

Find Cause Of Death Before Burying Animals

When you are in doubt about the cause of death of livestock on your farm, have an accurate diagnosis made by a veterinarian before burying the carcass, advises Dr. Glen Reed, Michigan State College extension veterinarian.

Dr. Reed has some other suggestions for reducing the spread of livestock diseases. He advises against having the rendering truck drive onto your farm to pick up the carcass of an animal if it can be avoided. Instead, every farm should have a vehicle for moving dead animals.

This precaution is aimed at preventing the introduction of disease organisms to the farm. Dr. Reed also warned against dragging a dead animal across a barnyard.

No matter what you think caused the death, don't feed dead animals to other animals, the Michigan State College extension veterinarian warned. He also urged extreme care with aborted fetuses and dead chickens. Dead animals should never be thrown into a ditch or along the roadside.

The surest way to prevent the spread of disease is to get an accurate diagnosis when in doubt, then burn the carcass or bury it in the case of anthrax, bury the carcass at least six feet deep or burn it.

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CAN CUT CATTLE LOSSES CAUSED BY POOR HANDLING

Brusling, crippling and killing livestock by careless loading and hauling is costly and can be avoided, says Charles J. Little, Michigan State College extension livestock specialist.

Marketing time and show time are two dangerous periods. Even though some animals are insured the loss is still great. Here are some suggestions that Little says will help reduce livestock handling losses.

Remove nails, wire, splinters and broken boards from hauling racks. Use a smooth loading chute that is not too steep. Bed trucks with sand or other material that will keep the animals from slipping.

Partition loads of animals of different sizes to prevent injury to the smaller ones. Load slowly to prevent crowding against sharp corners and to avoid excitement. Little warns against dragging animals into the truck, since this will bruise animals.

The MSC livestock specialist advises covering the truck to protect the animals during bad weather. Drive carefully, inspect the load enroute and unload slowly. These suggestions will help cut losses and increase pounds of meat that reach the market.

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Michigan's State 4-H Club Show Will Be Held At MSC August 26 - 29

Michigan's State 4-H Club Show is unique in that it is the only state-wide 4-H Club competitive event held on a land grant college campus apart from any state or regional fair.

The 1952 event, August 26 to 29, will mark the 37th State 4-H Club Show. Since 1912 they have been held on the Michigan State College campus in East Lansing. Prior to 1942 the show was held in connection with the annual Michigan State Fair in Detroit. The State Fair was abandoned during the war. Parents and agricultural leaders of the state found the facilities for handling the boys and girls in college housing more satisfactory than at the Detroit fairgrounds and urged that it be kept at MSC even after the State Fair was resumed in 1947.

In the eleven years the State Show has been held at Michigan State College it has more than tripled in size.

The 1952 show, under the direction of Assistant State Leader Verne Freeman, is expected to bring about 2,000 boys and girls to East Lansing for the week. They exhibit, demonstrate or judge in more than 500 classes and divisions listed in the premium book. Premiums have hit an all-time high of \$28,000. That money is provided primarily by the State Fair Board. Firms and organizations also furnish some awards.

Last year 79 of Michigan's 83 counties were represented by boys and girls at the State Show. They exhibited nearly 1,400 head of livestock. Girls showed more than 800 food preservation and preparation exhibits.

Judging gets under way Tuesday, August 26, and will end the following Friday. Evening entertainment will feature the usual general assembly, dress revue and a talent program in the college auditorium. These programs, as well as other ones, are open to the public free of charge.

The State 4-H Club Show is a regular part of the educational program of the Cooperative Extension Service of Michigan State College. This service reaches more than 100,000 Michigan farm families annually through county agricultural agents, home demonstration agents and 4-H Club agents serving in the counties and a state extension staff helping these field agents.

The 2,000 boys and girls attending the State Show will be housed in Shaw Hall dormitory during the four-day event. An equal number of boys and girls from nearby counties, is expected to drive to East Lansing for the events in which they participate.

Name Best Wheat Yielding Varieties

Farmers will soon be planting about 1,500,000 acres of wheat—about three-fourths of it being soft white winter wheat and the rest soft red winter wheat.

H. M. Brown and S. C. Hildebrand, Michigan State College farm crops authorities, have studied research results and talked with farmers to prepare recommendations on best varieties to plant.

Michigan has two outstanding white wheat varieties—Yorkwin and Cornbelt 595. Yorkwin is slightly more winter hardy and has a more plump berry. Cornbelt 595 has a stiffer straw and a higher degree of resistance to loose smut.

Vigo, Thorne and Seneca are all highly recommended red wheat varieties. They yield about the same, according to yield tests. All three have satisfactory winter hardiness and straw.

Vigo has slight advantages in test weight and observation. Seneca is it may be more susceptible to mildew. Vigo and Thorne are well known, having been produced in Michigan for three years or more. Seneca is a newcomer, having developed in Ohio and produced in Michigan for the first time this season.

So far as a choice between red and white wheat is concerned, Hildebrand says it's largely a matter of growing what most farmers in your community grow. That will help avoid mixture of the two types at the local elevator.

If the wheat is in danger of extermination in Michigan, the same cannot be said for his smaller cousin, the coyote.

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The department asks interested land owners to inquire before September 15, when immediate consideration can be given to individual farm-game plans. Requests received after that date will be processed for next spring planting. Game men remind that many of the trees and shrubs are suitable for fall as well as spring planting.

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