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FARM FEATURES

Bailey Issues New Spray Bulletin

County Agent Karl D. Bailey issues the following spray suggestions for this week.

APPLES and PEARS: Weather conditions have brought about the following codling moth situations. A split first and also a split second brood. The extreme hot weather has shortened the effective life of the last DDT spray and has greatly stepped up the rate of emergence of the last part of the second brood. Watch your orchard carefully for new stings. If you find them spray at once with 1 1/2 lb. of 50 per cent DDT per 100 gallons of water on late apples and pears. On early apples, if needed, use 1/4 per cent fixed nicotine.

CHERRIES: Where cherry leaf spot is serious, an extra spray of Fenamate or Carbath black may save many of the remaining leaves.

More than 20 communities in Southeastern Michigan are sponsoring apple pie contests during the period of September 5 to September 17. Purpose of the contest is to encourage a greater consumption of apples and it is hoped that the contest will be conducted in succeeding years. You can join this movement by offering your assistance to the chairman of your local apple pie contest committee. His name should appear in your weekly paper this week. Why don't you call your chairman and offer to exhibit a bushel of apples?

QUINTUPLETS FOR BOSSY



RIEGELSVILLE, PA. — SOUNDPHOTO — Holstein cow gave birth to quintuplets in the pasture on the farm owned by Mrs. Ada Eliaison. Local veterinarians said that the calves have a better than even chance for survival.

CORRECT COOLING NEEDED TO INSURE QUALITY OF EGGS

The quality of eggs depends greatly on how quickly they are cooled after they are laid, reports J. M. Moore, extension poultryman at Michigan State College.

He points out that consumer interest in eggs centers on quality. USDA poultry specialists estimate that five out of each 100 eggs produced become unfit for food as a result of quality deterioration or other causes. This five per cent loss has taken an annual toll of more than 233,000,000 dozen eggs in the past five years.

Farmers are urged to collect eggs from nests at least three times each day — 10 a.m., noon and 5 p.m. Less frequent collection not only delays proper cooling of the eggs but also results in a partly cooled egg being left in a nest to be rewarmed by other hens using the same nest. In very hot weather, eggs should be gathered every two hours in the morning and twice in the afternoon.

Eggs should be collected in wire baskets which permit the free circulation of air around every egg. This is impossible when wire boxes or woven baskets are used. They should be placed on a wire tray and put in the cellar immediately after collecting. Because eggs ab-

Farmers Cautioned Against Homemade Fence

Farm safety specialists at Michigan State College urge farmers to use care in the selection and use of electric fences. Home-made electric fence controllers are a gamble. The specialists point out that a very small shock can be fatal. Even the amount of current used by a seven watt bulb is more than necessary for electrocution.

No fence, they caution, should be arranged from any source except through a controller approved by a recognized testing agency. Everyone around the farm should be instructed on how to disconnect the controller in case of an emergency and children should be taught not to tamper or play with an electric fence.

Electric fences should not be depended upon to restrain bulls, hogs or other vicious animals. Insulated grips should be provided for opening or closing the gate.

Both odors quickly they should not be kept in places where there are strong odors such as those of onions, lemons, kerosene, or mustiness.

Eggs should be fully cooled before they are placed in egg cases since there is not sufficient air circulation in cases to allow eggs to cool properly, Moore concludes.

Separate Sprayer For 2, 4-D Advised

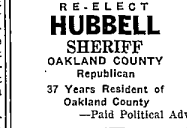
Farmers who plan to use 2,4-D for weed control next spring should be thinking about spray equipment now, say weed specialists at Michigan State College.

Demands for sprayers far exceeded the supply this past year when the chemical was widely used to control weeds.

For safety and effectiveness, use separate equipment in applying the 2,4-D, the specialists advise. The chemical is highly potent. It will kill or damage most broad-leaved plants — valuable crops as well as weeds. Small quantities left in a sprayer later used for insecticides or fungicides will damage sensitive plants.

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RIPER PEACHES WOULD INCREASE CONSUMER SALES

Housewives would buy more peaches if they were certain of getting ripe fruits with the flavor for which peaches are famous. This is the opinion of Dr. H. B. Tuckey, head of the department of horticulture at Michigan State College. And he adds that his opinion is confirmed by a report of experiments conducted by the University of Illinois.

Because quality in peaches develops while the fruits are on the trees, the horticulturist explains that it is up to the grower to regulate his time of harvest for a full flavored product. Aside from pleasing the consumer, more mature peaches bring greater returns to the grower also. During the last week that the peaches are on the trees, they increase in volume from three to four per cent a day. Simple mathematics show this to make a saving of 10 to 15 bushels an acre for each day the peaches are left on the tree, or at least a carload for a 40-acre orchard. This means more dollars to the grower.

Dr. Tuckey suggests that peaches be picked firm ripe if they are to be shipped a few hundred miles without refrigeration, or longer distances with refrigeration. This means that the ground color on the unblushed side of the fruit has made a definite change from green to lemon yellow.

Picking should start a few days later than usual and should be repeated more often. The fruits should be handled one at a time and with great care to avoid injury. The picking sacks and hauling crates should not be bumped or jostled. Good orchard roads will help much in this respect. Graders should be adjusted to lessen the danger of bruising. Baskets should not be filled too full and should be moved gently.

Such care may seem excessive, but Dr. Tuckey concludes that a good market with premium prices awaits the grower who follows such practices.

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