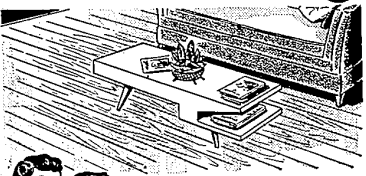


Sale of surplus registered dairy cattle from the state's institutional farms, whose farming operations are coordinated by the Michigan Department of Agriculture, meant \$12,470 to taxpayers. The auction was held at the Traverse City fairgrounds recently.

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NEWS ABOUT THE FARM

Brush Upgrowth Can Be Stopped With Chemicals

Still bothered with those old stumps shooting out suckers, or has that brush you cut a while ago come back to haunt you? It's one of those cases where cutting a tree or some brush doesn't mean your worry—but there is a remedy, says B. H. Grigsby, Michigan State College plant physiologist.

The remedy is chemicals, and they can be used in winter. Woody vegetation can be killed by foliage sprays, bark sprays or by treating the cut stumps. There are two recommended sprays: One is a mixture of 2, 4-D and 2, 4, 5-T esters. Another is 2, 4, 5-T in fuel oil. From 2 to 4 quarts per 10 gallons of oil is a good mixture.

On uncut trees, the lower 12 inches of trunk and any exposed roots should be sprayed until you can see some run-off. Trees with thick bark should be partly girdled to allow the chemical to penetrate.

Cut stumps can be treated with the same solution or used for bark spraying. It gives good results on even large trees and those difficult to kill by other methods. The bark and outer 2 or 3 inches of the cut surface of the stump should be sprayed to the run-off point.

Bark and stump treatments may be made at any season, but best results are received from early spring applications.

Hold Corn, Price Will Go Up Later

Don't sell your corn at harvest time if you want the best price for it.

That's advice to corn growers from a Michigan State agricultural economist, L. H. (Hil) Brown points out that the drought made a slight dent in the 1954 crop.

It will be necessary to dip out about two million bushels of the surplus to feed livestock, make corn flakes and other things.

With the large number of cattle and hogs on farms and only a three billion bushel corn crop, Brown explains, the price per bushel is bound to be boosted after harvest.

The lowest price for any crop usually is at harvest time. And the economist is sure that the price of corn will bounce back to government loan levels soon after harvest. Then he adds this:

"Don't worry about dipping in to the corn surplus... there will still be 700 million bushels left."

PREPARING TOMATO JUICE

Canned tomato juice separates when the pulp settles out of the water in tomatoes. If you prepare juice from a solid, meaty variety of tomato, you will have less separation. Avoid adding water to the tomatoes as you simmer them. Press all of the tomato pulp through a sieve or food mill. Juice prepared in this way will not separate as much as a thinner juice. Juice that shows separation, however, is all right to use—just stir it up.

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Interest High In Gardening

Gardening, long a popular leisure-time activity, has received a big boost in recent years and currently accounts for sales of lawn and garden supplies running above \$1 billion annually.

Prospects are that sales will go even higher in the future. This healthy garden-supply market is located principally in America's small cities and towns, communities of under 50,000 where 63 per cent of the nation's families reside.

A new study shows small city and town gardeners in a recent 12-month period plunked down \$26 million for nursery stock and bought 9 million pounds of lawn seed.

Other studies indicate that the annual purchases of power lawn mowers run about 150,000 in the "small town" market. Rotary mowers are the most popular, with 63 per cent of the owners selecting this type.

The recent survey also revealed that home gardeners spent nearly \$9 million for flower and vegetable seed in the same 12-month period. Over 50 per cent of the home gardeners also bought fertilizers and weed and pest killers.

Three Safety Rules For Corn Harvest

Here are three safety rules for the corn harvest: College agricultural engineers advise turning off the power before cleaning picker rolls, keeping guards in place and watching out for fire from accumulated trash and leaky fuel lines.

If your cattle have a scabby, rough hide and thin hair, it's probably mange. Laidane is the chemical to use for mange, say MSC entomologists.

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SOUTHERN MICHIGAN FARM ACRES TO BE OPEN FOR HUNTING

About 163,000 acres of southern Michigan farm land will be available to hunters this fall under the Williamson plan of cooperative land use.

Under the plan, a group of farmers whose lands adjoin or abut into a "Williamson Club" to manage hunting.

A limited number of hunters is allowed on club lands, but they can range over the entire block of club land after getting permission from any one of the farm members.

Advantages to the farmer are that trespass can be more easily curbed and hunters must necessarily be on their good behavior.

This year, 47 clubs will be available for hunters in the southern part of the state. Information as to locations of these clubs may be obtained by writing the conservation department's game division at Lansing 26.

Boundary signs, hunting tickets and other materials are now being printed and will be delivered to the clubs about October 10, in advance of the general pheasant season opening.

Farm animals that are fed a balanced ration and otherwise managed properly will recover from an infection quicker.

Cattle should be kept away from farm machinery. They may lick the grease. And if the grease contains highly chlorinated naphthalene, they may get X disease, say MSC veterinarians.

A good supply of water is important for dairy animals if they are expected to stay in top production, remind MSC dairymen.

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