



MSC Short Course Enrollment Hits 175

A total of 175 agricultural short course students have enrolled at Michigan State College, according to Ralph Tenney, short course director.

This represents an 11 per cent increase over 1949's fall enrollment of 158. Students are enrolled in numerous agricultural courses, varying in length from six weeks to two years. Short course students swell MSC's total enrollment for the fall term to 1,433.

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See '51 Good Year For Poultry

A profitable year for egg and poultry production is in sight for 1951 say agricultural economists at Michigan State College.

Increases in net returns, however, will be limited by higher feed costs—particularly protein concentrates.

Egg prices are expected to be higher in 1951, especially the first nine months, than in comparable periods of 1950. The usual seasonal price decline in late fall and early winter will not be as drastic as last year because fewer pullets were raised to reach full production by December. More government buying for military use is expected.

Producers who plan for January and February hatch chicks will have pullets ready for large egg production to take advantage of seasonally good prices in the late summer and fall of 1951.

The economists look for a higher annual average price for broilers and fryers than in 1950. Michigan broiler raisers generally will find it more profitable to improve labor efficiency by increasing the number of birds raised per man.

Turkey growers with access to good feed supplies at reasonable prices will also have a good year ahead, the economists believe. This will be especially true in Michigan and other midwestern states. Some growers will probably reduce production because of moderate prices for the large 1950 crop, large storage stocks and no price support program, and relatively high feed costs.

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SEEK OLD FARM ITEMS FOR MSC MUSEUM PROJECT

If there's a hand-made axe, an old grain cradle or even the survey that granddaddy used to court grandma left around the farm or home, don't throw it away. Michigan State College will be happy to have it for the agricultural museum.

J. W. Stack, director of the Michigan State College museum, has cottoned agricultural agents and agricultural leaders of Michigan on the look-out for items of early Michigan agriculture and home making.

"Some of these old articles have been in the family so long that the present owner may not know what the articles were used for and they may be thrown away or destroyed," Stack commented about articles used in lumbering, sugar making and farming enterprises.

The museum is also seeking early homemaking equipment for displays of early Michigan homelife.

Among the recent collections received for the museum at East Lansing is a dog treadmill used to churn butter. A spinning wheel, wooden sap buckets, hand-made farm tools, an early grain binder, are in the collection.

County agricultural agents, 4-H Club agents and home demonstration agents are assisting in rounding up items. Persons with items to contribute may contact one of these agricultural extension workers or contact the Michigan State College museum at East Lansing.

Efficiency Is Dairy Profit Key

Good dairy farm management in 1951 will call for a large output of milk with continued emphasis on efficiency. Total milk production in the year ahead will be about the same as for 1950—dairy product prices will be slightly higher.

These predictions come from Michigan State College agricultural economists in their annual outlook opinions.

The economists point out that while dairymen will be profitable, dairy prices continue low relative to beef and hog prices, as they have for several years. Demand is expected to rise faster than dairy product supplies, but prices will be slowed down because of the storage stocks of butter, cheese and dry skim milk.

A changing fats and oils situation is seen as a favorable factor in the dairy outlook. Edible vegetable oils production will be lower. Reduced cottonseed and peanut production is expected to more than offset increases in soybean production. Higher fats and oils prices will bolster butter and other dairy prices.

Many farmers who have switched to marketing cream off the farm in recent years are expected to go back to selling milk in 1951. Less butter will be produced as demand for other dairy products expands. Continued high consumer incomes will result in a greater proportion of milk used for fluid purposes.

The MSC economists believe that with volume a major goal in 1951, it may not pay for the dairyman to cut as closely as in the past year unless he is sure of replacements. They also suggest feeding grain at a fairly liberal rate to high producing cows. The farmer who can substitute high quality roughage for expensive protein supplement will be able to reduce costs without lowering production.

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Partnerships On Farm Work Well

Father and son farming partnerships are pleasing both parties in the agreement, according to a survey made by H. S. Wilt, Michigan State College agricultural economist.

Wilt interviewed a large number of those with a family partnership and 36 per cent of the cases studied showed both father and son felt that they were doing as well, or better, together as they could operating individually.

Both parties agreed that 4-H Club, F. P. A. and M. S. C. short course training contributed materially to the success of the farm partnerships, Wilt explains.

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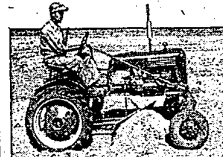
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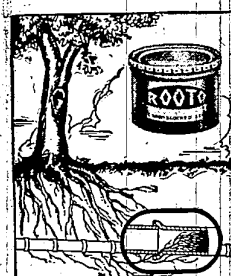
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