experiments reported by the United States Department of Agriculture show that fattening cattle on grass usually requires about one-half as much grain or concentrate as you need for strictly dry-lot fattening.

MINE SAFETY RECORD

A coal producer in West Virginia, operating ten mines, has claimed an all-time safety record by producing more than 10 million tons of coal in an unbroken period of 17 months without a single fatal accident.

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Haying Time Calls For Safety Check

Haying operations mark the beginning of a season when farm accidents run high, caution Michigan State College farm safety specialists. To assure safety and avoid lost time, check haying equipment carefully.

Pay special attention to loft floors and make sure hay chutes are guarded to avoid falls. Special care should be taken in making starts and stops while loading, especially on rough ground. Never dismount from tractors or mowers while they are in operation.

Remember that damp hay is one of the main causes of barn fires, say farm safety authorities. Michigan State College farm safety specialists say hay is well cured before it is stored in hay mows. Freshly stored hay should be checked regularly for several weeks to see that there is no sign of heating.

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