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FARM FEATURES

Plant Disease Leaflets Available To Local Farmers

Farmers in Oakland county will have an opportunity to receive periodic leaflets on plant diseases, according to an announcement by county agent Karl D. Bailey. The series is called "Plant Disease Notes" and is put out by the botany and plant pathology department at Michigan State college.

The leaflets, which will be issued each month, will stress timely information on the control of plant diseases and also acquaint readers with the research work, extension activities and teaching program of the department. Vaughn suggests that farmers keep each number of "Plant Disease Notes" in a folder as a handbook of information on Michigan plant diseases.

DAIRY PRACTICES WILL BE FEATURE OF FARMERS' WEEK

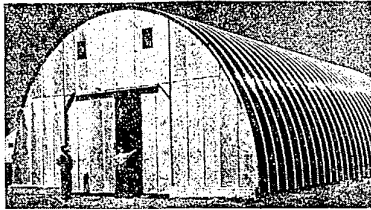
Thoughtful dairymen never stop wanting new information that will help them in their business. A. C. Baltzer, extension dairyman at Michigan State college, says that visitors to MSU Farmers' Week will get a big assortment of dairying practices to stimulate their thinking.

The handling and management of cows, and labor saving procedures will be featured, since no other farm enterprise demands so many hours of labor daily and yearly as does the operation of a dairy herd.

Feeding and pasturing dairy cows will be one of the topics discussed. Farmers will be advised of ways of achieving a better balance of rations and of growing roughages that will help the herd to maintain good health and producing ability.

Raising calves successfully and achieving greater growth will also be stressed.

NEW PRE-FAB AT FARM SHOW



Latest thing in pre-fabricated farm buildings, this 33 ft. x 60 ft. all-aluminum utility structure will be exhibited for the first time at the National Farm Show in Chicago Nov. 29-Dec. 7.

ORCHARDS IMPROVE UNDER PROGRAM OF CAREFUL MULCHING

Mulching has been highly successful in both apple and pear orchards, say Dr. H. B. Tukey, head of the horticulture department at Michigan State college. The practice also seems promising in some peach, cherry and plum orchards where it has been tried. But there are still some unanswered questions about mulching.

Mulch, explains the horticulturist, is any coarse material such as hay, straw or sawdust which, is placed under the orchard trees in sufficient quantity to reduce or destroy weed growth. Spotted hay may be applied knee deep every four or five years. Light hay or grass mowings between the rows in a young orchard may be pushed over near the trees by a side-delivery rake.

Besides checking weed growth, Dr. Tukey lists other advantages of mulching. They are: conservation of moisture which helps in droughty periods; the prevention of water run-off which helps to check erosion; and the holding of snow which is a protector against root damage from winter cold.

To top this, he adds, the physical condition of the soil is improved, and soil nutrients are kept in a more readily available form.

A mulched orchard and mite can cause severe damage. A regular baiting program of poison grain, or the newer zinc phosphide treatment plus wire guards, should eliminate most of the difficulty with mite.

Rat extermination is a good way to save feed. It is estimated that farm rats consume about a bushel of corn apiece per year.

Check that stove chimney before rat cold weather, advise safety specialists at Michigan State college. Heavy firing can result in fire hazards.

4-H Club Youth Set For Detroit Stock Show

Careful feeding and grooming is the order of the day for 4-H Club members from 39 Michigan counties who are preparing livestock entries for the annual Detroit Junior Livestock show, December 9, 10 and 11.

Competing for honors as well as prizes will be 255 boys and girls feeding steers and 63 feeding pens of three lambs each. V. A. Freeman, assistant state 4-H Club leader at Michigan State college, believes competition will be keen again this year.

Steers will be entered in the show from 30 counties with Muscola leading with 38 animals and Calhoun with 35 entries. In sheep competition, both Calhoun and Lapeer counties expect to enter 11 pens each.

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