

Grass waterways are part of your bayfield, reminds Russell G. Hill, MSC soil conservationist. They need occasional mowing and it's all right to harvest hay from them.

Farmers must comply not only with wheat acreage allotments but with other crop acreage restrictions also. If they want price support, MSC agricultural economists remind.

FARM NEWS

Crack Down On Milk Violators

Recent arrest of a Clare milk producer for selling milk produced and handled in an insanitary barn with resulting payment of a \$35 fine and costs in a Mount Pleasant court indicates efforts of the Michigan Department of Agriculture to assure the state's milk consumers of a wholesome product.

The Clare producer had been warned on several occasions to take immediate steps to clean up his barn and premises, according to F. M. Skiver, chief of the Department's bureau of dairy industry. The milk from the Clare owner was sold to a cheese plant, whose manager also was warned to exercise greater care in checking his milk source.

Inspectors of the Department's bureau of dairying are constantly checking all places where milk is produced, processed or sold. Official inspection of farms supplying milk and cream for manufacture of cheese, butter and other products is a vital part of the dairy program. Both milk producers and processors are required to comply with all sanitary regulations.

The amount of milk consumed each day in Michigan amounts to 2,700,000 quarts. The state's dairy industry is the largest single segment of Michigan's vast agriculture, and accounts for an income to the farm of an estimated \$212 million a year.

Milk requirements, which have the wholehearted cooperation of nearly all branches of the dairy industry, are stringent in Michigan, but they assure the consumer of milk and milk products a wholesome, nutritious food in the opinion of G. S. McIntyre, director of Michigan's Department of Agriculture.

FARM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 30, 35th annual Farmers Round-Up, Chatham Experiment Station.

August 3 - 5, Flock Selection and Blood Testing School, MSC.

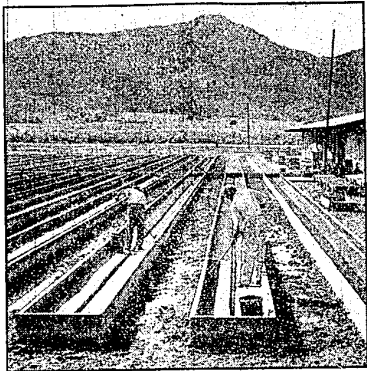
August 4, Open House, Tours, Lake City Experiment Station.

August 4, Southeastern Michigan Fruit Growers Society Field Day, Harrow, Ontario.

August 5, 10th anniversary, Michigan Artificial Breeders Cooperative, U. S. Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson speaking, noon, MABC Headquarters, MSC.

August 6, Sixth annual State Farm Management Tour, Kalamazoo County, starts 9:15 a.m., Niles Hagelshaw farm, near Climax; Don Pearlberg, assistant secretary of agriculture, noon speaker.

Minimum tillage can save Michigan farmers \$10 million a year in production costs, MSC specialists point out.



"TILLING" ASPHALT FOR FOOD—Puerto Rico, with a population of 2,000,000, and with only 10 per cent of its area classified as first-class farmland, may someday grow much of its now-supported food in chemical "gardens." Workers, above, line concrete troughs with emulsified asphalt as first step in constructing a hydroponic garden near San Juan. Troughs will be filled with gravel, and saturated with a water solution of 26 nutritive chemicals. One farm already under operation has been a commercial success in growing truck-garden crops.

Urge Use Of Reflective Light Material On Farm Equipment For More Safety

Use of reflective lighting material on farm equipment is being stressed during the present annual observance of Farm Safety Week according to State Police Sergeant Donald E. Oates, chairman of the state safety week committee.

A "Lite-Farm Equipment" campaign is now being conducted with the cooperation of the Farm Division of the National Safety Council. It is designed to promote greater rural highway safety by reflective lighting of farm equipment to supplement regular lighting required by law. There are 27,000,000 pieces of unlighted farm equipment on American farms and roads.

Oates, who is assigned to the State Police safety and traffic bureau, pointed out that "while farm accidents have decreased in most categories, it is not generally realized that 42 per cent of farm accident deaths are due to traffic mishaps and this rate continues high.

"The fast moving traffic on our highways today makes it especially dangerous for farmers entering or leaving their farms," Oates said. "One of our committee projects recommends that farmers next this problem through reflective lighting, clearance of obstructions to view and proper use of drive-ways."

A farm tractor safety is another project on which the committee is working. Last year there were 76 farm tractor accidents in highway accidents in Michigan and 13 of these were fatal crashes.

"The committee is urging the use of red reflective material applied to the rear of farm vehicles," Oates said. "This is not a substitute for the law requiring lighting but supplements it in the interest of safety. The material is available through the committee and is being applied by youth farm groups that are taking part in the campaign."

Farm Superintendent Byron Goud of Michigan State College claims that horses are just coming into their own in Michigan for pleasure riding.

Recordings Being Tried To Protect Orchards

Scarecrows and tree covers may go out of fashion in Michigan orchards.

The cross stick with the floppy clothing and the costly tree netting may soon be displaced by a phonograph—that is, if the modern machine will show the birds as some folks believe it will. Two researchers at Michigan State College are finding out for sure.

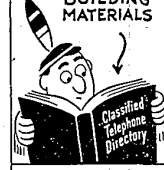
Horticulturist G. M. Kessler and Zoologist G. J. Wallace are placing machines with recording of bird distress calls in several cherry orchards. They hope the recorded trouble calls of the robin and starling will keep these two birds away from ripening cherries. Pennsylvania State University researchers showed that recordings of the distress call of the starling kept starlings away from an entire town for the rest of the season. The starlings' trouble call was played by tape recorder for 30 minutes each night for three nights.

Grain should have less than 14 per cent moisture, advise MSC farm crops specialists, before it goes into storage.

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William Canfield, age 76, recalls for Ed Alchin, County Agent, how much harder farm work was before electricity came along. Today, electric power saves time and labor, boosts production and profits.

Warm Milk HELPS HEAT MILK HOUSE

Electric pump attached to milk cooler does the trick

William Canfield, Oakland County farmer, uses an electric heat pump in connection with his modern front-opening milk cooler. Taking heat from warm milk and well water, it keeps the milk house comfortable in freezing weather.

Mr. Canfield and son, John, farm 160 acres, most of which are devoted to seed corn. They use electricity wherever possible. It powers corn drying, ventilating, conveying, and elevating equipment. It operates water heaters in the milk house and home, providing him and his family with plenty of hot water to make speedy work of dairy and household chores.

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