



FARM NEWS



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Cow's Udder Too Valuable To Take Chances With

Don't let your dog, your young son on the tractor, or the city cousin run a cow up for milking, warns George Parsons, extension chairman at Michigan State College. Let her walk like a lady. A distended udder can be hurt when a cow is run, he explains. She may crowd against a fence or

ate and injure the most important unit in American agriculture—a cow's udder.

It will pay wheat farmers, with the biggest yield per acre since 1950 predicted, to contact county agricultural agents for some combining advice. There should be a harvesting school scheduled.

The Grist Mill

By ED ALCHIN
County Agricultural Agent

Poultrymen Have Meeting at M.S.C.; Lauded by U.S. Agricultural Leader

FIRST AID TRAINING, EQUIPMENT A MUST FOR EVERY FARMER

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

What's New with Cows?

From where I sit, I hope there is as much progress being made with humans... especially in regard to tolerance. Whether it's a choice of a political party, a basketball team, or a favorite beverage, let's learn to live and live more. You may ask for a soft drink after a hard day's work—I'll choose a refreshing glass of beer. But let's not try to "cow" the other fellow into our way of thinking!

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Extension Agents Promoted
Mrs. Josephine Lawler, Home Demonstration Agent, and Hans Hattendorf, assistant agricultural agent, left Oakland County last week as a result of promotions to more responsible positions. All persons interested in Extension Work will certainly miss both of them.

Mrs. Lawler had been with the Extension Service since 1948 when she came to Oakland County as Home Demonstration Agent. She has made a host of friends and has done outstanding work in Oakland County, making the Home Demonstration program tops in the entire State of Michigan.

Delegates to the recent National Poultry Improvement Plan Conference were told that pullorum can be wiped out by their testing program, reports Dr. Howard C. Zindel, head of the Michigan State College poultry department.

Undersecretary of Agriculture True D. Morse also told men from 47 states that two-thirds of the nation's chicks are produced now by NPIP members. He said that the poultry industry does not want profits anymore, that past experience with supporters for their gerishable products has not been satisfactory. The constructive approach, he noted, is through the National Poultry and Turkey Improvement Plans.

The undersecretary pointed out that poultrymen are interested in greater production of improved products, at the least cost, to improve the farmers' profit and provide better products at reasonable costs to consumers. Research and education are sound investments, he stressed, and he pointed out that consumers now eat turkey all year long.

Reviewing work of the poultry industry-state-federal project, the national (farp official) pointed out that the poultry industry has its emphasis at the state level, and that breeders, hatcherymen and other leaders carry the major responsibility. He lauded poultrymen for increasing average egg production from 122 in 1935, first year of the plan, to 183 in 1953. He noted that broiler business has zoomed upwards for 16 years, with a 29 per cent expansion each year, and that chicken consumption per person per year has gone from 18 pounds in 1935-39 to 36 pounds. In 1947, it took 4.1 pounds of feed to produce a pound of gain and 89 days to grow a 3.1 pound broiler. Now it is 3.1 pounds of feed and 72 days.

There's something more pressing than the threat of atomic warfare, points out Mrs. Josephine H. Lawler, Oakland County home demonstration agent. It also involves a need for first aid training. That is accidents in the home and on the farm.

Check your medicine cabinet and throw out old prescriptions, she urges, and see that bottles are properly labeled.

If a medicine chest is not handy, fix up a first aid kit. The National Safety Council suggests a light, clean, metal box with a Red Cross first aid book and such basic articles as sterile gauze and cotton, rolls of adhesive tape, a good antiseptic, sterile applicators and band-aids.

Put kits in the home, the barns, the farm shop, and on rolling equipment.

Garbage-cooking has cut down hog V-b disease enough to prove it's worthwhile to have a law requiring it, M.S.C. veterinarians report.

Michigan CROP, operating under the Michigan Council of Churches, made available funds, in particular \$5,500 of a generous donation from the United Church Women, to cover enlarged distribution costs for the first shipment to get under way following the signing by President Eisenhower of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954.

