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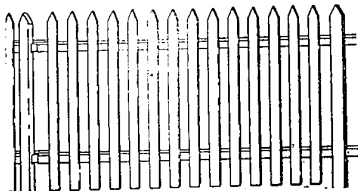
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### GRAIN FEEDING TIME CUTS AID DAIRY FARMERS

Part of every farmer's recipe for getting high returns for his work is "make every minute count" in doing routine chores.

B. R. Bookbourn, Michigan State College farm management specialist, points to grain feeding methods as a good starting place for dairy farmers. The average Michigan dairy farmer feeds grain every day of the year, at the rate of a ton or more to each cow annually. And he usually handles it more times than any other raw material going into milk production — as many as nine times from harvest to feed on some farms. About half of this handling occurs in feeding operations.

Grain feeding time and work can be cut to a minimum, Bookbourn says, by observing these recommendations: 1. Use an overhead grain storage system. 2. Grind and mix in one operation. Save one trip at each feeding by feeding supplements with the ground grain. Put the supplement in while grinding (if possible). 3. Use a feed cart — one large enough to hold grain for a complete feeding trip around the barn.

Chore time and labor studies made by the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station show that some farmers have been able to cut their feeding time in half, and walking to one-fourth of what it was by overhauling grain feeding methods.

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### 4-H Club Leader Honored At Capitol



A. G. Kettunen, state 4-H Club leader at Michigan State College, received national recognition May 25 in Washington, D. C. Charles F. Brannan, Secretary of Agriculture, presented him with the Superior Service Award on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture at special ceremonies. Kettunen has been a member of the MSC 4-H Club staff since 1917 and has headed the program since 1925. Nearly two million rural youths have been members of the Michigan 4-H Clubs in that time.

### Swine Ration Tests Indicate Progress

Big changes are in the offing for hog raisers, according to results of swine feeding experiments conducted at Michigan State College. By use of information gained in these tests, swine raisers could possibly cut their feed bill and increase profits within the next few years.

Swine authorities at the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station say farmers often think in the terms of rapid gains instead of feed cost for those gains. Four pounds of feed for each pound of gain has become a measuring stick.

Results of recent experiments using vitamins and combinations of highly digestible feeds are opening up avenues of more efficient swine feeding. The backbone of the low-cost swine ration in Michigan and other corn belt states is corn and soybean meal. Other oil meals can be used to replace a part of the soybean oil meal, they say.

Researchers say fast gains are important but advise it is not wise to push young breeding hogs too fast. Dr. R. W. Loeckie, Dr. Frank Thorp, Jr., and W. N. McMillen at the Agricultural Experiment Station at East Lansing have completed two trials in which weanling pigs were fed on concrete floors.

Their feed mixture consisted of 77 parts corn, 20 parts soybean meal, and three parts of complex mineral, plus liberal amounts of three B-vitamins and one of the ADF concentrates. The pigs averaged a daily gain of one and a half pounds.

Check with your county agricultural agent to find the location and date of the nearest Grass Day demonstration in your area in June.

Give big fruiting peppers plenty of room. Expert growers allow them two and a half feet in the row. Give them plenty of water. They are hot and thirsty.

Good herd management, including the use of correct milking practices, will help prevent mastitis.

### Orchards Aided By Mulch Culture

Fruit growers are wise to consider mulching their orchards, according to Dr. H. B. Tukey, head of the horticulture department at Michigan State College. He declares a system of sod and mulch culture has proved successful in most sections of the state.

Soil erosion in orchards can be effectively checked with grasses and legumes. In addition, these covers will add important organic matter to the soil.

A 20-year experiment at MSC, used to compare the cultivation cover crop and sod-mulch systems of soil management in apple orchards, revealed that trees grown in sod and mulch were larger and had produced the greater total acre yield at the end of the experiment.

According to the test, the apple trees under the cultivation-cover system started faster, but the trees in sod and mulch produced the larger crop.

Mulch in the form of alfalfa and smooth brome often can be produced right on the farm. Frequent-mulching material can be grown on land too rough for other use.

Dr. Tukey urges fruit growers to attend the Grass Day program in their area during June. Demonstrations on seed-bed preparation, fertilization, seeding, and management will be featured.

Control of mastitis means bigger milk checks, say dairymen at MSC. They advise managed milking and the use of a strip cup every day to help in the mastitis control program.

On commercial farms in southeastern Michigan, total expenses in 1949 were more than double the 1935 - 1939 gross income, reveals Michigan State College farm management account records.

Men and women, in marrying, make a vow to love one another. Would it not be better for their happiness if they made a vow to please one another?

### WEED CONTROL DAY IS TO BE TUSCOLA EVENT

You've undoubtedly heard about Grass Day, which will be conducted in different sections throughout the state this summer. Tuscola county, however, is going one step further. A Weed Control Day will be conducted in that county on June 7, according to Loren S. Armbruster, Tuscola county agricultural agent.

The all-day affair is being planned to show the effectiveness of chemicals in killing weeds. Weeds of all varieties are a detriment to many cultivated crops. A large reduction in crop yields every year can be traced directly to the presence of weeds.

Michigan State College specialists will be on hand the day of the demonstration to discuss management problems with farmers as well as instruct them in the use of weed-killing chemicals.

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