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## CORRECT METHODS NEEDED FOR GOOD SLAUGHTER RESULTS

Correct slaughter methods are needed to help insure a good meat supply for next summer, according to E. D. Farwell, animal husbandry specialist at Michigan State college.

Livestock to be slaughtered should be kept off feed for 24 hours previous to slaughter but should be given water. Avoid job of sticking. Thorough bleeding is important for good results in storing or curing meat.

Slaughtering should take place when the temperature is above freezing. If the temperature is too low, the carcass will freeze on the outside and cause souring of the meat. If the weather is warm, it may be more advantageous to wait until evening and cooler temperatures to slaughter. Deep improvement with age, so a carcass from a well fattened animal may be allowed to hang from a week to ten days before being cut—providing the temperature is around 34 to 36 degrees Fahrenheit. A choice lamb carcass may be aged a week but pork should be cut after two or three days.

Cold storage facilities are available in most rural villages now and carcasses can be stored in them with greater safety. A lamb carcass may be cut up and kept in the family refrigerator. Two or more farmers may share a beef if a whole carcass is too much for one family. Most cold storage locker plants have facilities for cutting and wrapping meat.

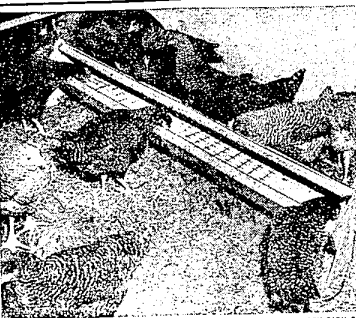
## Brome-Alfalfa Makes Profitable Hay Crop

A mixture of alfalfa and smooth brome grass is considered as the best hay and pasture crop on Michigan soils. According to B. R. Churchill of the Michigan State college farm crops department, two to three pounds of smooth brome grass seed per acre is sufficient when seeding with alfalfa.

In tests at Michigan State college, mixtures of brome grass and alfalfa yielded more than where either crop was grown alone in a pure stand. It is believed that the percentage of brome grass in an alfalfa brome grass mixture is probably more important in Michigan than the strain of brome grass used. In sowing brome grass, the seed should be covered at a shallow depth. If the seed is mixed with oats or barley, as is often done, the grain should be sown as shallow as possible. In this case the alfalfa seed is placed in the grass seed box.

Surveys indicate that 40 percent of the pigs farrowed fail to live to weaning age. Animal husbandry specialists at Michigan State college advise that profitable hog production demands a cut in this wasteful mortality.

## Hardware Cloth in Hoppers Helps Reduce Feed Losses



Little ideas often can save many dollars for the poultryman. Shown above is one method of reducing mash waste in use at Larro Research Farm, near Detroit. A piece of 1-inch by 2-inch mesh hardware cloth is cut to fit mesh hoppers. The mesh is cut so the 2-inch mesh runs parallel to the hopper sides, which permits full access to the mash and prevents the birds from "billing out" the feed. The cloth is removed from the hoppers, and then is replaced on top of the mash. This simple device saves as much as 20 percent of the mash.

## ORDER FERTILIZER WHILE SUPPLY IS STILL AVAILABLE

If you plan to apply commercial fertilizer this spring, better buy it when you can get it. That's the advice of E. D. Longnecker, extension specialist in soil science at Michigan State college.

He points out that commercial fertilizer plants have had a hard time keeping up with demand and that Michigan farmers may not be able to get the fertilizer they need if they delay their purchases until seeding or planting time.

Longnecker also advises that there is no need to hold off buying now because of the storage problem. Well-cured fertilizer can be farm-stored safely throughout the rest of the winter and early spring and still be in usable condition when needed at planting time.


Fertilizer should be stored on a wooden platform with air space beneath rather than on the ground or on concrete.

Avoid stacking the bags too high, to prevent packing and hardening of the bottom bags. Piles should be shifted once or twice during the late winter and early spring to loosen packing.

