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FARM NEWS

Farmers To Learn Ways To Harvest Bigger Incomes

Some farmers find as many ways to harvest incomes as there are of "skinning a cat" — and you can learn about them Friday.

Take the \$24 acres of Niles Hagelshaw, 1½ miles southwest of Climax, first stop Friday on the Michigan Farm Management Tour in Kalamazoo County.

About 1,000 farmers from three states are expected at 9:15 a.m. to see how a large dairy, beef, sheep and hog operation can use the same acres producing seed.

Hagelshaw got one-fourth his '53 income from seed — including seed taken off 150 acres of clover and alfalfa.

Hagelshaw has 25 head of purebred Hereford beef cattle, 40 Holstein dairy cattle, 100 ewes, more than 100 hogs and 400 laying hens. He makes grassland farming pay, puts up grass silage and raises corn.

Wheat seed comes off one-sixth of his farm and oat and barley seed from one-quarter of it. His marshland area includes 25 acres of reed canary grass.

The second stop on the tour, about 11 a.m., will be at a 200-acre specialized dairy farm operated by Leon Wilson, 2½ miles south of Galesburg. He makes good use of a mow drier, a gutter cleaner and a stack silo.

After lunch at the County Center Building, Kalamazoo fairgrounds, the tour group will hear a talk on "Profitable Ideas in Practice" by Don Paarlberg, special assistant to Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson.

The tour will close at the hog, poultry and dairy farm of Ward and Arthur Bailey, south of Texas Corner.

Raspberries Need Spray After Pruning Job

Be sure to give your raspberries a thorough spraying with ferrous sulfate after the pruning job this summer.

That's advice from Robert P. Carlson, a Michigan State College small fruit researcher. The spray is needed, he says, because of the anthracnose, or cane spot, epidemic this summer. Cool, wet weather helped spread the disease. Doing a good pruning job, notes Carlson, means cutting out all the old canes and the weak and spindly ones. It's a good idea, he cautions, to burn all of the cut-out canes. That's one way of helping to control diseases. "Don't cut off tips of canes during the summer, he insists; it's better to let the new canes grow and tip them next spring.

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HARVEST—Bumper harvest at the Kenneth Douglas farm near Urbana, Ill., is combined, despite the early growing season drought which threatened many crops. With wheat-belt farmers expecting a more than bountiful season, acreages for 1955 planting are expected to be cut sharply by the Department of Agriculture, to reduce a further increase of surplus grain.

Advent Of Farm Machinery Brought Rapid Advance Of Other Industries

The modern American kitchen is a miracle of labor-saving convenience. Electric ranges, refrigerators, washers and all manner of other appliances have transformed both the urban and rural home. That kitchen, strange as the idea may seem, wouldn't be possible if it weren't for farm machinery — tractors and harvesters and all the rest!

Here's the reason. In this nation's early days, it took 85 farm workers to produce enough food for themselves and 15 others. Now 15 farmers produce enough for themselves and 55 others. To come down to modern times, in the past 40 years farm output has doubled — while the number of man hours needed to achieve the enormous production has steadily declined. That means that vast armies of people have been able to take jobs in industry. They produce automobiles, stoves, TV sets and all the thousand and one things that make for "better living." To take one example, a modern combine saves in a single day

Advise Check Of Liability Insurance By Farmers

Michigan State College agricultural economists advise checking your liability insurance. There's a good chance, say the economists, that you're not protected well enough against legal risks in accidental injury to another person on your farm.

They point out that the heavy increase of power machinery on the farm has boosted the risk of injury to hired help or tenants. And there's increased chance of accidents on the highway. The farmer also has a responsibility to visitors on his farm.

More than 95% of the coal produced in Montana is mechanically cut and loaded.

Boost Water Supply To Keep Poultry Cool

When the weather's hot is the time to keep poultry cool. The best way to do that is to keep plenty of cool fresh water before chicks and laying hens, advises J. M. Moore, Michigan State College poultryman.

Moore adds that a bird consumes two pounds of water for each pound of grain. That means 100 laying hens need five gallons of water a day. They may need even more in hot weather because chickens can't cool off by sweating like humans.

Birds on range should have shade nearby and there should be a good watering system. Water is the cheapest weather conditioner there is for chickens.

Cheese, an important protein food, fits especially well into summertime menus, say home economists. As you know, it can be used without cooking — or even if you do use it in cooked meals. It never needs to be cooked long nor at high temperatures. Chunks of cheese combine to make a good addition to vegetable salads, too.



OUTBOARD MOTORS



The Grist Mill

By ED ALCHIN
County Agricultural Agent

The Oakland County Agricultural and Stabilization Committee will be holding annual community committees and county committees elections during the month of August. The community committees are all assigned on a township basis with some townships combined so that there are 20 communities. Election boards have been appointed and nominations for community committees made. The chairman and vice-chairman of the community committee delegate delegates and alternate delegates respectively for a county conference which will elect three county committees.

The job of the committee under the new definitions will be primarily to act as policy-making committees. In the past township or community committees have worked in the field for the program checking wheat, measuring fields, and so forth.

Henceforth, this work will not be done by the committee men but by hired personnel. All in all, this represents a considerable change in the policy operation in the Agricultural and A. S. C. program.

Farmers should make themselves acquainted with these different activities so that they will be able to intelligently select their community committee men.

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1/4 cup shortening 1 unbeaten egg yolk
3 tbsp. boiling water 2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
1 egg, milk 1/2 cup sugar
1 tbsp. lemon juice 1 egg, milk

Place shortening in a bowl, add boiling water, milk and lemon juice. Mix with fork till liquid is absorbed and mixture will stand in soft peaks. Add egg yolk and beat till blended. Sift flour in soft peaks. Add egg yolk and beat till dough clings together. Roll sugar, add into mixture, stir till all dough clings together. Roll out 9x9 dough, line 9" pie plate with pastry. Put in filling. Roll out remaining pastry for lattice work top. Bake in preheated oven 425°—10 minutes, reduce heat to 350°—20 to 30 minutes.

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