

Fence 'Shockers' Can Be Killers

Unapproved electric fence controllers kill children as well as cattle, and sometimes starting fires, cautions the Michigan Rural Safety Council. Farmers are warned to avoid homemade controllers and refrain from purchasing even some factory-made units without an official approval.

David G. Stelmick, Michigan State College safety specialist and group, stresses that unapproved controllers (without the "U. S. label") may not send the current out in pulses to give the victim a chance to become disengaged from the fence.

M.S.C. Authority Tours Far East

Dr. Walter R. Fee, head of the dairy and social science departments at Michigan State College, has returned to the campus after a six-month tour of the Far East, four months of which were spent in Japan.

Dr. Fee declared "it is imperative" that American people generally learn more about Far Eastern people, "the problems which they have and the way they look at them. These people are becoming increasingly conscious of their importance and right to play significant roles in world affairs," he said.

FARM NEWS

MORE MILK TO CONSUMER AIDS FARMER

Farmers facing sharp cuts in milk prices could have aid of marketing agencies and consumers in reducing dairy surpluses, points out a Michigan State College agricultural economist.

Dairy surpluses in government storage brought a decision to cut support prices on April 1 from 90 percent down to 75 per cent of parity. Parity is a ratio based on what farm products will buy.

An increase in dairy products being used could help relieve farmers from a serious cost-price squeeze.

"A plea can be made to marketing agencies - processors, wholesalers, and retailers - to pass the entire drop in farm prices on to the consumers," suggests Dr. Gerald G. Quackenbush.

"Then, consumers will be given an opportunity to buy the increased milk supplies that are available."

"This didn't happen in the 1932-33 period," explains the MSC farm economist. "Farm prices of milk dropped 13 to 15 per cent from 1932 to 1933, but retail prices of dairy products dropped only one or two per cent. Practically all of the decrease in farm prices went into increased marketing margins. Consumers received no benefit, and instead of the increased milk supplies going to processors, they went to the government under the price support program."

New Program To Benefit State

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BIRMINGHAM MAN ASSISTS STATE 4-H CLUB WORK

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Annual Herdsmen's Class Scheduled For March 8, 9

Angus, Hereford and Shorthorn cattle and records will be judged at the second Annual Beef Herdsmen's School, Monday and Tuesday, March 5 and 9, at Michigan State College.

There will be a panel on selecting a herd bull and discussions on infectious diseases, feeding, beef cattle and artificial insemination. Enrollment is open to all interested beef men and applications should be sent to Richard R. Warren, Animal Husbandry Department, Michigan State College.

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Predict Big Pig Loss For Farmers In 1934

Michigan farmers will lose between 700,000 and 900,000 pigs in 1934.

With this prediction Sumner Griffin of the animal husbandry department at Michigan State College warned farmers to practice sound sanitation and management to cut this loss.

The loss of a pig at farrowing time may be considered by many as something that "just happened."

But Griffin contends that every pig lost at birth represents an investment of \$5.50. At four weeks of age this investment increases to \$7.75 and an eight week old pig represents a cost of \$10.50 at present day feed prices.

With pig prices as they are now, saving one extra pig in each litter will greatly influence the profits from a swine enterprise.

Griffin advises that sound production practices are the basis of success.

Artificial Breeders Plan Election At Annual Meet

Delegates from the 140 artificial breeding associations in Michigan are expected at Michigan State College March 18 for the annual meeting of the Michigan Artificial Breeders' Cooperative.

Extension Dairyman A. C. Baiszer, who is secretary-manager of the MABCO, reports that the anticipated 400 delegates will elect five directors. Terms expire for Kenneth Carey, John Holstein, Thurston Powers, Ceresco, Red Danish committeeman; Harold Wilson, Holt, director at large; and Arden Wright, Marcellus, Jersey committeeman.

The annual meeting will mark the 10th anniversary of the dairy organization. Sessions will be held in MSC's Fairchild Theater.

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1/4 cup shortening
3 tbsps. boiling water
1 tsp. milk
1 tsp. lemon juice
1 unbeaten egg yolk
2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 tsp. salt

Place shortening in a bowl, add boiling water, milk and lemon juice. Mix with fork till liquid is absorbed and mixture will stand in soft peaks. Add egg yolk and beat till blended. Roll dough into mixer, stir till all dough is mixed together. Roll out 1/2" dough, line 9" pie plate with pastry. Put in filling. Roll out remaining pastry for lattice work top. Bake in preheated oven 325° - 350° minutes, reduce heat to 300° - 325° to 30 minutes.

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