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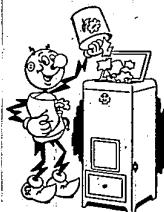


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FARM NEWS

SHEEP FLOCK ADDS PROFIT TO FARM, SAYS FLOCK CHAMP

What about sheep as a money-maker on a Michigan farm?

Here's the answer from Ben Sney, Hillsdale County farmer and winner of the Michigan State College Farmers' Week champion flockmaster award four out of the past five years:

"Dollar for dollar invested, hour for hour of work required, sheep are the best money makers for me."

He added that in 1950 his ewes produced \$2 for every \$1 he had invested and at the end of the season he had his job done left.

His 42 ewes raised 63 lambs to give him 127 pounds of lamb per ewe in less than five months time during the past summer. He selects ewes from dams that have a history of "twining" and uses purebred bucks for breeding. Graydon Blank, Michigan State College extension animal husbandman, says there's evidence of an upswing in the sheep raising program in Michigan. With new insect and disease controls making production less complicated, he finds more farmers adding a ewe flock to their farms. This is particularly true of those who have rough grassland that is well adapted to sheep grazing.

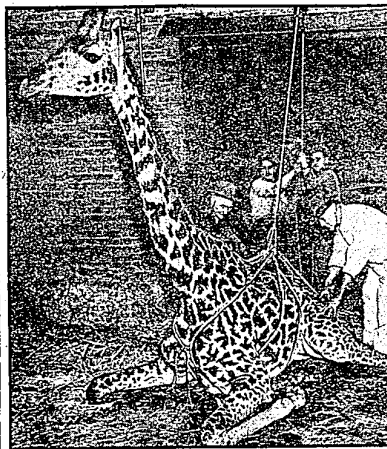
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BRINGIN' UP BRIDGET—Buffalo Zoo attendants brought out a block and tackle to get Bridget back on her feet after finding the full-grown giraffe sprawled on her cage floor one morning. Curator Joseph Abbott, at right, makes a final adjustment of the rope. Because of their peculiar bone structure, giraffes are unable to get up when down. As to why she was down in the first place, only Bridget knew.

Sugar Sap Action Expected Any Day

There may be activity in the "sugar bush" any day now.

Farmers with some sugar maples on their lands should keep their eyes open for "sugar weather" and listen to Michigan State College's radio station WKAR for reports of the U. S. Weather Bureau's branch at East Lansing.

When daytime temperatures range between 40 and 50 degrees and the nights are slightly freezing, it's time for the sap to rise in the sapwood and come down through the cambium layer under the bark.

Ira V. Dull, MSC forest nursery and woodlot supervisor, points out that the alternating freezing and thawing action is what makes the sap flow as fast as 100 to 200 drops a minute from the spout in one 7/16th-inch hole tapped in a tree. "This means a 12-quart pail will fill in six or eight hours and that means some moving on the part of sap-gatherers."

Sap should travel through the evaporation process to be syrup within 48 to 72 hours. Dull advises, or the older sap will make dark syrup. New evaporation equipment, with flutes down in the five arch, help speed the boiling process and cut down on night labor. Sap should be strained at the hauling wagon and again at the storage tank and the "sugar sand" or insoluble sugars and minerals should be filtered off before the syrup is bottled.

It takes 40 or 50 gallons of sap for one gallon of syrup.

FISHING TACKLE TAX
Fishermen should not be mean the federal taxes they pay in buying fishing tackle. The money is used, under the federal Dingell-Johnson act, to provide for better sport fishing in the various states. In one recent year, Michigan returned \$128,000 under this program.

Are you fully insured?

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EXPERTS ADVISE INCREASED USE OF FERTILIZER

Agricultural authorities are telling farmers throughout the country that increased fertilizer use is their "best way" to meet the lower farm prices - higher costs squeeze.

Under present circumstances, farmers naturally must keep a watch on their expenses to reduce expenses on items which do not offer adequate returns. Such is not the case with fertilizer expenditures; in fact, the dividends from its proper use make it the farmer's best bargain. In 1946, \$ invested in fertilizer brought a \$2 dividend in extra crops; six months ago this investment brought an average return of \$3.75, with dividends on certain specialty crops such as tomatoes running as high as \$15. Even with a slump in market prices, far greater than experienced in recent months, fertilizer will remain the best guardian of the farmer's economic welfare. By increasing output per acre through greater fertilizer use, a farmer can maintain and even bolster his net income.

The major explanation for this favorable situation lies in the fact that fertilizer prices have not risen as fast as prices for other commodities the farmer buys. During the past 12 years, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture, prices paid by farmers have gone up almost 100 percent and farm wages have jumped 140 percent, but fertilizer prices have increased only 50 per cent. Relatively low fertilizer prices prevail, despite increased labor and transportation charges, and bagging, processing, equipment, maintenance and replacement costs.

Real glory springs from the silent conquest of ourselves.

Plan Soils - Crop Day At Waterford March 11

The Oakland County Extension Service has scheduled a "Soils Crop Day" for Wednesday, March 11, from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. It is going to be a day that will be of value to every farmer in Oakland County in planning and managing his soils and crops program for the coming year. The event will be held at the Waterford Community Activities Building, 5640 Williams Lake Road, one-half mile west of US-10 and six miles north of Pontiac.

The program will include such items as a discussion on varieties of grass seed and how to get it; seeding; fertilizers, what they are and how much to use; fitting the rotation to the soil; and harvesting, storing and feeding hay crops. Not the least important of the program will be a discussion of varieties of field crops, corn, oats, barley, wheat, etc.

You can see from the above program that it really is something every farmer in the county could use.

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