

Have your curtains either short or long — not in between — recommend specialists at Michigan State College. The in-between length that ends half-way between floor and sill looks like you ran out of material, they say.

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Sorenson Bull Approved By Guernsey Cattle Club

The registered Guernsey bull, Cesar Mith's King, owned by Charles E. Sorenson of Farmington, has just become a proved sire, according to an announcement from the production testing division of the American Guernsey Cattle Club at Peterborough, New Hampshire.

This sire has five tested daughters with eight official records that average 8,438 pounds of milk and 438 pounds of butterfat.

Michigan Livestock Exchange Backs Benson's National Agricultural Plan

Delegates to the 31st annual meeting of the Michigan Livestock Exchange, announced their support of the National Agriculture Program under the direction of Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson.

Mr. Benson, who advocates a conservative program stressing more state and county control rather than centralized federal control, received the commendation of the Exchange for his stand against supporting livestock prices. The Exchange feels that a large part of the recent drop in prices is due

to the fact that controls were not removed in time to allow retail prices to follow wholesale prices which would have removed a large part of the surplus. The 300 voting delegates at the Lansing meeting March 14 represented 25,000 Michigan farmer producers.

In addition to their support of the National Agriculture program, Exchange members passed five other resolutions, the first expressing their stand in favor of bonding livestock buyers in amounts sufficient to cover their purchases and further that the maximum bond on livestock auctions be increased to more realistically cover the value of the livestock sold at auctions.

Delegates also favored the introduction and passage by the 1953 legislature of a bill equal to House Bill No. 187 of the 1952 legislature providing for the testing of cattle at auctions. This bill was passed by the House of Representatives last year but did not come out of committee in the Senate.

Another resolution favored an amendment to the present law concerning the dipping of sheep which will permit the use of Benzine hexachloride or any other one dip material for the dipping of sheep that are imported into Michigan. Delegates also urged that a uniform livestock market reporting system for the markets of Michigan be initiated and the Exchange favors House Bill No. 30, which provides for licensing all garbage feeding premises and the cooking of all garbage feed in an effort to control outbreaks of venereal exanthema, the disease which, with few exceptions, has occurred only on garbage feeding premises.

Cleaner Eggs From Oat Nest

Farmers won't have to decide whether or not to wash eggs if they produce clean eggs, says a Michigan State College poultry specialist.

M. Moore, MSC poultry husbandman, points out that "It's always a good practice to produce clean eggs." Recent tests conducted by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the National Egg Products association show that soiled eggs, regardless of how they are cleaned, never equal cleanly-produced eggs in quality maintenance or marketability.

The tests show that, either washed or unwashed, dirty eggs showed greater decline of quality during storage than clean eggs. It is not practical to store washed or dirty eggs for more than two months.

Moore says a soft, absorbent nesting material is one of the steps toward keeping eggs clean. He recommends crushed corn cobs or shavings. He also says that oats make an excellent material for community nests.

"Hens can eat while they nest and the oats let the eggs sink down after they've been laid, preventing breakage," Moore says. He recommends oats two to four inches thick in the community nest, but he says chickens will scratch them out of individual nests.

"Another good way to prevent eggs from getting dirty is to gather them three times a day. This keeps the chickens from walking over them," Moore says. Moore reminds farmers to keep clean, dry, well-stirred litter on the floor, and dark nests as other steps to clean egg production.

Some Fawns Starve In Northern Peninsula

A few starved fawns have been found in the 14-Mile Point deer yard along Lake Superior in Ontonagon County, the conservation department reports.

This is the first report of starved deer this winter. The last two weeks have been the most severe of the winter for upper peninsula deer.

The herd is reported closely confined to yards with general snow depth at 2 1/2 feet.

In the northern lower peninsula, deer are in or near yards in all but the Baldwin and Gladwin districts, where some upland feeding is reported.

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Spray Calendars Arrive At County Agent's

The 1953 Spraying Calendar has arrived from Michigan State College. It is a complete spray calendar and has many additions over the 1951 calendar.

It has instructions for concentrate spraying, has a color chart, describes most of the diseases of fruit trees and their control, also describes insects and their control. This particular section of the book is somewhat larger and improved over 1951.

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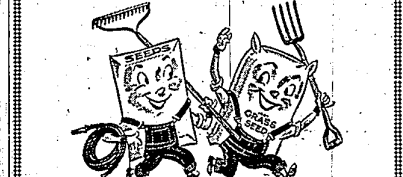
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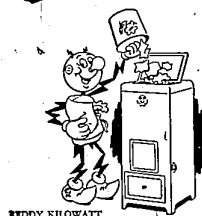


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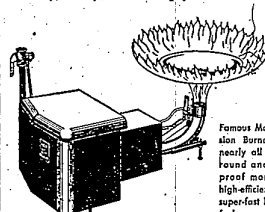
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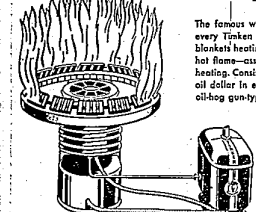
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