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SPECIALISTS SEE A GOOD FARMING YEAR DURING 1946

Extension agricultural economists at Michigan State College, in studying the farm outlook for 1946, conclude that another good farming year is in prospect, but they believe that the time has come to view the future with more caution. Included in the specialists' outlook report include:

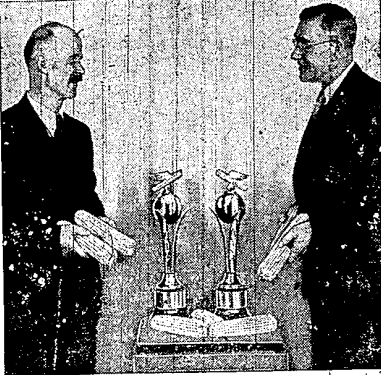
1. Farm earnings — at an all-time high in 1945 — are expected to be lower in 1946; but still well above pre-war. Rising operating costs and lower prices for farm products indicate lower earnings in 1946.
2. Further inflation is still a definite possibility but best evidence indicates a moderate decline in prices of Michigan farm products during 1946. Price movements will be mixed, however — some up and some down.
3. Domestic demand for food is expected to remain fairly high throughout the year. Decreases in incomes will be offset to some degree by lower taxes, less saving, and probably some spending of reserves.
4. Foreign demand for agricultural products will be reduced after the 1946 harvest. How much is sold before then will depend on how much buying power Europe's nations can raise.
5. Prices of most farm commodities (cattle and lambs excepted) are to be supported at 90 per cent of parity at least until the end of 1946. Farm product prices now stand at 117 per cent of parity. Therefore, a drop to the support price would mean a substantial reduction in net farm income.
6. Whether farm cost will hold steady or rise seems to hinge more upon what happens to price controls than any other single factor. A removal of ceilings would certainly result in higher costs for such things as supplies and farm implements.

VISIT THE RURAL PROGRESS CARAVAN TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M. AT THE PONTIAC ARMORY ON WATER STREET. OVER 100 EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS AND MODELS, MOVIES AND DEMONSTRATIONS. FREE ADMISSION.

Farm Production

In World War I farm production increased 10 per cent. The increase was mostly in wheat. In World War II production increased from 20 to 25 per cent, the increases being chiefly in most grain crops, many livestock products and vegetable gardens.

GROW CHAMPION CORN YIELDS



Hard work, skill, and good hybrid seed enabled these farmers to raise winning corn crops even in the face of adverse weather conditions. In the 1945 National DeKalb Corn Growing Contest, sponsored by the DeKalb Agricultural Association, nearly 6,000 farmers in 19 states and Canada participated in this, the 8th annual contest. Michigan State Champion (left) is Mr. Rudolph Boss of Lenawee County, who took top state honors with a yield of 121.91 bushels per acre.

The U. S. National Champion is Mount Airy Farm of Shenandoah County, Virginia, represented by Mr. W. W. Middleton, Farm Manager. The national championship yield was 142.61 bushels of DeKalb hybrid corn per acre.

The women had their day, too — Mrs. Otho S. Lee, Jr., of Harford County, Maryland, captured the National Women's championship with a yield of 116 bushels per acre. And 17-year-old Charles Beatty, Logan County, Ohio, came through to win the National DeKalb Corn Junior championship with a yield of 126.13 bushels per acre.

The national average yield recorded in the contest was 89.34 bushels per acre — almost 1 1/2 times greater than the estimated 1945 national U. S. average of all corn grown.

LOCAL FARMERS TO DISPLAY LABOR SAVING DEVICES

Ward Eagle and Howard McCracken, Farmington, will have special labor saving devices on display at the Rural Progress Caravan, Tuesday, February 12, at the Pontiac Armory.

A special drive is on this week and next to secure farm gadgets and to be shown at the Rural Progress Caravan. Karl D. Bailey, County Agricultural Agent, says that the farmers in this county have an unusual number of unique devices which can be considered as Labor-Saving. He lists the following most of which will be on exhibition:

1. Log saw skid for cutting wood, skid 12 ft. long. Asar Brown, 28 Matthews St., Pontiac, Mich.
2. Special type of two-wheel trailer. Ward Eagle, Farmington, Michigan.
3. Foot trimming stall for dairy cows. A. J. Schroth, Northville, Michigan.
4. Milk can carrier. Fred J. Buckman, Clarkston, Michigan.
5. Device for mixing dust used as an insecticide. Ferris King, Route 7, Pontiac, Michigan.
6. Fruit Conveyor. Howard McCracken, Farmington, Michigan.

People having Farm Labor-Saving Devices should get in touch with Mr. Bailey to arrange for the showing.

The Rural Progress Caravan will be exhibited from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, February 12th at the Pontiac Armory.

Bulletin Contains Apple Storage Plans

Oakland County fruit growers who are considering the building or remodeling of a farm storage will find a recently revised Michigan State College bulletin on construction and management of farm storages helpful, believes Karl D. Bailey, county agricultural agent.

According to the author of the bulletin, Roy E. Marshall, of the department of horticulture, about 300 farm storages are in use in Michigan with a combined capacity of two million bushels of apples. The advantages gained by farm storages include:

1. Farm storage of fruits costs less than rented or hired storage space in commercial storages because the overhead for the farm storage is less.
2. The products can be stored with a minimum of handling.
3. The grower can store field-run fruit and thus eliminate the necessity of grading and packing during the busy harvesting time. The latter operations can be done at a more convenient time.
4. The grower is better able to choose a market and, in many cases, eliminates much of the inconvenience of trucking to market by having the buyers come to the storage with their own trucks.

The revised edition of the bulletin emphasizes refrigerated farm storage, with special reference to

FARMERS URGED TO JOIN AMERICAN FARM BUREAU

Addressing the twenty-seventh Annual Convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation composed of over 4,000 delegates from forty-two states, Edward A. G. Neal, president and Alabama cotton farmer, emphasized the value and need of the American Farm family as owners and operators of the typical American family-size farm. He said:

"There is not now, nor can there ever be, a farm counterpart of General Motors, of U. S. Steel or of Standard Oil Company. The farm is still essentially a family enterprise, with every member of the family sharing in the duties and responsibilities of the enterprise. The farmer is an individualist; the farmer is a capitalist who knows that his investment must be protected if he and his family are to survive; the farmer is a laborer whose daily toil must be directed intelligently by himself if he is to receive any return either from his investment, or from his labor; the farmer believes more deeply perhaps than any other individual in the fundamentals of true democracy. His methods have been industrialized, but not his philosophy.

If farming is to be an individual enterprise, then there is only one way in which farmers can secure for themselves advantages equivalent to the advantages which industry secures through corporate set-up, large units and mass production, and that is through banding together in groups for economic action. Industry is strongly organized in corporations many of which have monopoly privileges. Labor is powerfully organized in labor unions which have enormous influence on Congress. Farmers are outnumbered, three to one. Therefore, it is urgently necessary that farmers pool their strength through organization in order to make the most effective use of their power.

The Farm Bureau movement has brought farmers together to think collectively, plan collectively and act collectively. They have developed their leadership to mold public policies and to restore agriculture to its rightful position in our national life. "Organized Agriculture Needs You!"

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apples. Before plans are made for refrigerated machinery for any storage, Dr. Marshall urges that the fruit man determine his maximum requirements or number of bushels of fruit to be stored each day and provide the refrigeration salesman or engineer with that information. Otherwise, the equipment may not prove satisfactory.

Cheese Regulations
Several states now require that all cheese sold must be made from pasteurized milk or the cheese stored for a definite period before retail sale.

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