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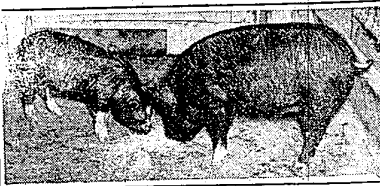
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FARM FEATURES

Treating Pigs Pays Profits



These pigs raised in a test at the Agricultural Experiment Station at Michigan State College offer visual evidence of the value of proper worm and mange control in growing swine. The two pigs from the same litter received identical feed and care. The larger animal, which attained a weight of 100 pounds, was treated for internal worms and mange. One percent by weight of sodium fluoride was mixed with his

dry feed for one day at weaning time and again six weeks later. He was also sprayed for mange. The smaller animal, which attained a weight of only 22 pounds, was not treated. Both animals were allowed to run on ground known to be infested with hog worms. Michigan State College animal husbandry specialists believe most farmers can derive from handling pigs these two different ways.

CALL MADE FOR CLEAN-UP WEEK COOPERATION

In a proclamation naming April 4-10 as Spring Clean-Up Week, Michigan Governor Kim Sigler has asked citizens to take an active part in the campaign to clean homes, farms, stores, and factories of all rubbish and fire hazards.

"Every minute of the day and night," the proclamation stated, "someone's home, farm or place of business in the United States is destroyed by fire. More than 11,000 Americans lose their lives each year, and well over a million dollars' worth of currently irreplaceable housing, goods and equipment go up in smoke each day."

Fred Roth, farm safety specialist at Michigan State college and secretary of the Michigan Rural Safety Council, states that the loss of life and property by needless fire is a shameful record. In Michigan, nearly 200 people were killed by fire last year and the property loss totaled 22 million dollars. Of this total, over two and one-half million dollars is chargeable to farm fires according to the reports of the insurance companies.

Ninety percent of all home and farm fires, he points out, could be prevented by cleaning out rubbish and unnecessary combustible materials and correcting other hazards.

The Rural Safety Council, representing a cross-section of rural life in the state, is cooperating with the MSC extension service in sponsoring the drive to clean out fire hazards which have accumulated during the winter.

Certified Potato Seed Tops High Acreage

Potatoes took the crown for the largest number of acres grown for certified seed in Michigan's all time high total in 1947, according to Roy Decker, head of the farm crops department at Michigan State college. Farmers grew 4700 acres of seed potatoes.

A total of 13,130 acres of crops were inspected and certified. Ranking second to potatoes was beans with 8,199 acres inspected and certified. Other crops with their acreage included oats, 1614; wheat, 1402; corn, 1160; barley, 919; and soybeans, 136.

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BHC INSECTICIDE HURTS SPUD CROP SPECIALIST WARNS

The use of the insecticide benzene hexachloride, on potatoes, has been condemned by Ray L. James, extension entomologist at Michigan State college.

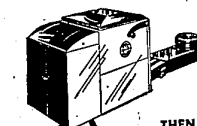
Extensive use of this material in some parts of the country in 1947 resulted in several million bushels of potatoes being tainted or ruined so that they were inedible. Benzene hexachloride was used for controlling wireworms and also on leaves. Action of the chemical resulted in the potatoes having an unpleasant musty taste.

Sanitation In Barnyard Can Cut Costly Waste

The needless loss of meat and waste of feed can be cut by some common sense clean-up measures, believes Dr. B. J. Kilham, extension veterinarian at Michigan State college.

Livestock and poultry losses caused by disease, parasites and injury take a large toll each year. Cleaning and disinfecting buildings and pens, particularly those where young animals and birds are to be born or housed, is a good measure. Old piles of refuse and manure are often heavily infested with parasites.

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