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NEWS ABOUT THE FARM

WIDER CHOICE OF RODENT POISONS BEING OFFERED

You will soon have a wider choice of poisons to make good rats out of those posts around your stored grain.

The newest one is a sugar bait that dissolves in water. It's called Pivalyn—in the same family as Warfarin.

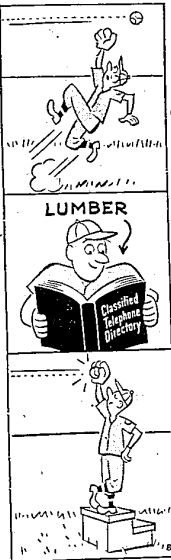
Michigan State College zoologists explain that these poisons, which seem the most effective, kill rats by causing them to bleed internally.

The reason they're especially effective is that large numbers of rats die without the pest getting suspicious.

The sugar bait, Pivalyn, takes advantage of the fact that rats need more water than food. And around grain bins there usually is no water and the pests will visit the water bait regularly.

And if the weather is freezing, you can prepare the bait with grain.

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New Milking Equipment Saves Labor While Helping In Research Program

Michigan State College's dairy department has installed some shiny new equipment that saves the backs of the dairy barn workers. And at the same time the equipment is providing some valuable research results.

The new device is a glass pipeline that transports milk directly from the stanchioned cow to a sanitary bulk milk truck.

Dr. Noel P. (Pat) Ralston, a dairy department researcher, says that the labor saver allows one man to milk 65 cows in a matter of two and a half hours. He operates three milking units at a time.

How will this help research? Ralston puts it this way: Pipeline milking is being used more and more in Michigan. The units in use present some problems as well as advantages. The researcher's job is to find the answer to those problems.

Just how much time and labor will the system save? Ralston wants to do time and motion studies to find out.

The pipeline, Ralston indicates, should improve milk quality over the older methods. But some people believe the rapid rate the milk travels through the line plus the turbulence caused by the vacuum may affect the milk's flavor. Ralston wants to find out for sure.

Then there are cleaning problems which have not been answered. The pipeline device is designed to be cleaned, simply by the vacuum sucking detergent and clean rinse water through the line. The line is not supposed to be disassembled.

About a dozen similar units are in operation in Michigan.

Cherry Pie Baking Contest Planned

Girls who are between the ages of 14 and 21 and members of Homemaking classes and 4-H Clubs in the county will try their hands at making cherry pies in the county contest on January 15. The contest is sponsored by the processors and growers of red sour cherries with the cooperation of the Extension Department of Michigan State College and the Michigan Department of Public Instruction.

The contest will be held at the Waterford School Home Making Department January 15 starting at 9 a.m. Girls are asked to register for the contest prior to January 12. Each girl must submit a copy of the recipe she will use in the contest.

The first place winner will receive an all expense paid trip for herself and her chaperone to the state contest which will be held at the Pantiell Hotel at Grand Rapids, Michigan. Other prizes will be announced the day of the contest.

Judges for the Oakland County bake-off will be Janet O'Dell, foods editor of the Pontiac Daily Press; Jean Hardy of Detroit Edison Company; and Joan Fredericks of the Consumer Power Company.

Further information on the contest may be secured by contacting the home demonstration agent at 1260 West Boulevard, Pontiac, or by phoning FEderal 4-2564.

Feed Hens For High Production

Poultry raisers should aim for high feed consumption because a heavy-producing layer has a good appetite.

Although a good laying hen will eat more than a poor layer and this, in turn, means higher feed costs, the percentage of profit definitely lies in the good layer. It is well to remember that egg profit depends on the cost of producing each egg—not the total feed cost. The extra egg production of a good layer more than offsets the added expense of more feed.

Layers should be kept active and eager for feed, contented and in good flesh. The feeding of mash and grain frequently during the day helps stimulate feed consumption. Set up a regular feeding schedule and then follow that schedule.

Poultry feed must be kept palatable. Chickens show distinct preferences for certain qualities in feed and do not take quickly to new feeds. Very fine mixtures are not so readily eaten as those which are more coarsely ground. As a rule, feeds which become sticky when moistened are not relished by the hen. Stir the feed regularly.

A good poultry tonic is sometimes helpful in sharpening the hen's appetite. Birds that do not respond to this kind of treatment should be culled. A few poor producers can cut deeply into egg profits.

Be sure to provide ample feeding space—at least one foot of feeder for every four birds. Since an egg is about 65 per cent water, keep plenty of water before the hens at all times, at least one five-gallon waterer for every 100 birds.

...and GARDEN

Poultry House Dropping Pits Big Aid To Cleanliness

A dropping pit under the roost can lower the moisture load on deep litter, if you use that system in your poultry house, point out Michigan State College poultrymen.

A dropping pit in the house is one of the important pieces of equipment in the poultry business. It will take care of about 65 per cent of the droppings in the house, says J. M. (Mac) Moore, MSC extension poultryman.

If the pit is enclosed it will keep the birds away from the droppings beneath the roost. The result: Cleaner eggs and less disease. It also creates the heat needed in ventilation.

Moore says water fountains can be placed over the pit area, keeping the spillage away from the deep litter area. Hanging troughs over the pit keep the birds in the area as much as possible—and any birds that are chased up on the roosts also don't get hungry. Birds will eat more oyster shell when some of the shell hoppers are hung on the wall at the back of the pit—providing the pit is next to a wall. More oyster shell means stronger egg shells.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

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