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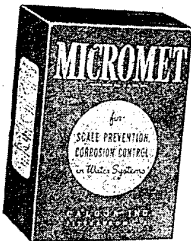


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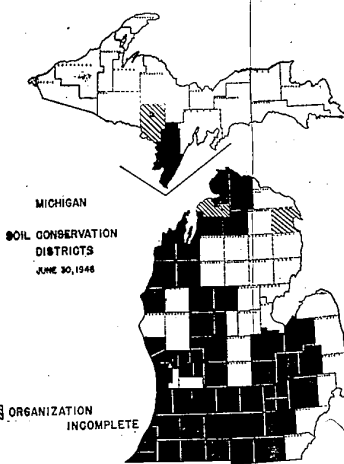
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FARM FEATURES

Areas In Soil Conservation Districts



More than three-fourths of all the agricultural land in Michigan is now within soil conservation districts. This goal has been reached in the ten years since the passage of the District Law by the Michigan Legislature in 1937.

A total of 49 soil conservation districts are now in operation in 12 Michigan agricultural counties. The west Ottawa District, organized in 1938, was the first one in Michigan and the Emmet District was the 49th to be included. The organization procedure is under the direction of the State Soil Conservation Committee which assists local groups and the Agricultural Extension Service of Michigan State college in setting up new districts. The actual operation of soil conservation districts is under the administration of locally elected farmer boards of directors. This five-man board in each district provides the leadership in determining type of projects which will be carried on and they take the initiative in requesting assistance from local, state and federal agencies. Technical aid to districts is provided by the U. S. Soil Conservation Service. All materials, equipment, and technical advice which each board may have are available to individual farmers on a voluntary basis. A farmer must request assistance with his soil conservation problems from the directors.

Outstanding Events Now Being
Featured At County 4-H Fair

Nearly every type of modern farm tractor and machinery will be on exhibit in a huge farm machinery show sponsored by dealers in the County at the 11th 4-H and Agricultural Fair now being held August 10-14, according to A. J. Heslop and Clare Fuller who are in charge of the Machinery Exhibit.

The Fair Grounds are located 3 1/2 miles from downtown Pontiac on Perry Street which is also known as M-24. Fair visitors from the northwest part of the County may avoid heavy Pontiac traffic by turning east of Walton Boulevard from the Dixie Highway near Drayton Plains. Walton Boulevard leads directly to the Fair Grounds.

Nineteen classes of riding horses will be judged for horsemanship on Saturday, August 14, at the 4-H and Agricultural Fair. The first event will be at 10:00 and continue until 3:00. Classes include Western and Palomino Parade Horse Class, Children's Horsemanship, Three-Gaited Saddle Horse Class, Working Hunters, Jumpers, Harness Class, Roadster Class and Walking Horse Class.

The Jimmy Day Post Avenue

are sponsoring the 4-H Horse Show.

Homemakers from every community in Oakland County who are members of women extension clubs will have a general exhibit of home extension projects at the 4-H and Agricultural Fair. The exhibits will show three of the Extension projects completed in 1947-48 and include chair caning, slip covering and camp handicrafts.

An Extension member will be in the booth from 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. each day to answer questions, and to distribute mimeographed information on all covers. She will also have other Extension bulletins for those who ask for them.

Two demonstrations — one on chair caning at 4:30 p.m. and one on measuring a chair for slip covers at 7:30 p.m. — will be given daily.

Foreign Lands Learn
Of MSC Farm Research

Examples of world-wide interest in discoveries made at the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station at Michigan State college frequently come to attention from many parts of the globe.

The molasses tests devised by farm crops research scientist S. T. Dexter recently drew attention of farmers in Denmark in an article by Fleming Juncker which was published in the Danish agricultural magazine "Journal for Land Use". Juncker visited East Lansing recently and studied Michigan agricultural practices.

Further evidence of the interest which agricultural research holds was a request made by the Agricultural Attaché at the British Embassy in Washington, D.C. He asked for copies of the report of farm and home research at the Michigan State entitled, "Science Serves the Michigan Farmer."

Match Consumption
Daily consumption of matches in the United States is over two billion. This is 14 per person.

MICHIGAN PEACH
CROP WILL BE ON
MARKET SOON

From now until late September, Michigan housewives will be busy canning peaches. When to buy and what kind to buy are questions in their minds today.

As a part of the consumer education service of the Michigan State college extension service, G. N. Motts, MSC agricultural economist, suggests a few peach facts that are important to Michigan housewives.

Although Michigan consumers usually have peaches available from Georgia, the Carolinas, Virginia and Illinois, between 75 and 80 percent of the fresh peaches they use are actually grown in Michigan.

According to the U. S. Crop Reporting Board, Michigan is expected this year to have about 3,700,000 bushels of peaches, which is 10 per cent above the 1937-47 average. The Michigan crop will start moving about August 10 to 15 with Hale Havens and other early varieties, followed by the Elbertas and other good late varieties through most of September.

For those interested in southern peaches, the Georgia crop is only about two-thirds of last year's crop and 20 per cent below the average, and the South Carolina crop is only about half of last year's record crop. Illinois has an average production, not below last year.

Growing conditions in Michigan have been such that it is expected that the quality of Michigan peaches will be good and the time of ripening will be at least two weeks ahead of last year, when the season was quite late and considerable frost damage destroyed much of the quality of the Michigan peach crop. Michigan peaches are produced in commercial quantities in Berrien county north to the Traverse City area along the shores of Lake Michigan, around Grand Rapids and in the territory around Mt. Clemens and Pontiac.

Sow Rye Valuable
For Swine Pasture

Pastures for swine are recommended by W. N. McMillen, animal husbandry specialist at Michigan State College, as a valuable source of food.

Rye sown in August at the rate of one and one-half bushels per acre is excellent for extending the pasture season for livestock. It is especially valuable for sows with fall pigs and also good for early spring pasture. If it is sown early in August it will be ready for pasture in September if the weather is favorable.

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