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FEED GRAIN SUPPLY SHOULD BE AMPLE,  
SAY MSC AGRICULTURAL ECONOMISTS

The U. S. feed grain supply will be ample for the 1954-55 feeding season, predict Michigan State College agricultural economists. But feeders will use the entire 1954 production and draw 100 to 200 million bushels of corn from storage.

Drawing feed from storage means that there will be insufficient stored grain, but under loan or purchase agreement, to meet the feed deficit, therefore, except for a short period during the December, 1954, harvest per-

iod, feed grain should sell generally at prices in line with the corn support price — or near \$1.60 a bushel.

The record soybean production may not filter down to the farmer in lower prices. Though prices for soybean meal are expected to be lower than a year ago, the cost to farmers will be \$30 to \$35 a ton. If bought at elevators in ton lots. This doesn't look like the year to lay in several months' supply ahead, unless prices break sharp from the expected levels.

# NEWS ABOUT THE Farm

## ...and GARDEN

### Better Egg Prices Predicted in 1955

The outlook for poultry and poultry products shows the effects of low prices this year. Here is the outlook picture:

**EGGS:** After a dismal year in 1954, prices of eggs are expected to be relatively higher through most of 1955. This price increase is expected in turn, to increase supplies of eggs and hence bring lower prices in December 1955. From March to October next year, the price of eggs will be an average of 5 per cent higher than this year, MSC agricultural economists estimate.

**BROILERS AND FRYERS:** The usual variations in the prices of these products is expected. MSC agricultural economists estimate the same price pattern that existed in 1954 will carry over into 1955. This means strong demand in broilers the first of April and in July and early August will again occur. They estimate a weak demand in the fall months.

**TURKEYS:** The turkey-feed ratio is less favorable than last year. Agricultural economists predict a reduction of 10 to 15 per cent in turkeys raised in the U. S. in 1955.



**TASTES JUST LIKE HAY**—which it is, but it's the fanciest fodder Flossie was ever fed on the farm near Uniontown, Kan., owned by Lawrence Johnson, at left. This is just one nibble of some 42,000 pounds of California hay flown to Johnson by a relative to tide the drought-hit Kansas farmer over the winter.

### Strengthening Of Dairy Produce Prices Predicted During 1955

A strengthening of fluid milk prices in 1955 is foreseen by Michigan State College agricultural economists in their farm outlook for the coming year.

Based on a leveling milk production and a strong demand for dairy products, except butter, the economists say that fluid milk prices should average 15 to 20 cents a hundred pounds above those paid in 1954. Producers who ship milk to manufacturing plants will receive about the same prices in 1955 as in 1954.

What does the economic picture hold for the average dairyman? Basically it means that he can look forward to another year in which high costs will put a squeeze on profits, the economists say.

From a farm management standpoint, efficiency would seem to be the important consideration. Farmers are striving to increase efficiency by boosting cow numbers, producing more feed per acre, and by cutting down their labor requirement through more labor-saving equipment. Twenty to thirty cows seems to be the goal of many dairymen.

The MSC agricultural economists see little reason to expect that dairying will change in its relative profit position compared to other farm enterprises. Looking beyond 1955, manufactured milk markets are apparently in for a period of change as they continue to fight the battle of vegetable vs. animal fats.

In areas like Michigan, however, where large fluid milk markets are available, the future isn't so dark for the dairyman. Continued population growth, high consumer incomes and possible increases in milk consumption per person all point to an expansion in demand for fluid milk.

### Seasonal Soybean Price Increase To Be Lower

Seasonal price increases with average much less than last year on soybeans, Michigan State College farm economists predict. In the past year the price per bushel jumped from \$2.30 at harvest to \$2.55 in May. But this year the crop was estimated at 27 per cent larger — even 10 per cent above the 1950.

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### FARM ECONOMISTS EXPECT LOWER WHEAT PROFITS

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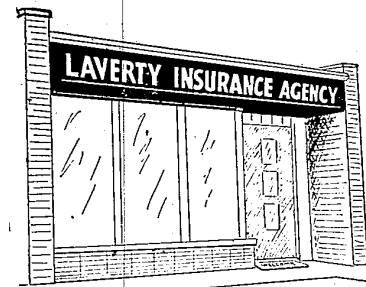
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