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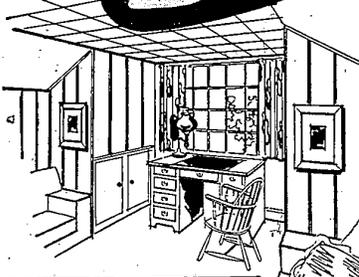
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Growers Vote On Potato Supports

Potato growers in Oakland County will be asked to vote in a referendum that will determine whether Federal price support and an amended Federal marketing order for potatoes should be continued. Walter R. Cook, chairman of the Oakland County PMA Committee, has announced.

The referendum, to be conducted by mail, will be held during the week of September 25 to 30 inclusive, and any grower who produced 1949-crop potatoes for market will be eligible to vote.

A ballot, a copy of the amended marketing order, instructions for voting, and a postage-free addressed envelope for returning the ballot to referendum headquarters will be mailed to all known eligible potato growers in the county sometime prior to September 25. Mr. Cook said. Growers will then have until September 30 in which to mark their ballots and place them in the mail for return to R. E. Keller, an official of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in Chicago who has been appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture as his agent in conducting the referendum.

In addition to Michigan growers, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and North Dakota growers will also be asked to vote in the same referendum, as well as growers in several counties of Indiana and Iowa.

Specifically, growers will be asked to signify whether they approve or disapprove the issuance of Federal Marketing Order No. 60, with amendments, authorizing regulation of the handling of potatoes grown in the North Central potato production area (Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, and the several commercial counties of Iowa and Indiana).

The order must be approved by at least two-thirds of the growers voting in the referendum, by number or volume of production, before it can be issued by the Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Cook said.

Cook points out that the law (Public Law 471, 81st Congress) requires that no price support shall be made available for potatoes of the 1950 crop if proposed marketing orders are disapproved by producers voting in referendums.

So in effect, the chairman explained, growers will actually be given the opportunity to vote on the question of whether or not they want price support continued on potatoes for the 1950 crop. All known eligible growers in Oakland County should receive a ballot through the mail prior to September 25, Mr. Cook said. Any potato grower who produced potatoes for market in 1949 and who does not receive a ballot prior to September 25 should request a ballot from the County PMA office, 230 Hubbard Bldg., Pontiac 15, Michigan.

Farm Terraces Pay Dividends

Farm terraces have been known to pay for themselves in extra crops within three years if they fit into the farm program, states Leonard Braasme, Michigan State College extension soil conservationist.

Most Michigan terraces are built with the regular farm plow and tractor. Experiments in Wisconsin have shown that crop yields are from 10 to 15 per cent higher on terraced than on nonterraced land.

Terraces should be planned and staked out by trained persons, Braasme says. If they are well planned, solidly built, and taken care of they will last indefinitely.

In many places in Michigan, terraces are of limited application because of the uneven, short slopes. However, according to Braasme, terraces have a place in Michigan farming under favorable soil and slope conditions, especially where row crops are included in the rotation on long regular slopes up to 10 per cent grade.



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DAIRY FARMING FUTURE APPEARS GOOD FOR 1951

Prospects for profit from dairy farming next year are "good", farmers attending the second annual Michigan Farm Management Tour in Calthoun and Eaton counties were told by Gerald Quackenbush, Michigan State College milk marketing specialist.

Quackenbush explained that a new all-time record in milk supplies was expected, but that higher demand would mean a ready market. Consumers will have more money to spend and less goods to spend it on as the defense or war program builds up and inflation increases, he said. They will be spending more for milk and other foods.

This is the dot time, however, to be switching to dairying, Quackenbush told farmers. Some of the other farm enterprises will have a profit advantage over milk production, because their prices increase faster during inflationary periods. Beef was given as an example.

The price outlook for next year, according to the MSC economist, calls for slow advances in fluid milk prices and moderate increases for butterfat, with the largest increase in milk for manufactured products.

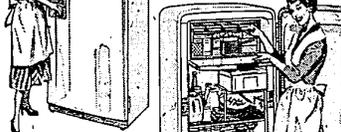
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Silo Filling Job Needs Extra Care

Silos have come to be important parts of many Michigan farms. Through the year they supply economical and nutritious feed. Silo filling time, however, calls for extra caution, says David Steinelke, Michigan State College farm safety specialist.

Danger starts long before the silo is filled. Several important points need to be checked before work begins.

One of the first is to keep the silo ladder in repair. Remove or cover the bottom steps to protect young children.

If there is silage in the silo, check it for carbon dioxide by hanging a lantern in the pit. If the light goes out, watch out! Also check the hoops on the silo to see that they are strong, and not rusted.

Once started, be sure to have the shaft for the power take-off on the field cutter.

Be careful around the cutter at the silo. Many a hand and finger has been lost in the rollers of the cutter when the operator tries to work stalks loose. Be safe by always putting the machine out of gear before unclogging.

Never open the housing covering the blower blade to unplug the blower while the machine is running, Steinelke cautions.

If you must be inside the silo—be careful. There is always danger of carbon dioxide, especially if silage has stood overnight or longer. It's a good idea to start the blower a few minutes before feeding the corn. This will circulate the air, removing the gas. Also have as many doors open in the silo as possible to get good circulation.

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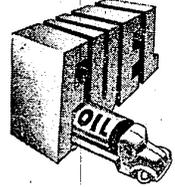
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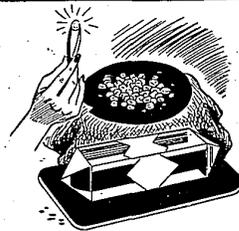


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TIME DOES TELL—Here's an easy way to figure what your telephone is worth to you. On a typical working day, count up the telephone calls you make... to the farm implement dealer, lumber mill, veterinary, feed store, repair shop, friends. Think of the hours it would take to visit all of these people—hours of lost work around the farm. And when you consider that one call may save a life, what you pay for telephone service is mighty small compared to the value you receive.

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