

FARM FEATURES

Alcona County will not be open to pheasant hunting next fall. The conservation commission recently rescinded an order authorizing a season in this county. Benzie, Grand Traverse, Isop, Leelanau and Wexford Counties remain open.

Resident fishing license sales, recently reported by the Michigan conservation department to be off as much as 30 per cent, also are down 10 per cent in Wisconsin. The decline has been recorded in spite of a reported good fishing season.

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Give Outlook Tips For Cattle Feeders

A question familiar to many cattle feeders is: "What should I do to make money in the months ahead?"

Some observations, contained in the current issue of Michigan Farm Economics, monthly cooperative extension service bulletin for farmers, may aid in answering the question. They are summarized from an article by R. C. Kramer, Michigan State College agricultural economist.

1. Heavier, medium grade cattle look like good buys. Price ceilings, if put into effect, should not wipe out profits.
2. Dairy heifers should be all right. Farmers could buy them as milk-rises. If the price of milk rises, they could be milked or sold as milk cows. If prices for this type of slaughter cattle are favorable, they could be sold for beef.
3. With expected "creeping inflation," lighter cattle look like a good buy. They are always less speculative, and can make cheap gains. Those purchased by November 1 should be marketed with in the next eight to ten months.
4. High quality cattle purchased for a 6-month feed look like a good bet with one exception. If blanket ceilings should be put into effect, the better quality cattle may sell at the same price as medium cattle. In the latter part of World War II, these ceilings wiped out profits on quality cattle.
5. Heavy, high quality cattle purchased in August for a 60-day feed look pretty risky. Corn Belt farmers who had a 34 per cent increase in cattle on feed July 1 this year expected to market 75 per cent of these cattle by October 1. If they do, prices may be depressed when these short-term cattle should go back to market. At this time, it appears that shortfeeding may be better later on in the winter.

17 Million Seedlings Available For Planting

Over 17,000,000 seedlings and transplants, largest stockpile the conservation department ever has been able to offer for private use, will be available for fall and spring planting. Farmers and others who are interested should direct requests to the department's forestry division at Lansing.

Nine classes of pine stock can be had at no increase in price. The new list includes two and one-half inch red, white and jack pine seedlings; three and four-year-old white pine transplants; and three-year-old red pine transplants.

Shipments from state nurseries will be made about Sept. 15 - Nov. 1 for fall planting and about April 15 - May 20 in the spring.

Stock is distributed at cost for reforestation purposes only and may not be resold or otherwise used commercially.

The forestry division shipped over 7,000,000 young trees primarily to farmers during the 1949-50 planting seasons. Another 6,500,000 seedlings and transplants were planted in state forests last year.

Grand Champion Dairy Sire



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Once in a lifetime a farmer develops a Grand Champion sire for the State Fair which also proves to be a champion in terms of consistently high milk and good production in his offspring.

Robbie, Carr, veteran Holstein breeder, Fowlerville, achieved this distinction with Rainbow Captain Bold. Twenty-three daughters by Bold, with 41 records, show a yield of 14,714 pounds of milk, 547 pounds of fat and 37.7 per cent. This nine year old sire, in use at the Michigan Artificial Breeders bull barn, East Lansing, is now available to 22,000 dairy farmers owning more than 125,000 cows on farms in 72 Michigan counties.

It is thought that at least 50,000 dairy cows are now milking on Michigan farms resulting from the artificial breeding program established by the thoughtful and progressive dairy farmers in 1944, co-operating with A. C. Baiter, Extension Dairyman, Michigan State College. Many of these cows are in their first years production by 400 to 750 pounds of milk their dams produced at two years. The program of artificial breeding is one of the outstanding achievements in the dairy industry which will go a long way toward improving the capacity of masses of farm dairy cows. Using sires like Bold with sufficiently good confirmation and

Adapted Alfalfa Beats All Others

Values of using adapted alfalfa varieties in Michigan was shown in demonstration plots on farms throughout Michigan in Grass Day events this summer. Richard Bell, Michigan State College farm crops specialist, says that without exception, the adapted varieties out-yielded Argentine alfalfa.

Michigan farmers who plan to seed alfalfa next spring should start now locating a source of good adapted seed, the crops specialist advises. Varieties recommended are Grimm, Hardigan, or variegated. He points out that good seed is produced in Michigan, but that much of it leaves the state early and Michigan farmers have difficulty in locating seed with sufficient winter and spring.

On the average, Hardigan seed produced a crop of 17,500 pounds of uncured hay per acre, compared with 15,000 pounds for the Argentine seed.

Bell says this difference increases greatly in the second and third year because the Argentine variety usually fails to live through Michigan winters for more than one or two years. It often produces little or no hay in its second year.

Cows do not build up immunity to mastitis, as they do against certain other infectious diseases, say Michigan State College extension veterinarians.

Offer Tips For Hart's Crows

Several of the "How to Harvest" leaflets, prepared by Michigan State College during World War II to aid in training harvest labor, are still available. Actual field trials proved that use of the methods recommended increased production by as much as 30 per cent in some instances.

Consultation with the county agricultural agent may aid in solving the harvest problems. They can secure copies of the bulletins needed.

Hot Sun May Be Bad For Swine

Pigs can get a sunburn in hot weather just like a person who spends too much time on the beach. Dr. B. J. Killham, extension veterinarian at Michigan State College, gives a few tips on this problem of swine raisers.

The skin of white pigs and white spots on colored pigs are sensitive to bright sunlight. Severe burns may result from too much exposure. Likelihood of sunburn is increased when the pigs feed on plants that

cause an allergic type of skin sensitivity, such as rape pasture. Affected pigs may lose the tips of their ears or whole patches of skin. Badly burned ones never become profitable producers.

Dr. Killham advises that keeping pigs off trouble-causing pastures and providing plenty of shade are the best safeguards.

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