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Foresters Meet To Coordinate Pest Control Measures

County foresters are going to hold a get-together with the objective of setting up a plan of coordinating disease and insect control in the county. The meeting will be held October 8 at the Oakland County Extension Office, 1260 West Boulevard, Pontiac.

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USE DHIA RECORD TO BOOST PROFIT FROM DAIRY HERD

Many farmers aren't taking full use of the profit-making opportunities provided by dairy herd improvement association records.

There are three methods of improving the efficiency of Michigan dairy herds through information provided in DHIA records, says George E. Parsons, Michigan State College extension dairy specialist.

For one thing, DHIA records provide a reliable record from which a dairyman can retain or cull animals from his herd. "There are two kinds of cows," Parsons explains, "those which keep the dairyman and those which the dairyman keeps." These records will help put the non-profitable animals in the slaughter house where they belong.

The DHIA records also provide a basis for a sensible feeding program. In addition the yearly records provide the basis for a sound breeding program. This third value of DHIA records is a big one.

Parsons explains that by reporting all of the lactation records, a proof will be assembled and reported on the herd sire. To further make use of these records the dairyman should refer to the back section of the DHIA book for instructions on how to make a herd analysis.

A herd analysis will show in an easy-to-read graphic form what has been happening in the herd during the years while it was on test. Parsons says it will show certain families of cows within the herd which have been consistently good. From such a family you will want to save better and bull calves.



KISSES ARE COWLICKS TO DOTTY — Prize Jersey cow Dotty at right, consoles Jonesome Dotty on the Elkhart, Ind., farm of their owner, Larry Snider. Dotty seems to be crying, possibly over harsh words from the bull on the next farm.

County PMA Head Announces Election Returns For Local Areas

Election returns from Oakland County's Agricultural communities where farmers voted for PMA community committees, were announced today by Walter P. Cook, chairman of the County PMA Committee.

The following were elected to serve as PMA community committees in 1953: Farmington - Royal Oak area: E. C. Copeman, chairman; Ward Eagle, vice-chairman; Lester Evert, regular member; Lawrence J. Thurman, first alternate; Russell Wisom, second alternate.

From the Bloomfield area, electors named Lloyd Ingamells as chairman; Stephen Huntoon, vice-chairman; Frank H. Williamson, regular member; Percy Spencer, first alternate; and Carlos Richardson, second alternate.

Elected delegates from these communities are: Farmington - Royal Oak; Delegate, E. C. Copeman; Ward Eagle, vice-chairman; Lester Evert, regular member; Lawrence J. Thurman, first alternate; Earl C. Taylor, vice-chairman.

These delegates met in Pontiac on September 15 and elected the following County PMA Committee: Walter P. Cook, chairman; Earl C. Taylor, vice-chairman.

WOODLOT OWNERS WARNED ABOUT OAK WILT

Conservation department foresters have been contacting woodlot owners in southern Michigan in a program aimed at control of deadly oak wilt.

Department aerial and ground surveys made during the last two years discovered about 50 cases of the oak-killing fungus, mostly in southwestern Michigan. District foresters now will try to induce woodlot owners to remove and destroy affected trees to prevent spread of the disease.

Red or black oaks die a few weeks after infection takes place; white and burr oaks may last for years, but eventually the fungus kills them, too.

Numerous cases were reported in Berrien County, most heavily hit. Barry, Calhoun and St. Joseph Counties also reported several cases.

The disease seems to be moving eastward; Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin report heavy losses.

COUNTY AGENT SETS SCHEDULE OF OFFICE HOURS

Just a reminder about days in the office. We are making a lot of farm calls these days so can not be found in the office regularly, says Ed Aleich, County Agricultural Agent. We will always be in on Fridays and most Saturday mornings. Otherwise, we may be out on farm calls and if you desire to contact us you should call before coming in to Pontiac. This may save you some time.

Also, Thursday afternoons for the next eight weeks we will be getting more education since we are taking a course in farm management through the Michigan State College Continuing Education Service, held at Flint.

State Expects Larger Migratory Bird Kill

Hunting can expect somewhat different conditions in the migratory bird season this year, but the conservation department reports that, in general, everything points to a busy, successful 55-day gunning period.

The season was made ten days longer this year on the basis of a bumper duck crop in the big production areas of Canada and the United States.

Cyril Oliver, regular member; Stanley J. Allen, first alternate, and Harold Doebler, second alternate.

These committees will be responsible for the county administration of the Agricultural Conservation Program, Price Support Activities, Federal Crop Insurance and other activities which may be assigned.

In the coming year the community committees will make farm by farm contact regarding participation in the Agricultural Conservation Program which is urging the use of practices that will accomplish soil and water conservation.

All farmers are eligible to take part in this program and are urged to do so by the county committee.

Fall Pig Pointers Given To Farmers

Giving fall pigs a good start before weaning and before cold winter weather sets in is very important, according to H. F. Moxley, Michigan State College animal husbandman.

When possible, late summer and early fall pigs should be farrowed on clean pasture. Every precaution should be practiced to keep their quarters clean and the pigs should be kept off grounds where sunlit pigs are most susceptible to heavy infestation of round worms.

Creep feeding should be started at about three weeks of age to hasten their growth. Supplemental or feeds fortified with antibiotics usually increase the rapidity of growth and rate of gain. The weaning weight of the pig has the most important bearing on his ability to go ahead after weaning, Moxley points out.

State Warns Hunters Of Customs Barriers

Migratory bird hunters going to Canada for fall hunting should note that game birds brought or shipped from Canada must have head, head plumage and feet checked, the conservation department warns.

In addition, birds shipped here from Canada must be accompanied by tags or permits if required by provincial or Canadian law.

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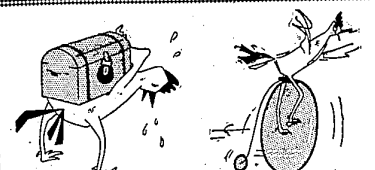
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