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FARM NEWS

RIGHT SEED AIDS GARDEN SATISFACTION

Care in the selection of seeds for your vegetable garden will pay off in better yields, better looking vegetables and more satisfaction.

Varieties that have been tested and suggested by Michigan State College's horticulture department will do the job if the gardener knows his job. MSC specialists assert.

Here is a list of suggested varieties which you may want to include in your garden spot:

Snap beans (green), round podded — Top Crop or Rival; early flat podded — Contender; early flat podded — Sweetheart. Snap beans (waxy), round podded — Purplegold (mosaic resistant) or Round Pod Kidney Wax or Brittle Wax.

Early carrots — Nantes, Gold Spike.

Lettuces, crisphead — Great Lakes; Cornish 45 (mild); leaf lettuce — Salad Bowl.

Muskmelon — Honey Rock, Golden Delight, Delicious 51.

Early peas — Little Marvel.

Peppers — Oakview Wonder, California Wonder, Yolo Wonder (mosaic resistant), Vineland (very early).

Early radish — Cherry Belle.

Squash — America.

Tomato — Valiant, Red Cloud.

Early Wonder; For main crop tomatoes — Longred.

FARM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 18, Michigan Artificial Breeders Cooperative annual meeting, MSC.

March 18, 19, Septic Tank Conference, Kellogg Center, MSC.

March 25, Dairy Herd Improvement Association annual meeting, Union, MSC.

March 27, Michigan Shorthorn Association Sale, Pavilion, MSC.

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New Legislation By Ferguson Would Improve Farm-To-Market Roadways

Construction of farm-to-market roads of the Federal secondary system would be expanded and speeded under Federal highway legislation introduced recently by Senator Homer Ferguson of Michigan.

Senator Ferguson's bill would also eliminate any Federal restrictions on the use of funds in the secondary system of federal aid highways. "This would answer the criticism of some that greater mileage would be possible except for standards required by the Bureau of Public Roads," the Senator said.

The Ferguson highway bill calls for spending \$2,175,000,000 annually on the federal-aid highway system. The financial provisions of the bill meet the needs of the nation more adequately than any other legislation introduced in either the House or Senate.

"There is no substantial disagreement about the need for quick swifter and broader action in the development and maintenance of our national highway system," Senator Ferguson said in introducing the bill.

He said the bill contemplated a program for restoration of our national highways, and he referred to the fact that revenues collected by the government from highway users amount to the sum proposed for highway spending in the bill.

The bill also incorporated a number of new features, including a new method of apportioning the highway funds among the states.

MALATHION KEEPS BARN FREE OF FLIES

After trying methoxychlor and lindane to control flies in dairy barns, farmers now have another promising insecticide for that purpose.

Malathion, a phosphate type insecticide, is the newest one recommended. It can be used as a bait or as a wall and ceiling spray.

According to Roy L. Jones, extension entomologist at Michigan State College.

The barn recipe calls for one pound of 25 per cent wettable malathion powder to three gallons of water. If the 50 per cent emulsion form of malathion is used, one-half pint will make three gallons of spray.

Baits are made by using one cup of 50 per cent emulsion, one cup of molasses and three gallons of water. The bait is sprinkled on a clean cement floor, preferably between the cows. Three gallons will be enough for a 20 to 30 cow herd.

There are some distinct disadvantages to a wet bait, however, Jones says. It has to be applied about every seven days and is slippery before it dries. It is not effective in dark barns and the malathion may become weaker but the molasses may attract more flies without killing them.

A dry bait, using malathion's wettable powder and sugar, is being tried and looks promising for the dairy barn, according to Jones.

Jones emphasizes that malathion should not be used in the home or milkhouse or be sprayed directly on the cattle. Users should read the labels on the containers carefully before using this chemical.

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Dairy Work Awards Planned For Next Year

Directors of the Michigan Artificial Breeders Cooperative will present awards to the outstanding dairy herd improvement association supervisors in 1954. The award will be based on the most outstanding services performed by supervisors for their organizations.

The prizes will be presented during the dairy program at Michigan State College's Farmers' Week in 1955, according to A. C. Baltzer, MSC extension dairyman and secretary — treasurer of the MABC. The awards will be supervised by Lawrence A. Johnson, another MSC extension dairyman.

The bill would insure a larger share of funds going to states with a greater number of dairy farms and herds.

The bill would also give the President authority to speed up highway spending in order to create employment if the President's Council of Economic Advisors recommended such a move.

The bill also contains provisions to make highways more useful in the civil defense planning of the nation and it would stimulate the construction of highways designed to relieve the congestion in and around cities.

Senator Ferguson said he expected the Public Roads subcommittee of the Senate Public Works Committee to hear testimony on the bill in the near future.

WHAT'S VALUE OF WOODLOT? LOOK AT THIS —

Is there any money — any annual income — in a woodlot?

"I'm no forester but this looks like a pretty fair income with no extra fitting or fertilizing," said Paul J. Reed, Michigan State College soil scientist, as he read a story in the South Haven Dairy Tribune. It was about a woodlot near Reed's home town of Covert.

"These figures show a \$25 per acre income for 83 years — just taking the interest and leaving the capital," explained Lester E. J. Here's the story of \$20,000 cash income from ten acres:

Back in 1871, Adam Bowman came from Ohio to buy land and cleared 40 acres south of Covert in Van Buren county. Clearing 30 acres and selling logs to a nearby sawmill for a possible top rate of \$10 per 1,000 feet, he built a home and started to farm. But the land was about the undeveloped ten acres.

In 1922, Bowman's son-in-law, Bert Stanley, sold some 20-inch trees to Pierce Williams company for \$2,100. Two years later he sold the farm for \$4,000 to James Sarno, who still owns it.

Sarno bought no coal for 25 years — using about 20 cords of wood a year from his woodlot of beech, basswood, elm, maple, sycamore, ash and whiteoak. He also harvested some maple syrup.

In 1945, Sarno sold the 20-inch trees to the same company for \$15,000 but reserved the tops and 33 basswoods. The tops produced 300 cords of wood to sell for \$1,500. In 1950, the basswoods brought another \$500. When a gas main was laid through the property, the damages payment was \$375. He sold another 125 cords of stovewood for \$625.

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1 1/2 cups brown sugar
2 cups sifted flour
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(Crumb above ingredients—save out 1/2 cup for top of cake.)
Add: 1 beaten egg
1 cup sour milk and 1 teaspoon soda

Bake in 8 x 8 pan at 350° for 30 minutes.
For a dessert add 1/2 cup puts to the crumb mixture and top with whipped cream or ice cream.

Mrs. Russell West, busy wife of an Ann Arbor school administrator, is deeply interested in education herself. Her hobby is gardening. Despite a heavy schedule, Mrs. West still finds time to prepare delicious like this Crumb Coffee Cake. Time-saver and secret of her baking success is her electric range.

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