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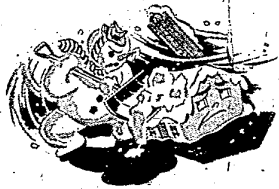
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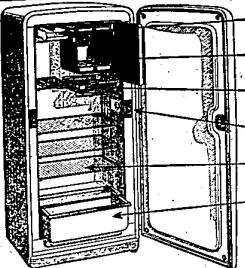
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Beef Cattle Feed Seen Abundant

This is the second of a series of articles on the beef cattle feeding situation by Don H. Stark, extension livestock marketing specialist at Michigan State College. The last article, to appear next week will discuss planning feeding operations.

Let's take a look at the feed supply available for the cattle feeding operations. On top of two consecutive 1949 crop prospects, and a government opens over 300 million bushels of the 1948 corn crop, and may own 491 million bushels of the 1949 corn crop unless it is redeemed by the farmers.

The government loan or purchase agreement corn is available at 21 cents above the loan figure.

The growing season has been late, an early fall would create both large amounts of soft corn and higher feeder cattle prices.

Favorable livestock feeding ratios, price of feed compared to price of livestock, and favorable prospective increased feeding operations under war conditions offers very little likelihood for lower feeder cattle prices unless the western ranchers dump their cattle on the market.

Feeder cattle prices and fat cattle prices during 1950 have been consistently higher than over a similar period in 1949. The January to May average for stocker and feeder steers at Kansas City was \$23.09 for 1949 compared to an average of \$25.75 for 1950. Fat cattle prices at Chicago have followed the same pattern with an average of \$24.24 for good cattle in 1949 compared with \$27.90 for 1950.

Grass on western ranges has been short this year but dry weather would cause them to move their cattle to market early. If so, the big run will come early and a better opportunity for getting your kind may be at that time. Prices of livestock may decline seasonally this fall. Stronger consumer demand as a result of the ration program may limit the effect of marketings this fall.

A decline of two or three dollars a hundred will not seriously affect the range man since the profit will be making and profit on pasture gains at the reduced live prices.

The corn picker is one of the most dangerous of all farm machines. Throughout the corn picking season newspaper headlines like the following shock the reader everywhere: "Farmer Loses Hands in Corn Picker," "Legs Mangled in Corn Picker," "Farmer Fatally Injured in Picker Accident." Unfortunately, these are common headlines that stare us in the face many times during the fall months. They can be avoided, however, if a few simple rules are followed. First, stop the picker! Never reach into the picker while it is running. Shut off the power before attempting to remove the stalks that lodge in the snapping and husking rolls. Using a stick or stick will not protect you. The rolls grab so quickly that they jerk your hand and stalk in before you can get away. To be safe, make "shutting off" the power a habit every time you leave the tractor seat. Second, keep the guards in place. Never operate without the shields. If your clothing merely flops against an unguarded shaft or coupling, you can be drawn in without warning.

Insulation Cuts House Heat Loss

If you want to cut down on heat loss this winter, insulate that farm home of yours, says Michigan State College agricultural engineers. Insulating and weatherproofing have numerous advantages. The main reason for keeping in the heat is to save fuel. However, by keeping in the heat, you make the home that much more livable. Other advantages of insulating and weatherproofing are increasing the resale value, sometimes helping fire prevention, and extending the life of the house.

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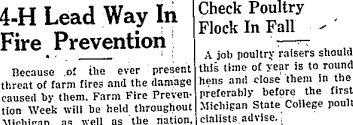
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4-H Lead Way In Fire Prevention
Because of the ever present threat of farm fires and the damage caused by them, Farm Fire Prevention Week will be held throughout Michigan, as well as the nation, from October 5-14.

Realizing the threat of fire, several members of the Martintville 4-H Club in Washtenaw County have actively been working on fire prevention projects, and have created a large scale interest in the prevention of fire in their community.

Members of the organization interested in the subject kept scrap books, listing causes of fires and methods of prevention. Trips were made to all 4-H Club members' homes for fire checks. Members found faulty chimneys, had wiring, and numerous other possible fire signs as fire hazards.

To further promote fire prevention, the Martintville 4-H Club had an Achievement Day display at the club's annual Spring Achievement program, where each member was awarded a blue ribbon.

Because members learned their lessons thoroughly in the prevention of fire, a car and garage were saved from being burned. While a Martintville resident was repairing a car in his garage a wrench hit a hot wire and set the carburetor on fire.

Several 4-H'ers spotted the smoke and ran to the garage where they pushed the car out into the open. They immediately went to work shoveling sand on the fire, thereby putting it out. The group has also been instructed in controlling grass fires.

Good milking practices mean a regular routine is observed by the dairyman. The udder is washed with warm water — the milking machine is applied within 45 seconds or so after washing — and proper attention paid to all details.

The average American hen lays 137 eggs a year.

Check Poultry Flock In Fall
A job poultry raisers should tackle this time of year is to round up all hens and close them in the house, preferably before the first frost, Michigan State College poultry specialists advise.

Two principal reasons make this a good practice. One is to select and cull hens, which have ceased laying, and the other reason is to select and cull pullets, which are beginning production. Old hens which have stopped producing should be marketed.

Because it is easy to mistake a non-laying old hen for a young pullet which has not started laying, it is wise to keep birds of different ages in separate flocks.

In the event this is not possible, birds should be marked. A hen which has a complete new set of feathers and deep orange-colored shanks has been out of production for six to eight weeks at least.

Work methods on farms can often be improved. Studies at Michigan State College have shown that chort time can be cut as much as one-fourth by improving work methods. Sometimes only a small change in buildings or equipment is needed.

Butchering should be postponed until you are sure near-freezing weather is here to stay. It requires near-freezing temperatures to cool down the 100 degree meat of a freshly slaughtered carcass to below 40 degrees in 24 hours.

MSC Promotes U.N. Flag Project

A call to the Modern "Betsy Ross" to join in a United Nations flag-making service has been issued by the Michigan Cooperative Extension Service.

Members of the state's home demonstration and 4-H sewing clubs are answering the request for United Nations flags to fly over Michigan communities on October 24, United Nations Day. Farm and other civic organizations are also taking part in the campaign.

The flag-making project began but a short time ago at the suggestion of a special farm organization United Nations Day sub-committee. The Extension Service was chosen to lead all groups because of its widespread organization with agents in most of the nation's counties. National Extension Service Director M. L. Wilson reports that all states have begun work on the project.

Michigan's part of the job is well under way. Mrs. Leona MacLeod, state home demonstrator leader, reports that flag kits, consisting of patterns and instructions, are now in the hands of home demonstration agents throughout the state. Many groups have work in progress and some have completed flags. The women will make flags as part of their club work — securing material, sewing designs, and preparing the flags for flying on United Nations Day, October 24.

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