

TIPS FOR SUMMER SALAD MAKING

Choose the right dressing for the salad this summer. The one that brings out and enhances the flavor of the fruits and vegetables.

Take care not to drown these flavors, either by too much dressing or by one with too much flavor of its own, cautions Dr. Elizabeth Osman, of the Michigan State College foods and nutrition department.

Have the greens and vegetables or fruits quite free of excess moisture when the dressing is added to avoid a soggy, watery result. Add the dressing just before the salad is served in order that none of the crisp texture is lost.

Dr. Osman suggests that you prepare a few basic dressings and keep them on your refrigerator shelf. They can be used "as is" or varied by the addition of special ingredients for "tailor-made" dressings.

Jars of mayonnaise, cooked salad dressing, French dressing and possibly a fruit French dressing will give you bases for any number of variations.

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FARM NEWS

The Grist Mill

By ED ALCHIN
County Agricultural Agent

The recent dairy strike in Detroit cost Oakland County dairymen about thirteen thousand dollars a day. The most ironic thing about it is that the farmers had no influence in the matter one way or the other. With a drop of nearly four cents a quart since the fall of 1951, farmers were already having trouble enough making ends meet in the dairy business. With the loss of all income, even for a short period of time, and their costs continuing, it will be impossible for some dairymen to show any profit, or even a labor income, for 1954. One of the farmers commented that he thought "June was Dairy Month."

The recent rains and hot weather have advanced the corn crop in the county quite a bit for this time of year. The old saying, "Corn should be knee high by the Fourth of July" will be fulfilled this year. Most farmers report that their corn was 18 to 24 inches last week. Many farmers reported that they also had a good crop of weeds and grass as a result of the rains and late haying.

Some have asked about the use of weed killers at this stage of development of the corn. The answer is probably "No." First of all, the corn is really too big to be sure that the spray will be kept off the leaves. Second, the weeds are pretty well along to be effectively killed by amounts of weed killer safe for the corn crop. Third, the availability of a sprayer to do the job is very limited. Most farmers don't want the job that it takes to clean the sprayer to be safe for spraying for insect control. Fourth, and probably most important, weed killers that could be applied to the corn would not kill the grass, which is probably the most troublesome of the weeds in corn.

FARM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 7 - 9, National Cherry Festival, Traverse City.
July 11 - 15, American Association of Agricultural College Editors, M.S.C.
July 12 - 17, State 4-H Conservation Camp, Chatham.
July 12 - 22, Rural Leadership School, ministers and lay leader, M.S.C.

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GRASS "TROOPS" MOVE ON DROUGHT—Judge James A. Schoning, of Concordia, Mo., left, examines one of the many huge fissures opened in his parched land as a result of drought conditions. At right, soil conservationist Albert Lichte, of Lexington, Mo., demonstrates how Reed's canary grass can come to the aid of drought-stricken farmers. Tough and drought-resistant, its root system binds the land together and helps prevent erosion. It is said to be especially effective when planted along waterways.

Annual Homemakers Conference Scheduled For July 20 Thru July 23

Michigan moms will turn coeds when they attend the 27th annual Homemakers Conference at Michigan State College, July 20-23. More than 1,300 housewives from rural and urban Michigan are expected.

The conference, planned around the theme, "Better Families, Our Goal," is sponsored by the home demonstration staff of the Michigan Cooperative Extension Service. No membership in any organization is necessary and any woman is eligible to attend. You can obtain complete information about registration and accommodations from the home demonstration agent in your county.

The feature speaker for the opening session in the M.S.C. auditorium on Tuesday afternoon, July 20, is Mercedes Hurst, Miss Hurst, a public relations specialist with International Harvester, will discuss, "The Lady Gets What She Wants."

Other outstanding speakers slated to appear include: Frances Scudder, director of home economics extension programs for the U.S. Department of Agriculture; Laura Lane, an assistant editor of Country Gentleman magazine, and Mildred Buchanan Flagg, author-lecturer, of Boston.

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Annual Swine Meeting Scheduled For July 21

The annual Swine Types and Production Conference sponsored by the Michigan Swine Breeders Association and Michigan State College will be Wednesday, July 21, at the fairgrounds at Charlotte.

Litters on display will be the outstanding ones in the college sow testing program — based on accurate weighing of pigs at birth and weaning.

Fluid milk can be successfully frozen at home, if you use homogenized milk, says food specialists at M.S.C.

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SLEEPING SICKNESS PLAGUES HORSES UNVACCINATED

Sleeping sickness returns each summer with insects to plague the nation's 3½ million horses and mules, cautions Dr. Glen W. Reed, Michigan State College Extension Veterinarian. It may be fatal to 60 per cent of the unvaccinated horses it attacks and vaccinations do no good after the virus moves in.

The veterinarian calls the virus the "polio" of the equine world. It over-winters on other animals. After incubation, the disease reaches its peak in August and September, then it subsides with killing frosts. Insect control and isolation of infected animals also are needed to help control the disease.

Horses may be sleepy, or they may be high-strung and rabid. They may have trouble backing, wobble, grind their teeth or have trouble chewing and swallowing. If they are to be pulled through, they need help. Water and grain can be given with stomach tubes and slings can be rigged to hold the victims up. The longer they hang on, the better their chances.

Cooking Garbage Cuts Hog Disease In State

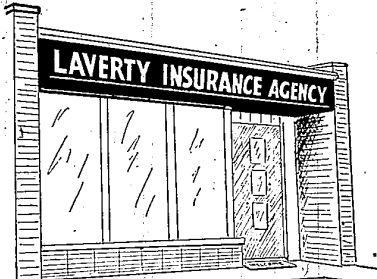
Michigan, where hogs have been seriously threatened for the past two years by vesicular exanthema, has had only three small outbreaks this year, the last one in April. Dr. Lee Davidson, state veterinarian, and Dr. Glen W. Reed, Michigan State College extension veterinarian, are pleased with the progress.

The credit goes to cooking of garbage for hogs, point out the veterinarians. There are 43 states with garbage-cooking laws, report U.S. Department of Agriculture veterinarians, who say this has broken the cycle. V-E disease brought troubles two years ago in 41 states.

Hot Weather Dangerous For Some Farm Animals

Warm days are fine for growing corn but they are hard on cows, horses, pigs and other animals subject to photosensitization, cautions Dr. Glen W. Reed, Michigan State College veterinarian. This type of "sunstroke" comes to white-skinned animals, he explains. It strikes those on alkali, white clover, rape, eye wheat and buckwheat pastures. Chlorophyll in the plants — and the sun — are blamed for the malady.

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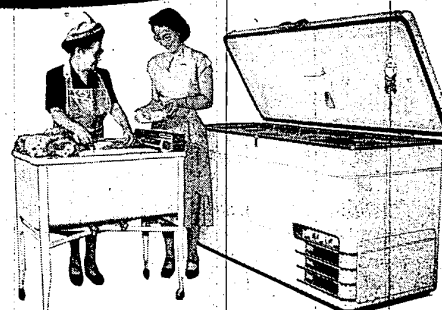
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