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Treatment Saves Legume Seedings

Treatment of alfalfa seed may not increase yields, but it will help to save seed and obtain a more uniform stand, advises Ed Andrews, extension specialist in plant pathology at Michigan State College.

With alfalfa seed prices as high as they are this year, seed treatment is a wise practice. Treating seed legumes has controlled damping-off and given better stands when poor quality seed is planted in cold, wet soil. This is particularly true for large seed legumes such as soybeans when seed is cracked and damaged.

Since cost of treatment is very low per acre, Andrews believes farmers should plan to treat their legume seeds. Growers frequently will be unable to detect poor quality in seed and cannot hope to predict growing conditions at planting time.

Arasan or Spergon, eight ounces per 100 pounds of seed are used for alfalfa and clover (except sweet clover). Andrews emphasizes that sweet clover should not be treated.

For soybeans, Arasan or Spergon is used at the rate of two ounces per bushel of seed.

For small amounts of seed, shake the seed and an excess of the dust treatment material together in a suitable container. Then sift off the excess dust. Be sure that all of the dust that does not adhere to the seed surfaces is sifted from the seed. Pockets of dust tend to accumulate in the hopper of the planter and will kill young plants as the seed germinates. Use care in handling the treating material.

Treatment with the above materials can be done any time before planting. Nodulation will not be reduced if inoculation is applied immediately before planting as directed.

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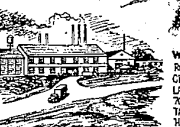
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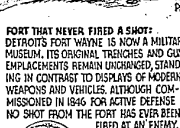
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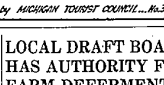


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Extension Groups Teach Savings

Many women contribute to the family income by saving money rather than earning it. Membership in more than 2,400 home demonstration groups, sponsored by Michigan State College's Cooperative Extension Service, makes this possible.

Through their extension lessons from the college, the local groups learned many ways to save money. They were taught by their group leader who in turn was trained by MISC extension specialists in home economics and county demonstration agents.

Approximately 46,000 women enrolled in these home extension groups learn a great variety of subjects. Their projects cover the fields of food and nutrition, child care, home furnishings, health, home management, landscaping and child development.

Members of home demonstration clubs learned skills that benefited them not only this year, but will be of aid in years to come. They learned to make their own clothing and how to sew for their children. Their homes show many improvements for little money because of slip covers, refinished furniture, and other money-saving practices. Community projects of interest to these groups, through aid to the Red Cross, hospitalized veterans, safety campaigns, and civic improvement.

National Home Demonstration Week, April 29 - May 5, is planned as an annual observance and review of the work of the more than 1,000,000 members of home demonstration clubs throughout the nation.

Dust and cobwebs around light bulbs not only cut down the amount of light but also might cause fire, say Michigan State College farm safety specialists.

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ELECT NEW OFFICERS TO M. A. B. C. GROUP AT STATE MEETING

More than 465 members of the Michigan Artificial Breeders' Cooperative, meeting at Michigan State College in late March, elected directors for the coming year. Representing Guernsey breeders will be Frank Helm, Jackson; Jerseys, Arden Wright, Marcellus; Holsteins, Kermit Carey, Flint; and Red Dances, Thurston Jowers, Battle Creek. Directors at large will be Harold Wilson, Holt, and Walter Breclaw, Iron Mountain.

A. C. Baltzer, MSC extension chairman and secretary of the cooperative, reports that the group plans to construct additions to their buildings and laboratories, located on land leased from Michigan State College.

During the meeting it was voted that \$60,000 be set aside as a national fund, to be paid to members on the basis of their business with the cooperative during 1947.

Manure On Farm Has High Value

Value of manure produced on a farm often comes to a high figure: A. R. Wolcott, Michigan State College agronomist, says that a six-month accumulation of manure on a farm carrying 12 milk cows and the corresponding young stock is equal to five and one-half tons of 16-18 fertilizer.

That is worth approximately \$300 at present day fertilizer prices. During the spring months when field work is heavy, it's easy to neglect manure spreading. Don't allow this to happen, advises MSC agricultural authorities. Keeping valuable manure in circulation will mean dollars saved and higher crop yields.

LOCAL DRAFT BOARD HAS AUTHORITY FOR FARM DEFERMENTS

Many inquiries have been received by E. L. Anthony, dean of the school of agriculture at Michigan State College, regarding agricultural occupational deferments in the present draft for the military effort. Dean Anthony, who is a member of the Michigan Defense Production Council, says local draft boards have complete authority in connection with these deferments.

It is the dean's understanding that county mobilization committees, the PMA chairman is the man who can act. He can recommend, according to reports from Washington, that a person will be of more value to the nation in the production of food than in the armed forces, if such is his opinion.

Dean Anthony reported that farmers had lost much of their good "know-how" hired help to industrial plants. The only help they can depend on are farm-reared young men who are already on farms.

The dean cited a report in the Michigan Farmer, state farm publication, that 1,523 men in Michigan had been given I-C deferments (Agricultural) as of January 31.

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