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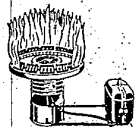
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FARM NEWS

M.S.C. TO HOST CATTLE BREEDERS SEPTEMBER 14 - 16

Sixty member organizations of the nation are expected to be represented at the annual meeting of the National Association of Artificial Breeders at Michigan State College, from September 14 through 16.

Extension Dairyman A. C. Baltzer, who is chairman of the conference, says the national organization is "the most potent force for dairy production improvement in the dairy industry today." The association members conduct about 90 per cent of the artificial insemination business for dairy cattle. The groups breed about 5,000,000 head of cattle in 1953.

Highlight speakers on the program will include Wheeler McMillan of Philadelphia, editor of Farm Journal, and J. K. Stern of Washington, D.C., president of the American Institute of Cooperation. The program also features many parts of the country. The Michigan Artificial Breeders and M.S.C. are welcoming the national organization to the campus.

W. R. Amidon of Concord, New Hampshire, is president of the NAAAB, and Harry Herman of Columbia, Missouri, is executive secretary.

WHEAT SEED IS PLENTIFUL, BARLEY SCARCE

Certified seed of recommended Michigan wheat can be bought for this season's plantings without leaving normal trade channels, advises Stuart C. Hildebrand, secretary of Michigan Crop Improvement association. The Michigan State College farm crops specialist explains that there are five recommended winter wheats: White-Yorkwin, Cornell 595 and Genesee; Red-Senece and Viggo. Farmers are having difficulty locating winter barley to replace wheat seedlings under the wheat quotas, Hildebrand reports, and he is trying to pass along any information on available barley seed through county agricultural agents. Wong and Kenbar are the recommended barley varieties.

Michigan produced about 15 million barrels of crude oil in 1952. About 4 million short tons of salt were produced — highest figure among all states. Some 12 million long tons of iron ore were taken from pits in the Lake Superior area.

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Oakland County Farmers Attend Saginaw Farm Management Tour

By RAY E. POYNOR, Asst. County Agricultural Agent.

The farm management tour held August 6 in Saginaw County was attended by a sizeable number of Oakland County farmers. It was planned to see as many tours out for this event, because a number of things could be observed which will make the time and expense of attending well worth while.

The first stop on the tour was at a cash-crop farm. The main points of interest here were a demonstration of tilling, the other feature of the program was an analysis of the fertilizer program on this farm. The farming operators follow a heavy fertilizing program, and their yields are very high as compared to the average in this fertile land area. When asked what their plans are for the future with the coming decrease in farm prices, the Sahr Brothers say they plan to continue using large amounts of fertilizer. This is a good point to remember. Money spent on fertilizer pays a large return, even during a time of cost-price squeeze on the farm.

The next stop on the tour was at a small family farm operated by a dairy and two small crops. The enterprise on this farm is dairy. The herd is a good one and very well managed. This is the secret of supporting three families on a small farm of 137 tillable acres.

The thing that interested me most at this farm was the bulk handling of milk. It looks like a coming thing in all areas of Michigan, where fluid milk is sold from the farm. The expense of equipment for bulk handling is about the same as the conventional can and can cooler set-up. Direct costs of operation are less. The use of this system represents an additional saving of 22 cents to 26 cents per hundred pounds of milk. Perhaps the most attractive feature of this system is the elimination of lifting milk cans.

The last farm stop on the tour was at an extensive type of farming operation, where beef cattle are fed on a long, heavy feed program. The farm consists of 390 acres of relatively level, highly fertile land. The farm operator is producing a good income with an absolute minimum of labor. Perhaps this type of farming has the least application here in Oakland County. Generally speaking our land is not as fertile nor as level and not adapted to this type of program.

During the noon program Doctor Arthur Mauch of the Agricultural Economic Department, pre-

FARM CALENDAR

September 1 - 4, 38th Annual 4-H Club State Show at M.S.C.

September 2, Michigan Elevator Exchange, 33rd Stockholders meeting at Lansing.

September 3, Forden Farm Field Day, three miles south of Cheboygan.

September 7, Michigan Bean Festival, Fairgrove.

September 7 - 9, American Institute of Biological Sciences, Madison, Wisconsin.

September 9 - 11, 4-H Club Awards Trip, Nela Park, Cleveland, Ohio.

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DROUGHT AREA CATTLE REQUIRE SPECIAL CARE

Michigan cattle feeders getting cattle from drought areas this fall should be cautious about putting the animals on full feed or on pasture.

That warning comes from Dr. Glen Reed, extension veterinarian at Michigan State College. He points out that cattle coming from meager pastures and then put on lush grass or full feed may develop stiffness.

Lameness is one of the first conditions farmers will notice if drought cattle are turned into heavily fertilized legume pastures. This lameness, says Dr. Reed, may be so severe that animals will refuse to seek out feed and water. That leads to weight loss and unthriftiness.

Dr. Reed suggests that limiting the length of time of pasturing at first is the best way to avoid these troubles. Otherwise it may be medical treatment and a change in the ration to bring recovery. If drought cattle are to be put on full feed, the veterinarian adds, it should be done slowly.

State sales taxes, used as an index of retail business activity, set a new record of \$251,871,000 for 1952.

HAY FEVER DISCOMFORT

Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson has given top responsibility for the new program to R. B. McLaughlin, national administrator of the Farmers Home Administration. FHA state and county offices will disburse the funds, collect the loans and service the accounts.

In each locality a livestock loan committee, appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture, considers applications. Established producers of cattle and sheep may borrow if they cannot get their credit needs from customary sources. If they have a good record of operations, and if the credit would give them a reasonable chance to succeed.

Loans may be used to replace livestock equipment for any purpose directly concerned with the producer's livestock enterprise. Funds, however, cannot be authorized to expand the size of an operation previously existing. The program expires in 1955, and loans are made for a maximum of three years at five per cent.

Inquiries may be made, or applications filed, at the Farmers Home Administration office serving the area where the farm is located. The office serving Oakland and Wayne Counties is located at 318 Hubbard Building, Pontiac.

COW TESTING IS ORGANIZED IN ANTRIM

Dairy farmers in Antrim County have established a unique production testing organization which helps them select their best cows for breeding purposes. Their objective is to increase milk output.

Unique part of the organization is the cooperation of dairymen in taking turns in picking up milk samples from farms and taking them to the laboratory for testing. Township and county boards of supervisors have established a milk and soil testing laboratory at the county agricultural agent's office at Bellaire.

County Agricultural Agent W. G. Kirkpatrick has been the main booster behind the organization. And it has grown rapidly since the initial group was formed in January of this year.

In the first month, 21 dairymen with 201 cows joined the organization to get the service. From then on there was a steady increase. The last count for June showed 50 members with 571 cows.

The owner-sampler testing program is similar to the dairy herd improvement association method except that dairymen do not have the cost accounting service that goes with the DHA program.

GROW A LOT, OR ELSE BUY POTATO NEEDS

When Grandpa was a boy, he raised potatoes — but now it's cheaper for most farmers to buy five or six bags than raise them, points out Norman Thompson, of Michigan State College, farm crops department.

It has become a specialized industry, he notes, with a big machinery investment. Growers operating large acreages must bone up on potato disease, culture and harvest knowledge. Specialization has paid off in increased yields — more than twice the bushels per acre that were raised a decade ago.

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