

## Misuse Of Fertilizer Can Cause Scorching

Now that lawns are growing and whirling lawnmowers offer proof — it is a good idea to treat fertilizer like fire. If not, you could burn your grass.

Put fertilizer on when the grass is dry, advises Carter Harrison, Michigan State College forage plant specialist. In this way, most of it will shake down on the soil where it does its work. Then, get out the hose and wash the rest off the leaves to prevent possible "scorching" of your turf, Harrison advises.

The first concern in control of flies is to clean barns and premises to cut down breeding places.

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# FARM NEWS

## DAIRY BUSINESS BIG IN MICHIGAN; JUNE DAIRY MONTH

Just how important is the dairy business to Michigan? Will dairy men have something to be proud of during June, Dairy Month? Here are the figures to show the business' importance.

There are 846,000 dairy cows in 101,000 Michigan farms producing nearly six billion pounds of milk a year. The value is nearly 150 million dollars. The sale of veal and beef from dairy herds totals another 50 million dollars. That brings the total cash dairy income in the state to approximately 200 million dollars, the largest source of farm income in Michigan.

There are more than 600 dairy plants in Michigan which process the state's milk supply into various dairy products — bottled milk, butter, evaporated and condensed milk, ice cream, cheese and others. The dairy business also involves much labor in getting the milk from the dairy cow into a product in the family's refrigerator — hauling from the farm to the dairy plant, the dairy plant processing and delivery to the stores and homes. That doesn't include the labor to manufacture equipment for the dairy farm and plants.

Michigan ranks high among states in the dairy business. The Wolverine state is eighth in total milk production, seventh in the amount of milk bottled, fourth in the processing of non-fat dry milk solids, ninth in cheese production, fifth in cottage cheese making, sixth in butter, sixth in ice cream and second in sherbert production.

## Farmers Take To Air To Study Lay Of Land

Farmers will have some chances to "get up in the air" about things this summer — and come "down to earth" with a better idea of the water problems and erosion in their areas.

At least 20 of the Soil Conservation Districts in Michigan will inaugurate the best insecticide for general use against flies today. Dairy farmers can use it with safety with the right care.

Another recent development, diazinon — also tested at MSC, has been cleared by the Federal Food and Drug Administration for use around sheep, horses and hogs but it hasn't been okayed for use in dairy barns.

In addition to malathion and diazinon, four or five new chemicals will be tested at the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station this summer.

## FARM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 31, State Black and White Show, Lower.

June 1 and 2, National Holstein-Friesian Association meeting at Grand Rapids.

June 1 and 2, 4-H Club Camp Counselors School, Clear Lake, near Atlanta.

## MSC Scientists To Test Effectiveness of New Fly Killing Chemicals At School's Barns This Summer

The age-old battle against one of man's greatest enemies — the fly — will continue unabated this summer. The fight this time will put many of the newer weapons to the acid test.

Michigan State College scientists are almost sure that none of the weapons scheduled for trial will be as effective as DDT — at one time the hydrogen bomb of the fly world. Flies become tough enough to schedule the chemical in their war against man since DDT's development.

Malathion, however, the nearest approach to DDT's former power, will be on the market in plentiful supply this spring and summer. This chemical won its spurs in tests at MSC and other agricultural experiment stations across the country last summer.

It's used both as a bait and a spray. Dr. Herman L. King and Gordon Guyer, the entomologists who tested it at Michigan State, will inaugurate the best insecticide for general use against flies today. Dairy farmers can use it with safety with the right care.

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## BEST CONTROL FOR WEEDS ON CORN LAND IS 2,4-D SPRAY

Use of 2,4-D chemical weed control spray is playing a bigger than ever role as farmers move on from 100 bushels of corn per acre to 150 bushels and set sights on 300 bushels per acre.

Weed control is just one practice to boost corn yields, points out Floyd R. Churchill, farm crops weed control specialist at Michigan State College. It goes right along with better care of land, more organic matter, better physical soil condition, more fertilizer, especially nitrogen, and higher rates of planting.

Right now, the greatest weed control possibilities in corn are offered by 2,4-D both as a preventive and an emergency treatment, notes Churchill. Tests by Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station show this relatively cheap, easy to apply chemical is the best.

## Memorial Day Frost Not To Be Ruled Out

Sprinkler irrigation systems and garden hoses with spray nozzles may still come in handy to fight frosts on garden crops after Memorial Day, point out Michigan State College specialists.

Figures from the U. S. Weather Bureau at East Lansing also give some clues on possible cool Memorial Day week ends if you're interested.

For instance, Munising in the Upper Peninsula has a 97 per cent chance of having 32-degree weather yet this spring. The chances are 94 per cent at Oshtemo, 78 at West Branch, 69 at Ishpeming, 15 at East Tawas, 34 at Hart, 21 at Mt. Pleasant and 11 at Mackinaw City.

Alpena, Harbor Beach, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Ludington, and Pontiac each still have a 4 per cent chance of 32-degree weather.

The best thing a farmer can use to prevent frost losses in cattle is his eagle eye watching the herd for frost signs, advise Michigan State College dairymen.

An acre of good pasture will give forage for a score or more fattening hogs, from weaning to market weight, suggests MSC animal husbandmen.

An irrigation system has nearly as many uses as a farm tractor, claim MSC agricultural engineers.

A good place for overgrowth in a red clover grass pasture is the clover — it makes feed, point out Michigan State College farm crop men, and keeps the remaining growth more palatable.

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