If some of the fertilizer does cake or harden, it can be put through a hammer mill or pulverizer next spring. It has been found that fertilizer does not deteriorate with age.

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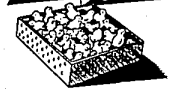
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## PROVEN VARIETIES BEST FOR GARDEN, SPECIALIST SAYS

Michigan State college horticulturists have a warning about new kinds of vegetable varieties. Some times they may not be the best ones for Michigan gardens.

The specialists say that it is not good management for gardeners to pass up the old standbys.

However, they point out that it's all right to try a few of the new varieties that come along. Extensive variety trials in 1947 indicated several promising new varieties.

To help gardeners who want to get their seeds ordered well before planting time, the horticulturists list the following tried and proven varieties for Michigan:

Asparagus - Mary Washington. (Buy root of possible).  
Beans, green bush - Tendergreen, Stringless Green Pod, Logan, Imp. Commodore.  
Beans, wax - Pennell Pod, Cooper.

Broccoli - Italian Green Sprouting, DeCicco.  
Brussels Sprouts - Catskill, Long Island Improved.

Cabbage - Copenhagen Market, Golden Acre, (early); Round Dutch, Glory of Enkhuizen, (midseason); Wisconsin No. 5, Bunker (late).

Carrots - Imperator, (Sand or muck soil); Nantes Half Long, (heavier soils); Red Corel Chantrelle, Morse Bunching.

Cauliflower - Snowdrift, Snowball X, Early Snowball.  
Corn, sweet - Northstar (early); Marcross, (midseason); Seneca Chief and Golden Cross Hybrid, (late).

Cucumber - Burpee hybrid, A and C; Marketer.  
Salad or Oyster Plant - Mammoth Sandwich Island.

Parasnis - Model, Hollow Crown, Lettuce, head - Great Lakes, Imperial 458.

Muskmelon - Honey Rock, Hearts of Gold, Schoon's Hardshell.  
Onions - Grand Green Long Pod, Peppers - California Wonder, Oakview Wonder, Harris Wonder.

Onions - Early Yellow Globe, Brigham Yellow Globe, Sweet Spanish.

Potatoes - Chippewa, Pontiac, Peas, dwarf - Laxton's Progress, Little Marvel.  
Peas, tall - World's Record, Pumpkins - New England Pie.

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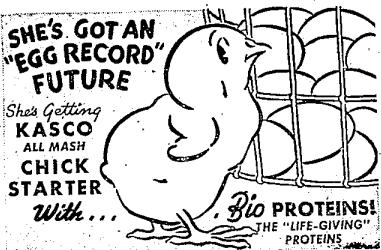
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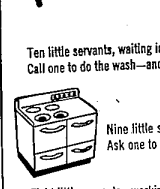
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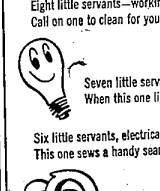
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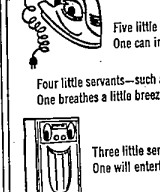
Ten little servants, waiting in a line,  
Call one to do the wash—and still you have nine!



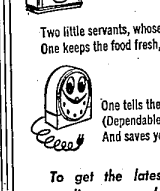
Nine little servants, working long and late,  
Ask one to cook your meals—and still you have eight!



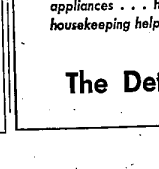
Eight little servants—working like a team!  
Call one on to clean for you, and still you have seven!



Seven little servants—you don't need candlesticks  
When this one lights the house for you—and still you have six!



Six little servants, electrically-alive,  
This one sews a handy seam—and still you have five!



Five little servants to help with every chore;  
One can iron all the shirts—and still you have four!



Four little servants—such activity!  
One breathes a little breeze—and still you have three!



Three little servants—if you're feeling  
One will entertain you—and still you have two!



Two little servants, whose work is never done!  
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