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FARM NEWS

Farm Economist Views Feeder Hog Outlook

"You can pay up to \$18.20 for 50-pound feeder pigs if you feed them balanced rations, and use good sanitation and production practices, including good legume pasture."

That's the answer Robert Kramer, Michigan State College agricultural economist, gives to farmers who are wondering about buying feeder pigs today. That figure assumes corn at \$1.70 a bushel and 40 per cent protein supplement at \$6.60 a hundred pounds. It also assumes that you will market your feeder pig as a 225-pound butcher hog four months from now.

With that point as a starter, you can figure back to your own situation. If you feel that you will have to pay \$1.80 a bushel for corn and \$6.70 a hundred for protein supplement, you can afford to pay only \$17.10 for your 50-pound feeder pig. In other words, you can pay \$1.10 each less for your feeder pig for each ten cent increase in the cost of corn and protein supplement. Or you can add \$1.10 for each ten cents less you figure they will cost.

On the other hand, if it costs you more to put gains on your pigs, you'd better figure on paying less for them.

These figures assume that market hogs will sell for \$21 a hundred pounds the first week in December when your feeder pig would weigh 225 pounds and be ready for market, Kramer said.

Artificial Breeding Makes Best Sires Available To All Dairy Herds

Artificial breeding makes some of the best sires available to all dairymen, according to A. C. Baltzer, Michigan State College extension dairymen. He points to the record of the Frank Aert herd near Hart in Oceana County as an example.

During his first two years of testing in the Dairy Herd Improvement Association, 1950 and 1951, Aert's herd of grade and registered Holsteins averaged 474 pounds of butter fat and 478 pounds of butter fat respectively. Tester Russell Kenfield, of the DHIA, says that the association average for 1951 was 384 pounds of butterfat per cow for the year.

Baltzer points out that if a dairymen's herd of cows approaches the state DHIA average for the first two years of testing, it is considered good. "A herd of 13 cows averages 100 pounds of butterfat above the state DHIA average, that is really something," he adds.

The herd consists of six artificially-bred daughters. They have completed ten lactations in the past two years and have averaged 14,581 pounds of milk and 512 pounds of butter fat.

At the present rate of production, Aert estimates his cows are returning each year about \$350 per cow above feed costs. That

is about \$130 above the state DHIA average per cow for return over feed cost.

With sires proven for type and production available to every dairy farmer in the state, farmers have easy access to greater production ability in their cows," Baltzer says.

Fuel Products Can Be Dangerous

Petroleum products can be as dangerous as explosives -- if they are used carelessly. Check fuel lines frequently to avoid leaky connections. Flammable liquids should never be drawn or handled in the presence of an open flame or other source of ignition.

An underground tank with a pump is the safest method of storing gasoline. Next best method of storing gasoline supplies is in a well-constructed steel tank, located at least 40 feet from farm buildings. If a separate enclosure is used, it should permit vapors to escape in case of a leak or spill.

All gasoline containers should be labeled, painted red, and of an approved safety type. Kerosene should be kept in containers of a different color, shape and size, and be properly labeled to eliminate chances of error. Gasoline, mistaken for kerosene, has been the cause of many farm deaths and burns.

Plans for harvesting and storing late potatoes should start right now. It often takes several weeks to get digging equipment ready and to provide good storage conditions, reports Willard E. Bosserman, assistant county agent.

Late potato harvest will begin around September 20, but management practices used between now and then may make or break the potato farmer. Late blight has already shown up in Michigan potato fields. It's a disease that can cause severe loss by destroying the vines and by rotting the potatoes. Growers should spray or spray -- every seven days -- and if there are frequent showers, the spraying should be done every four days.

Bordeaux spray is recommended because it sticks on the leaves the longest, especially during rainy spells. The vines must be completely covered to do a good job of late blight control.

A sanforized garment won't shrink more than 1% while a "pre-shrunk" garment may shrink as much as 2 or 3% which would make an inch difference in length.

Sell Old Hens To Cut Disease, Say Experts

Sell old hens in the fall to cut disease in the pullet flock, recommend poultry specialists at Michigan State College.

Mixed flocks have more avian tuberculosis than young flocks, research has shown. If old hens are sold before pullets go, off there are frequent showers, the spraying should be done every four days.

It's also a good time to do the necessary rat-proofing work for the winter, they note, adding that rats spread disease in poultry. County agricultural agents can offer complete details on laying house preparations.

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There's no lodging for loafers in the well-managed laying house. Poultrymen are being reminded by Carl G. Hard, head of the department of poultry husbandry at Michigan State College.

It's no old hen's home either, he stresses. If loafing old hens and poor-producing pullets have not yet been headed for market, they should start the trip now, according to the poultry department head.

Pullets with deformities or weaknesses should be culled for market. As explained, while those with promising plumage, pigmentation and physical appearance are being selected for the new laying flock.

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To the Qualified Electors of the Township of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan:

Notice is hereby given that in conformity with the "Michigan Election Law", I, the undersigned Clerk, will, upon any day except Sunday and a legal holiday, the day of any regular or special or primary election, receive for registration the name of any legal voter not already registered who may Apply To Me Personally for such registration. Provided, however, that I can receive no names for registration during the time intervening between the Thirtieth Day before any regular, special or official primary election, and the day of such election.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I Will Be At My Office

Monday, October 6th, 1952

Last Day for Registration

From 8 o'clock a.m. until 8 o'clock p.m. on said day for the purpose of Reviewing the Registration and Registering such of the qualified electors as shall Properly Apply therefor.

In any Township or City in which the Clerk does not maintain regular daily office hours, the Township Board or legislative body of such Township or City may require that the Clerk of such Township or City shall be at his office or other designated place for the purpose of receiving applications for registration, on such other days as it shall designate prior to the last day for registration, not exceeding five days in all.

Notice is hereby further given that registrations may be taken any day except Mondays and Saturday afternoons at the Township Office, also any day at 35720 Twelve Mile Road and any day at 21416 Roosevelt.

The name of no person but an ACTUAL Resident of the precinct at the time of said registration, and entitled under the Constitution, if remaining such resident, to vote at the next election, shall be entered in the registration book.

HARRY N. McCRACKEN
Township Clerk

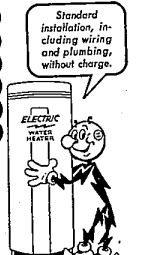
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