

Milk Assn. Sets Handling Record

The volume of milk handled by the Michigan Milk Producers Association reached a record of 1.92 billion pounds during the year ending September 30, compared with 1.76 billion pounds in 1953. It was disclosed at the 38th annual meeting of the dairy farmers' organization held at Michigan State College Fairchild theater.

Dollar volume for the period was \$75,756,000, a decline in revenue from the previous year of \$1,748 members of the state-wide association of 1 1/2 million dollars. In his annual report to the members, secretary-manager H. F. Simons deplored the disparity in government support prices to the dairy farmers and indicated the association will continue efforts to obtain equitable treatment for milk producers.

Resolutions in support of a continuing self-help program, including advertising and sales promotion activities, were unanimously approved.

More than 600 attended the session, including 446 delegates from 105 locals in both the lower and upper peninsulas of Michigan.

REPORT RECORD IN FARM BUREAU INSURANCE SALES

All records of the Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company of Michigan were broken during October with the receipt of more than \$25,700,000 in new applications from Michigan farm families.

The total was more than twice the previous high of \$11,778,000 recorded last March. It lifted total purchases for the first ten months of 1954 to nearly \$14,000,000 compared with a total of \$8,961,000 for all of last year.

Nile L. Vermillion, manager of Farm Bureau Life, said that his best October figures were registered in Monroe County, where Wilbur Lohr, agency manager, and Leroy Blanchett, turned in applications for some \$385,000 in life protection.

Highest individual sales were also reported by Wilbur Lohr whose total exceeded \$190,000. Robert Lucal, Ingham County agency manager, was second with about \$170,000.

The record-breaking month continues a trend toward increased life-insurance purchases by farm families.

NEWS ABOUT THE Farm GARDEN

TURKEY PRICES ON DOWNWARD TREND, MARKET EXPANDING

The Michigan family's breadwinner is finding it easier to put turkey on the table.

More people are using the traditional holiday meat for other meals. The reason: Turkey is the best bargain in three years.

Henry E. Larzere, a Michigan State College extension poultry marketing specialist, supplies these facts. He says growers are putting more lightweight birds on the market to whet the appetite of more families.

A recent MSC survey of 250 families in urban Michigan showed what growers have long suspected: The three-fourths of the money spent for turkey is during the two-week periods preceding Thanksgiving and just before Christmas.

So, poultrymen with a larger supply of turkeys are beating the drums for business at other times of the year. And, Larzere points out, the turkey raisers have an untapped market they can hit: Those families who don't even eat turkey on holidays.



"PRE RIVAL" IS POSTCHAMP—Grand Champion Guernsey bull Pre Rival, of McDonald Farms, Cortland, N. Y., would gladly trade that ribbon for a bale of hay. Not so his owner, J. M. McDonald, second from right, who receives congratulations from R. H. McMurtrie, president of the American Guernsey Cattle Club, at the high point of the recent 1954 National Guernsey Show at Waterloo, Iowa.

CORN SMUT LITTLE DANGER TO CATTLE, EXPERT STATES

Let those cattle run in the corn field after the picker has gone through — there's little danger of their getting poisoned by smut.

This statement by Dr. B. V. Alfredson, Michigan State College physiologist, was prompted by inquiries from farmers worried about running cattle in smutty cornfields.

Dr. Carl F. Huffman, dairy nutritionist at MSC, recalls a test in Minnesota where he fed smut to cattle in major amounts with no ill effects. Studies at Michigan State have also shown the same result.

Should the cattle indicate diarrhea it is advisable to take them out of the field, Alfredson says. But feeding moldy fodder and silage, he adds, is likely to trouble the cattle more than smut.

Flexible price supports — from 82.5 to 90 per cent of parity — become effective for wheat and corn on January 1.

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Farm Records Cut Tax Filing Worries

With income tax filing deadline pushing closer, farmers with a good, accurate set of records are going to find themselves in pretty good shape to file their tax.

But farmers that use the hit-or-miss method of record keeping are in for the usual amount of trouble. That word of warning is given by E. M. Elwood, Michigan State farm management specialist.

Elwood notes that there are more changes than usual for filing the 1954 returns. He lists some of these changes that will affect farmers:

One change is the filing requirement for persons over 65 — they need not file unless their gross income is \$1200 or more for the taxable year. Those under 65 must file with an income of \$600 or more.

This year children under 19 can be listed as dependents regardless of how much they earn, if the parents provide over half of their support.

The tax law — recently rewritten — gives relief to families hit hard by medical and dental bills. They are allowed deductions on these expenses that amount to over three per cent of their gross income. Last year they could deduct only an amount that exceeded five per cent.

Early Pig Weaning Takes Know-How, Good Equipment

When is the best time to wean pigs?

The answer to that depends on know-how and equipment, points out J. A. Hoefler, a Michigan State swine nutritionist.

"If a farmer has good equipment and the know-how," Hoefler relates, "he can wean at three to five weeks." The nutrition specialist, however, points out this: Time of weaning depends more on the weight than the age of the pigs.

A 20-pound pig weaned on a good ration will do well, but as the farmer's know-how improves he can take pigs away from the sow when they weigh, say 15 pounds.

But the ration for lighter pigs has to be chosen more carefully. Clean equipment and good housing are especially important.

The diet should be higher in protein, more palatable — some use rolled oats and sugar — and more vitamins and antibiotics. While pigs for baby pigs are out — too much fiber for the youngsters to digest.

Hoefler points out that early weaning has this big advantage: It gives more time to get the sow ready for another litter.

And, earlier weaning is the trend along with multiple litters. Hog men are becoming more specialized as they get better equipment and more know-how.

But, Hoefler warns, don't try weaning pigs at three weeks unless you think you have that know-how.

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NEW AGRICULTURE ADVISORY GROUP HOLDS FIRST SESSION

An advisory committee to assist in keeping close contact with the many facets of the state's complex agriculture held its initial meeting in the Cass building in Lansing. Additional members will be added as needed.

The next meeting of the 20-man group will be in the Department's offices in the Cass building in Lansing. Additional members will be added as needed.

Among industries represented on the committee were dairymen, horticulture, livestock, feeds and fertilizers, purebred cattle, poultry, insecticides and fungicides. Others represented on the committee were farm organizations, chain stores and independent retail grocery groups, and Michigan State College.

Government Shares Cost Of Farm Sod Covering

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Under the 1955 Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation program, the government will pay half the out-of-pocket costs for lime, seed and fertilizer.

Clarence Prentice, state ASO administrator, suggests getting a "Practice Sheet" which gives details about payments for various farm conservation practices. The publication can be picked up at the local ASC office, from the county agricultural agent or from the local soil conservation district office.

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