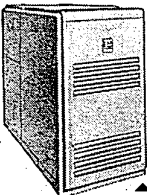


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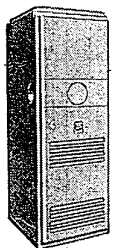
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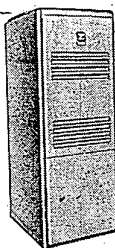
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FARM NEWS

ADVISE FILLING FERTILIZER NEEDS IN NEAR FUTURE

Oakland County farmers were advised to take immediate action if they want to be sure of having on hand the fertilizer they will need for the 1953 planting operations.

"Critical losses in fertilizer production are threatened due to the slow movement of plant food from factory to farms this far this year," reports the Middle West Soil Improvement Committee. "Overcrowded storage facilities are causing bottlenecks at factories."

"Already the output of essential materials used in fertilizer manufacture has been cut back. Reductions are reported in superphosphate schedules and in the production of sulfuric acid, a commodity that was critically low last year. Potash storages are filling up back to the limits."

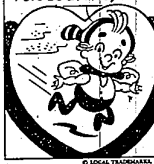
"Losses in fertilizer production cannot be recovered, for during the spring rush season, plants are running 24 hours a day. Farmers cannot afford to gamble again with the weather, as they did last year. Then a serious shortage of plant food was averted by a rainy spring season which delayed corn planting several weeks. That enabled factories to catch up on production."

"By taking delivery now farmers will have the choice of the kinds and amounts of fertilizer they want, in prime condition. Shortages during the rush period may cause some farmers to get no plant food at all, or to take whatever is available."

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Fowl Worth \$5 a Pound



Fowl at \$5.93 a pound, eggs at 35 cents each. Those are prices Carl Lowrance, of Joplin, Mo., gets from the 30,000 quail on his farm.

When Lowrance took up quail-raising two years ago, experts said he couldn't raise commercial-size flocks; brooder losses from disease would run at least 20 per cent. They did until Lowrance cut this to 3.5 per cent by adding the wonder drug amprol to the chicks' drinking water. Now he finds it impossible to fill all the orders he gets.

Today's chickens, just like today's automobiles, are lower, heavier and, most important, more efficient.

The reason? According to Philip J. Schable, poultry specialist at Michigan State College, it's all because of new developments that this "streamlined" chicken has come about.

Schable, speaking to a Farmers' Week audience at MSU recently on "New Development in Poultry Feeding", said some of the recent discoveries have been high energy feeds, new vitamins, antibiotics and hormones.

One of the most important factors in making the poultry business more efficient has been production of poultry meat, not as a sideline, but as a regular part of the business. Heavier, meatier and more tender birds, with bigger drumsticks and more, flesh around the breastbone, have allowed poultrymen to expect meat as well as egg production, Schable said.

Developments which have brought about these changes include the discovery of vitamin B-12 and the production of low-cost protein ratios which followed, use of antibiotics in feeds for more rapid growth, and the use of hormones which "chemically caponize" broilers.

"To sum up," Schable said, "great strides have been made in recent years in the more efficient production of poultry meat. The poultryman's scientifically bred and fed chicken costs less to produce and tastes better. Now it is possible for the housewife to buy a large bird, that is tender, rather than size determines tenderness and meat birds are grown rapidly." The result, he concluded, is a better deal for both producer and consumer.

The record was reported to Livingston County Agricultural Agent Charles R. Kaskman to A. C. Baltzer, Michigan State College extension dairyman and secretary-treasurer of the Michigan Artificial Breeders Cooperative.

The program, in which the MSU Cooperative Extension Service takes an active part, originates on the college campus, where the bulls are housed. The extensive array of bull barns and facilities to bring the best sire strains to Michigan dairymen has grown, through profits of the cooperative, from a single college barn. Tours of the MABC facilities were a part of Farmers' Week programs last month.

In handling the 2,009 cases in a year, Lound had a "non-return" percentage of about 60 per cent and was aided by complete cooperation with the ABA group. His wife handled the telephone messages from the 300 farmers, and monthly ABA meetings were held to discuss progress. Officers are President L. D. Dickerson of Howell and Secretary-Treasurer George Wilkinson of Fowlerville.

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Strawberries May Need Mulching Yet This Winter

This is the type of winter that people may get by without mulching strawberries. This is the type of winter growers have in mind when they will tell you they have good luck without mulching until spring. Of course, if you do not have your berries mulched, Wilford E. Bosserman, assistant Oakland County Agricultural Agent, suggests that you do mulch them very soon.

Possibly the plants have not been hurt because of our mild weather, but when spring comes with its alternate freezing and thawing, many of the strawberry plants may be heaved out of the soil. If they are protected with at least two inches of straw, this heaving will be held to a minimum.

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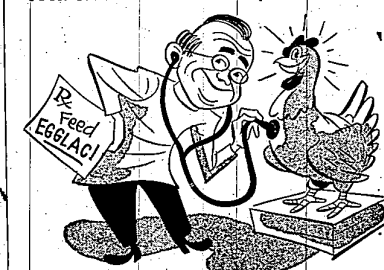
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