As part of the total of almost two million pounds, the gift of the people of Michigan through CROP consists of 100,000 pounds butter and 60,000 pounds powdered milk for earthquake victims and refugees in Greece, 20,000 pounds milk for Iron Curtain children and for refugees in Austria, 10,000 pounds milk for refugees in France and 4,000 pounds cheese for distribution in Italian camps.

Michigan CROP, 42 Michigan Arcade, Lansing, allocated the funds from the 1953 appeal. The United Church Women's contribution was voted by members at the annual meeting recently. Russell M. Hartzler, CROP director, revealed that the use of large supplies of surplus food in overseas relief will be emphasized in this year's CROP campaign in Michigan.

Pity the poor boys in hot weather. They can't sweat but their bodies produce a lot of heat. Shade, water, a cool clean place to wallow, a balanced ration and plenty of quiet are recommended by Michigan State College swine specialists.



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Although with us only a short time, Hans Hattendorf, Assistant County Agricultural Agent since December 21, 1953, has also made many friends and contributed a great deal of his know-how and experience to improving the overall Extension program.

We will miss both of these fine people, their cooperation and friendliness.

STATE CROP GROUP MOVES FIRST FOOD TO FAMINE AREAS

Farm families in Michigan, participating in the annual CROP appeal, and the United Church Women of Michigan helped move first supplies of surplus food from government storage bins to famine and disaster areas overseas.

SOUTHERN MICHIGAN DEER CROP BUILDUP PRESENTS PROBLEM

State conservation workers express much concern over the growth of the southern deer herd and the potential damage they will cause to farm crops.

Southern Michigan was rich with whitetails early in the 19th century, but as the white man came in the range was plowed under and the deer were nearly exterminated. From 1890 to about 1920, there were almost no deer in the south part of the state.

Then whitetails began coming back. Protected by laws and surrounded by a redeveloping range, they increased slowly. They have long been notoriously more healthy than their somewhat underfed northern cousins. Southern deer, for example, this year produced an average of more than two fawns each. In the northern areas the rate was considerably less.

But the southern deer has long faced more enemies than the northern whitetail. More and faster highways, a higher human population, and dogs and natural losses all claim their annual toll. Still the herd increases slowly.

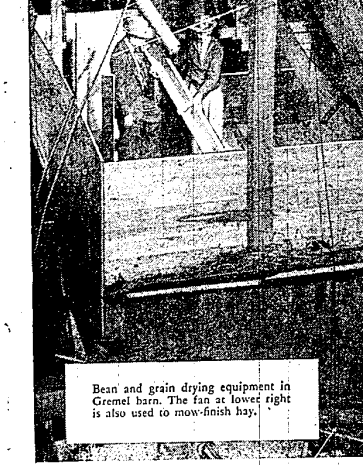
Now, however, game warden say we may be reaching a turning point. The time appears ripe for a sharp increase in the herd; the fawn production is high, the range is lush.

On the other hand, the herd may continue to grow only slowly, as it has in the past.

If the herd does start a big buildup, southern Michigan farmers and fruit growers are faced with trouble. Proper control of such a herd might be difficult and crop damage common.

FARM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 11-15, American Association of Agricultural College Editors, M.S.C.
 - July 12-17, State 4-H Conservation Camp, Chatham.
 - July 12-23, Rural Leadership School, ministers and lay leaders, M.S.C.
 - July 13-17, American Poultry Association, M.S.C.
 - July 16, Michigan Beekeepers Association, Ionia Fairgrounds.
- It's easier to provide plenty of nests, and take a tour around them, gathering eggs, remind M.S.C. poultrymen. Then it is to clean up broken eggs and wash dirty eggs when nests are crowded.
- Farm costs are not going down much, warn M.S.C. farm economists.
- A wise landscaper has a handy shade tree under which to do his summer planning, note Michigan State landscape architects.



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