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Deer Die From Arsenic Used In Killing Trees

Death of two Menominee County deer due to arsenic poisoning, used in chemical tree killing operations, is confirmed in reports of the state health and conservation department laboratories.

A rabbit also has been picked up which died the same way, according to laboratory findings. Dates for a conference of forestry and chemical industry representatives with state technicians are expected to be set this week. The chemical is used to debark and kill pulpwood trees, particularly aspens. The salty taste appears to be attractive to wildlife.

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Agricultural Economist Suggests Ways Of Boosting Dairy Farmer Profits

Two steps will lower dairy farm operation costs and increase income, contend two Michigan State College agricultural economists in a newly-published bulletin.

They list the steps as: 1. Using improved production practices. 2. Having better cows in the herd. C. R. Hoglund and K. T. Wright, agricultural economists at MSU, point out in their publication "Reducing Dairy Costs on Michigan Farms", that dairymen in southern Michigan could increase their production of feed nutrients by about 40 per cent by a better choice of crops and by use of cultural practices which would increase crop and pasture yields per acre.

The Grist Mill

By Ed Aitchin
County Agricultural Agent

A great deal has been said and written about the use of nitrogen fertilizer for corn. Here in Oakland County nitrogen fertilizer on most soils for corn will pay. Additional nitrogen will have a beneficial effect on the health of the stand and yield where green manure crops or plenty of barnyard manure have not been plowed down.

In a 75-bushel corn crop there is more than 100 pounds of nitrogen. Apply nitrogen fertilizer in the last cultivation as a side-dressing to the corn row. Apply at a rate of about 40 pounds of actual nitrogen to the acre and increase yields from 10 to 25 bushels of shelled corn per acre.

One method of applying the side-dressing is to use the corn planter early enough so that the rows can be straddled without damaging the corn. How to tell the need for nitrogen can be easily done by looking for yellowing leaves at the bottom of the stalk and a general yellowish-green appearance to the field. This yellowing will start at the tip of the leaf and move down the leaf middle-vein.

The materials and amounts to use which will do a good job are: Ammonium sulfate, 120 pounds to the acre; Ammonium sulfate, 200 pounds to the acre; Nitrate of soda, 250 pounds to the acre; and Urea, 30 pounds to the acre.

GIVE SUGGESTIONS TO CONTROL SPUD INSECTS, DISEASE

This year potato growers should protect their potatoes from the ravages of disease and insects, according to E. J. Wheeler, Michigan State College farm crops authority.

Wheeler says that insects are always present and this year is no exception. The first insects to cause damage to the plant are the tiny black flea beetles. They puncture small holes in the leaves. Next comes the leafhoppers and finally the aphids or plant lice make their appearance.

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FARM ACCIDENTS CAN BE REDUCED, SPECIALIST SAYS

Farm accidents caused 81 deaths in Michigan last year. This toll was recently revealed by the state department of health. And this costly loss is even greater when we consider also the crippling, handicapping, injuries that cause so much lost time.

David Steinicke, Michigan State College farm safety specialist, says this report points up the need for National Farm Safety Week, July 20-26. The week should be the beginning of an all-out effort to cut farm accidents to a minimum. The Michigan farm and home accident toll can be cut nearly to zero, Steinicke reports.

There's a big "if" in that statement though. It is "if" farmers and homemakers will eliminate all ten danger spots on every farm in their county.

A good way to begin a safe 12 months is to eliminate at least ten hazards on the farm, right now Steinicke believes. Here are some suggestions for eliminating hazards. Repair all defective steps and ladders. Remove all nails from loose boards. Clean yard of rubbish, garden tools, forks and hose. Avoid storing loose materials overhead, Steinicke urges.

Store gasoline out-of-doors, underground, or in an isolated building. Clean stairways of brooms, mops, tools, magazines and toys. Get rid of oil-saturated or paint rags. Build a safe bull pen to keep bull heads. In addition, there are many more hazards that can be eliminated on every farm, Steinicke feels. Eliminating them may mean saving you or a member of your family from serious injury or death.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

How Nervy Can a "Tenant" Get?

"Harry the Hermit" dropped in to see Judge Cunningham the other day and started complaining about that dilapidated house he lives in over near Greenwood Lake. "Who's my landlord?" Harry wanted to know. "Whoever you pay rent to," says the Judge. "Don't pay any rent," says Harry. "Moved into that house twelve years ago and nobody ever came to collect."

"Well," says the Judge, looking mystified, "what do you have to complain about?" "Plenty," replies Harry. "God's pouring in my living room and if someone doesn't fix that roof, I'm moving out!"

Now Harry was only having a little joke, but from where I sit I've seen people act just about as nervy as this some-times—er—er—er. Like those who enjoy all the rights Americans have worked for, and yet would take away some of those freedoms from others—for example, our right to enjoy a friendly glass of beer. I say these "leaks of intolerance" have no place in the "home of liberty."

Joe Marsh

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