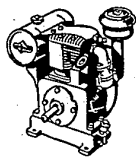


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FARM NEWS



Pasture Aids Worm Control

Good pasture will help farmers to control worms in chickens, J. M. Moore, extension poultryman at Michigan State College, advised this week.

Worm Control is the most important reason why a new pasture should be provided each year for the growing flock, he says. So far as the egg business is concerned, the most difficult job the poultryman faces is to develop healthy, well-grown replacement pullets for the laying house.

Some of the better pasture grasses are a broom-alalfa mixture or ladino — if the soil and temperature are suited to ladino. In the alfalfa-brome mixture, the brome provides early pasture while alfalfa is unappreciated in providing a succulent green feed during the hot, dry part of the summer.

Any poultry pasture should be clipped or pastured by other farm animals occasionally so that the tender grass is always provided for the chickens, Moore advises. Fibrous, dry, well-matured grasses are of little use for a poultry range.

Chickens are not good rangers, the poultryman says. They will not travel a little distance from the summer shelter unless the feeders are allowed to become empty part of the day. Unless the house is moved, they do not get full advantage of the pasture provided. Frequent moving of the brooding quarters, as well as feeders and waterers, will bring the pasture to the growing pullets.

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Above, Prof. Charles N. McCarty conducts a chemistry experiment in the college's TV studio for Miss Roberta Larson, Williamston Junior, as cameraman Linn Towle catches the action. The TV system includes a studio and central control room which connects with several campus buildings. The video struck the use of TV to present to teach fundamentals of television and for research into the value of TV as an educational medium. Actual use of the system will get under way this summer, when an intensive six-week television workshop will be offered June 18-27 as a part of the college's summer school program.

Urge Emergency Pasture Plans

If you're looking for a hay or pasture shortage on your farm this year, make plans for some emergency hay and pasture crops now, says Michigan State College farm crops specialists.

A good cropping program should provide for abundant production of long-lived forage crops. However, certain annual crops will serve well to give livestock the needed forage. Certain crops are more useful than others, the farm crops specialists advise. Factors to consider are the location in the state, soil type fertility, and forage needs.

Soybeans for hay excel other annual crops in production of protein per acre in sections where it is adapted. Climate and soil conditions required for the production of grain corn are favorable for soybeans. The composition of well-cured soybean hay is similar to alfalfa hay.

Earlyana, Lincoln and Manchu are the soybean varieties, which have the best characteristics for hay production in Michigan.

The small grains, especially oats, are often harvested for hay. Oats and peas, mixed bushel for bushel, and planted at the rate of two and one-half to three bushels per acre, is a valuable hay mixture for upper Michigan and the northern part of lower Michigan. The mixture is ready to cut for hay when the oats are in the late milk stage and the peas are forming in the pod.

Millet and Sudan Grass can also be used for emergency hay crops.

For emergency pasture, Sudan Grass planted May 20 to June 1 is usually ready to pasture shortly after July 1. Both oats and barley planted early in the spring furnish considerable pasture in June and early July. Rape is used principally for hogs and sheep.

MSC Completes Television Network



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TESTS SHOW CORN SILAGE PROFITABLE FOR STEER FEED

Feeding steers primarily on silage has proven profitable in experiments at the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station. Carcass quality and profits were studied in a three year research program, reports G. A. Brannaman, of the animal husbandry department.

Comparisons made between silage fed and corn fed steers showed that similar carcasses were produced by the two feeding methods. Similar results were found in tests in Ohio.

In the Michigan State College tests, yearling steers weighing 700 pounds were marketed at 1,000 pounds after 153 days of feeding. One group was fattened on corn silage with cottonseed meal and alfalfa hay in addition. The other group was fed shocked corn and given the same amounts of protein, supplement and alfalfa hay.

It took only six-tenths of an acre of corn to fill the needs of silage fed steers. Each of the steers in the lot eating the shocked corn consumed approximately the yield of one full acre from the same field. The return per acre of corn at present costs and prices would approximate \$156 for silage-fed cattle and \$97 per acre for those fed shocked corn. Labor, machinery costs for harvesting, and silo costs were included.

When the cattle were slaughtered in a Detroit packing house, all carcasses were ribbed, graded and compared.

In the silage lot, there were seven choice carcasses, 21 good and two medium.

In the shock corn lot, there were two fewer "good" carcasses and one more "medium."

Remember, Brannaman advises, that corn silage must be placed adequately for protein if steers are to gain well and produce desirable carcasses.

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