

FARM FEATURES

Culling Out Lazy Hens
When a poultryman culls his flock, his aim is to weed out all the hens that are not doing their fair share of egg laying.

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Hens Need Attention To Keep Up Production

To keep those hens laying well takes a little effort during cold weather. Sports J. M. Moore, extension poultryman at Michigan State College.

During cold weather, he advises farmers not to let ice form on the drinking water. It takes a large amount of water to make eggs. Water should be kept warm and drinkable at all times.

Be sure the laying house is properly ventilated. Don't keep it closed up too tightly. Feed, too, is an important factor. Some green feed or well-cured alfalfa hay will help to keep hens active and sharpen their appetites.

Use of artificial light is a management practice that some farmers are adopting to keep up production, Moore concludes.

Red Squill, Good Poison
Poison which the farmer most commonly uses to make good rats out of bad rats is Red Squill, recommended by the department of agriculture because it is effective, cheap and harmless to domestic animals. When dogs and cats eat it they throw it up, for it is an emetic. Chickens, too, can eat it with impunity, but when a rat gets it into his system it is pay day. At the outbreak of World War II the supply of squill, which comes from Mediterranean countries, was suddenly cut off. Squill is an extract from a bulb grown chiefly in Italy.

DOG'S HAVE THEIR TROUBLES, TOO
MILWAUKEE, WIS. — He may be hungry but he certainly can't eat a little Chihuahua that got in his bowl. The big, patient fellow is Colonel Joe, 16-month-old St. Bernard puppy pet of Bonnie Mintion, 10, of Racine, Wisconsin. The little guy is Kayo, owned by Tressa Thurmer of Palatine, Illinois. Both won the best of breed in Wisconsin Kennel Club Show.

Yum, Yum! Cherry Pie Baking Contest To Pick Culinary Queen Starts Soon

There are a girl between 15 and 20, and think you can bake pies — here's your chance to prove it. Some lucky — or maybe just good — miss of that age and description who can bake will win the Oakland County Cherry Pie contest, and win herself a free trip to the State Cherry Pie contest in Grand Rapids. And — who knows? — she may even go on to higher honors by winning the national contest.

The Oakland County contest will be held in Pontiac on February 4.

ADEQUATE HAYING OF CALVES ASSISTS IN STOCK RAISING

Getting hay to calves as soon as possible is good dairy management practice, according to W. W. Snyder, Michigan State College dairyman.

Keeping hay before calves as much of the day as possible has been tested and found to work very well. Calves, the specialist reports, will begin eating hay when two weeks old.

An experiment conducted in another state showed that calves really like hay. One group of calves was fed hay only twice a day — three hours at a time. That made six hours out of the 24 when they could get it. Another group of calves got hay for 12 hours in four three-hour periods.

Jersey calves in the test ate 39 per cent more hay when they could get it 12 hours a day. Holstein calves ate 25 per cent more hay when they could get it for the 12 hour period.

Those figures are significant when you consider the benefits the calves get from increased hay consumption. Hay, Snyder points out, is the cheapest source of nutrients and a good source of quality protein. The roughage factor stimulates growth. For bone and muscle building, the mineral and vitamin value of hay is great. Health protection, too, is an added advantage.

Big, healthy heifers are a "must" if good production is to be made at the age of two years. Snyder suggests that dairymen try giving their calves a chance to eat more hay.

CLASSIFIEDS MUST BE GOOD — 50 MANY PEOPLE USE THEM

at 9:30 a.m. in the Consumers Power auditorium. Participating in the county contest will be the winners of all local contests.

The local contests are to be conducted through the local high schools and 4-H Clubs, and one winner from each school will be allowed to participate in the county contest. 4-H leaders are also planning a community contest within their local clubs, and one 4-H winner from the local contests will compete. All local contests must be completed by February 2, since entries for the county contest must be in the County Extension office not later than February 2.

Qualifications of the contestants for the prize of being acclaimed the school's county's State or Nation's best cherry pie baker stipulate that the girl (no men chefs allowed, boys) must be 15 by January 1, 1949 and not more than 20 by January 1, 1949. The contestant must furnish all working supplies and equipment, except the cherries. The contestant will have three minutes after completing the pie, to discuss the recipe with the judges, and the county winner will receive a free trip to the state contest in Grand Rapids on February 11, chaperoned by the Michigan State College Extension Staff.

The pie itself should be of standard size, with two crusts and 1½ inches deep. Judging points will be on the appearance, including color and surface of the pie's crust, as well as its texture and flavor. Oh, yes, even the condition of the contestant's personal appearance will be taken into consideration.

So, boys — even if your girl may not win a beauty queen contest anywhere, but you know she can cook — or bake — why not persuade her to try her hand in the culinary art? No, we're sorry — the rules committee didn't state how you can get to be one of the judges.

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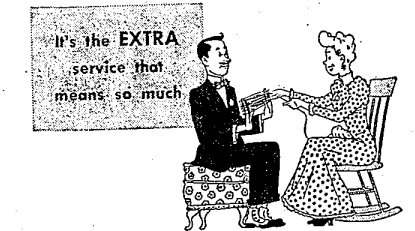
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