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FARM NEWS

NEW PRODUCTION RECORD SET BY DHIA HERDS IN MICHIGAN

A new all-time high in production has been set by cows in the Michigan Dairy Herd Improvement Association testing program, according to L. A. Johnson, Michigan State College extension dairyman and head of the state DHIA program.

The new record was set in 1951, results of which have just been tabulated by the state association. The record was 9,446 pounds of milk and 373 pounds of butterfat per cow. The previous record of 9,221 pounds of milk and 366 pounds of butterfat was set in 1950.

The summary also shows that one high-producing cow yielding 900 pounds of butterfat a year makes as much income above the cost of feed as do four cows producing at about the 200-pound butterfat level. The average Michigan dairy cow produces about 235 pounds of butterfat a year.

Cows freshening in the fall returned the most income over the cost of feed, even though their feed costs were also the highest. Spring freshening cows gave the lowest return.

Nine of the 107 associations completing a year of testing averaged over 400 pounds of butterfat.

MSC Specialist Says Nitrogen Can Boost Production Of Corn

Corn is a heavy feeder — particularly on nitrogen. E. D. Longnecker, of the Michigan State College soils department, warns that corn cannot be started of nitrogen to produce a satisfactory crop.

Portions of a 50-bushel corn crop which appear above the ground — stalks, grain and cobs — contain about 90 pounds of nitrogen, 28 pounds of phosphoric acid and 55 pounds of potash. The quantity of nitrogen consumed by

GIVES EASY METHOD OF RIDDING LAWN OF CRABGRASS

Here is a low-cost and simple way to rid your lawn of crabgrass, reports Willard E. Bosserman, assistant County Agricultural Agent. Add one ounce of pure chlordane to a quart of water-white grade of kerosene for each 275 square feet of lawn space you want to treat. With a sprayer that will squirt a fine spray, apply to the lawn.

Dr. B. H. Grigsby, Michigan State College researcher, says you can spray any time you see the crabgrass — whether it is young or mature.

And while you are eliminating the crabgrass, you also get rid of grubs and ants. And since moles and skunks sometimes dig in your lawn to get grubs, you may get rid of possible damage from those sources.

Water-white grade of kerosene is the high-quality kind sold at filling stations for use in oil stoves. Chlordane is sometimes sold in 50 percent solution. That means you will have to use two ounces to a quart of kerosene.

Dr. Grigsby has found this position will give a rapid kill to crabgrass without injury to the lawn grasses.

Dairy Cows Need Shade For Milk Production

Dairy cows sweat very little when the summer temperature climbs, so their body heat rises sharply.

That means that cows need shade during the heat of the summer day. Otherwise milk production will suffer. Some farmers let their cows come back to the barn or shed.

Forage Crops Essential In Dairying

Better and cheaper grassland crops for pasture and feeding make up the backbone of any livestock program, especially dairy. Dr. Earl Weaver, head of the dairy department at Michigan State College, believes dairymen should study ways for maximum utilization of forage crops.

Too much of our forage crops put into hay does not carry the maximum nutrients available because of losses due to leaching, leaf-shattering and other damage. The dairy department head believes farmers would get closer attention to their forage harvest-

ing problems if they realized more fully the economy of hay and pasture. Recent studies of the costs of feeding a hundred pounds of total digestible nutrients show that alfalfa-brome pasture costs 29 cents compared with corn grain at 78 cents. When alfalfa was harvested as hay, the cost was only 78 cents compared with oats at \$1.38. Dairy cattle can obtain nearly two-thirds of their necessary nutrients from forage crops, Dr. Weaver related.

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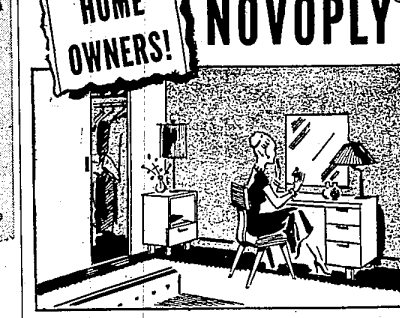
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