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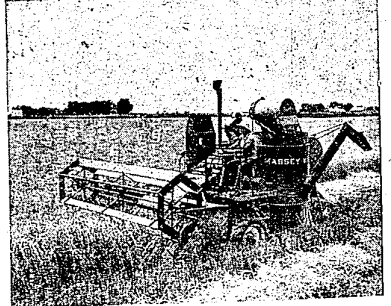
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MEET THREAT OF STORM DAMAGE



WICHITA, KANSAS—Recent heavy rains, which caused flash floods over wide areas, have seriously threatened the wheat harvest in Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Nebraska. Kansas was hardest hit with estimated damage of \$100,000 here when a tornado dipped to the ground. The self-propelled combine, above, a one-man machine, is a big factor in cutting losses by rains, because it works faster, thus taking full advantage of breaks in the weather and because it is designed to skim the ground, thus saving grain which has been beaten down and tangled by storms. The self-propelled combine, since its mass demonstration in the Missey-Harris harvest brigade during the critical harvest years of 1914-15, is the rule today wherever wheat is grown. It can harvest 50 acres of wheat in a 10-hour day.

Extra Care Urged At Harvest Time

Harvest time is accident hazard time on the farm according to Karl D. Batley, county agricultural agent.

When grain harvesting machinery with its high speed cutting mechanisms, shafting, chains and gears, is operated in the rush of harvest, the chances for accidents mount rapidly. It is a season when haste is often emphasized without necessary caution.

Care in the use of harvesting machinery is a good preliminary to Farm Safety Week which will be observed July 25-31. Machinery is one of the big causes of farm accidents.

The first step for safe operation of harvesting machinery is to put it into good condition before harvesting begins. This means that seats, controls, steps, and other features of the machine should be in good repair. Shields or other safety guards must be in place before a machine is taken to the field.

He recommends the following rules:

1. Always stop all machinery before oiling, adjusting or unclogging.
2. Avoid wearing floppy or ragged clothing.
3. Always operate tractors at a safe speed. Start smoothly and slow down for turns and rough ground.
4. Avoid operations too close to the edge of ditches or embankments.
5. Small children are definitely out of place around harvesting machinery.
6. Avoid jumping off equipment before it has come to a full stop.
7. Remember to look both ways as you approach a highway and cross with care.
8. On a highway obey the signs and rules of the road and don't forget to use headlights and tail lights.

Poultry Schools Set Up For This Month At MSC

A flock selection and blood testing school has been announced at Michigan State College to provide training in these two poultry sciences.

The basic school is scheduled for July 25-29 and the advanced school July 22 and 23.

Oakland County Farmers To Get Wheat Loan Program After Harvest

A price support loan program for the 1948 wheat crop at a loan rate of \$2.00 will be available to Oakland County farmers this year after harvest, according to Walter H. Cook, Chairman of the Oakland County AAA Committee. The loan rate is on the basis of U. S. No. 1 Wheat and was established as required by legislation at 90 per cent of the parity price of wheat on July 1, 1948.

Government loans will be made to farmers on either farm-stored or warehouse-stored wheat produced in 1948 grading No. 3 or better, or rest weight only.

Farmers may apply for wheat loans at the county AAA office in Pontiac any time after harvest but not later than December 31, 1948. The loans will mature on demand but not later than April 30, 1949. All loans will bear interest at the rate of 3 per cent per annum.

Where the wheat under loan is farm stored, a service fee of one cent per bushel is charged on the number of bushels under loan, or a \$3.00 fee, whichever is greater. Where the wheat is warehouse stored, the producer must pay a service fee on one-half cent per bushel on the number of bushels under loan, or a fee of \$1.50, whichever is greater.

In order to qualify for farm storage, the farm bins and granaries must, in the opinion of the county AAA Committee, be of such substantial and permanent construction as to afford safe storage of the wheat for a period of 2 years, permit effective fumigation for the destruction of insects and affords protection against rodents, other animals, thieves and weather.

The farmer may obtain release of the wheat under loan anytime he desires provided he fulfills the conditions in the loan agreement by paying the principal and interest to the holder of the note or loan agreement.

A farm storage payment will be made to the farmer who stores his wheat under loan in eligible farm storage facilities provided the wheat is delivered to the Commodity Credit Corporation in settlement of the loan. The amount of the storage payment depends upon the date and conditions of delivery.

Under the loan program Commodity Credit Corporation will assume accrued warehouse charges on wheat stored when that is not redeemed by the farmer.

Oakland County farmers may obtain full information regarding wheat under loan program by calling at the County AAA office, 320 Hubbard Building, Pontiac 15, Michigan, Phone 2-8333. The office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 12:30, 1:00 to 5:00, and closed all day Saturday.

SHEEP BREEDERS TO HOLD FIELD DAY AT YALE JULY 22

Profitable sheep management practices and a discussion of good sheep type will be featured at the Sheep Breeders' Field Day, July 22. It will be held at the High Hedges and Son farm, three miles south of Yale on M-59 in the Thumb area.

The event is being sponsored jointly by the Thumb Sheep Breeders' Association, the Michigan Sheep Breeder's Association and the animal husbandry extension section at Michigan State college. County agricultural and 4-H Club agents in the area are assisting with the program.

Representative animals of the Oxford, Shropshire, Hampshire, Cheviot, Lincoln and Romney breeds will be used. A judging contest for 4-H Club and P.F.A. members and another for adults will be held in the morning. In the afternoon wool grading and prices will be discussed by Paul Finegan, Jackson, manager of the Michigan Cooperative Wool Marketing association.

Michigan State College officials will talk on general sheep management problems and parasite control.

Delmont Chapman, South Rockwood, president of the Michigan Sheep Breeders' association, will lead the morning discussions on breed sheep producers, throughout the state are invited to attend what is believed will be one of the most outstanding sheep production events of the year in Michigan.

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