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# FARM NEWS

## Soil Survey Facts Now Available

Soil survey information is now available in 66 of Michigan's 83 counties, either in detailed form or reconnaissance surveys, reports E. P. Whitledge, soil scientist at Michigan State College.

During 1951, soil surveys were in progress in Arenac, Keweenaw and Sanilac Counties and a detailed soil survey of Newaygo County was published. The program is carried on by the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the lands division of the Michigan Conservation Department.

In the course of the surveys, the soil scientists cross the land, usually on foot, to see what the soils are and to outline their distribution on maps. They also note behaviour of crops, grasses, and trees on different soils.

In preparing soil survey reports, the scientists summarize the latest research findings and experiences of successful farmers with different soils. That information is included in the text which accompanies the map.

In recent reports, the soils are grouped into classes according to their physical suitability for cropping and into other classes according to the kind of management they need. From the map and reports of his county, a farmer can get suggestions on how to manage his soils, Whitledge reports.

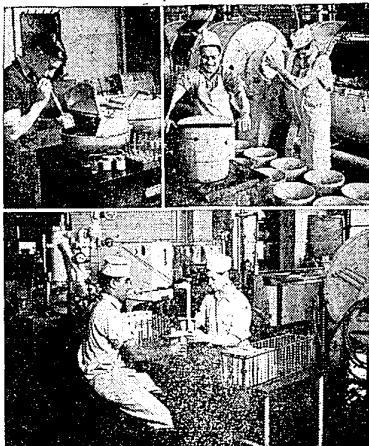
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## Learn Dairy Manufacturing



Getting training in approved practices of processing and manufacturing dairy products are these Michigan State College short course students. The short course, offered during January and February, includes classes in butter making, practical creamery tests, processing market milk, making ice cream and so on. In upper left, a short course student prepares to run a butter test on a milk sample. Students in the up-

per right picture get experience using the giant butter-making equipment at the college. Ice cream making and packaging occupies the young men in the lower picture. Information on enrollment in dairy manufacturing, dairy production, poultry, fruit production, floriculture, agriculture and agricultural engineering short courses may be obtained from the Director of Short Courses, Michigan State College, East Lansing.

## Suggestions For Retaining Flavor Of Milk To Promote Greater Sale

"Good flavor is an important factor in selling milk since most people drink milk because they like its taste," says D. L. Murray, Michigan State College extension dairyman.

"For this reason, every effort should be made by dairy producers to adopt methods that will insure the fine, delicate flavor that is natural to milk," he continues. That requires attention in several factors.

### PRODUCERS' MILK PRICE INCREASED DURING NOVEMBER

The producers' price for Class I milk used for fluid consumption and delivered to the Detroit market in November was \$5.325 per hundred pounds, an increase of 40.6 cents over the October price, according to figures released by the Federal market administrator.

The price is based on milk containing 3.5 per cent butterfat and is arrived at by the addition of the seasonal differential of \$1.65 cent for skimmed milk above the average price paid by five manufacturing plants in Michigan.

Milk production in the Detroit producing area is running just about equal with last year's figures and despite considerable unemployment in the cities, consumption continues slightly above a year ago, according to Howard F. Simmons, secretary-manager of the Michigan Milk Producers Association. Weather conditions have been unusually favorable to milk production during the fall, consequently Mr. Simmons feels that there is little likelihood of any acute shortage developing in the fluid milk market throughout the winter months.

First consideration is the individual cow, since length of time she has been milked; health of the udder and similar factors may affect milk flavor. If any sores in your herd don't appear normal, their milk separate.

"Avoid feeding feeds that have a strong odor, such as silage, before milking since this is apt to taint the milk," Murray says.

"Proper ventilation will insure that feed and barn odors will be removed. Cows breathing air which is strong with feed and barn odors will cause the milk to have a like off-flavor and odor."

It is pointed out that clean utensils for handling, and storing the milk at cold temperatures to avoid high bacterial counts also will help prevent bad flavors.

Bees used the circulating air system in their homes hundreds of years before man.

No state possesses as long a shoreline as Michigan.

## ANSWERS TO Intelligence Test

1—Minnet. 2—A salvage. 3—United States. 4—Formally withdrawing it. 5—Architecture. 6—1918. 7—(A) Calvin Coolidge; (B) Ulysses S. Grant; (C) Zachary Taylor; (D) Grover Cleveland.

## Buy Acreage To Increase State Game Areas

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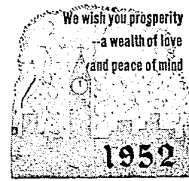
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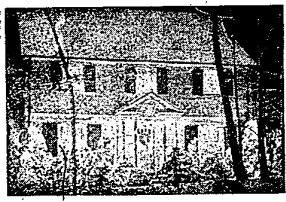
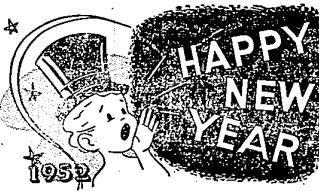
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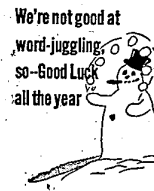
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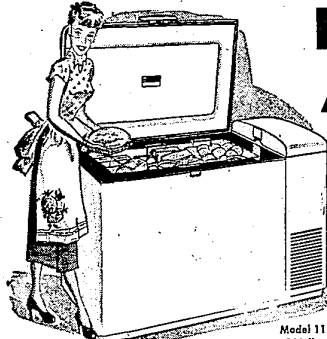
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