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Artificial Breeding Shows Increased Use

Michigan dairymen are shifting to artificial breeding in ever-increasing numbers, says A. C. Bolter, extension dairyman at Michigan State College.

First services in 1949 totaled 12,500 more than in 1948, Bolter stated. Only in numbers for 1950 was 3,758. New herds have practically equalled the number of herds signed in for the years 1949 and 1948.

Improvement in service has been stimulated by introducing the use of antibiotics such as penicillin and streptomycin in the laboratory preparation.

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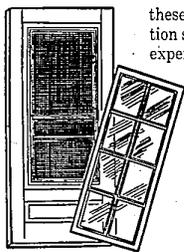
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FARM NEWS

Develop Efficient New Dusting Idea

The age-old problem of getting more insecticides and fungicides to cling to the plant for protection against bugs and disease may have been solved by a Michigan State College graduate student.

By highly charging the dust particles as they leave the dusting nozzle, as much as 500 to 1000 per cent better coverage in plants has been obtained in laboratory experiments.

Henry D. Bowen, Adrian graduate assistant in agricultural engineering and World War II veteran, developed the idea which will be tried under field conditions for the first time this summer. Dr. Walter M. Carleton, M.S.C. agricultural engineering professor under whom Bowen has worked, believes attachments for modern commercial four-row dusters can be made at a cost of not more than \$300.

The tractor battery system with a dynamotor providing a 12,000 to 20,000 volt direct current power supply is needed. This is about the same voltage carried by an electric fence and is even less dangerous because of low wattage. A thin wire, carrying this high voltage, at the nozzle of the duster charges the particles as they emerge from the blower pipes. Insecticide and fungicide dusts hold this charge for several seconds. Plants set up an opposite charge and like a magnet draw the dust particles to under sides of leaves as well as the topside. Tests show much as 11 times greater coverage.

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ROYALTY VISITS LITTLE PATIENT—A fascinated patient in Brookline, N. Y. hospital, right, stares intently at her royal visitors, the Duke and Duchess of Windsor. The Duchess is autographing a mural in the hospital's children's ward.

Ladino Clover Use Increases

A new forage crop is appearing in more and more Michigan fields each year. It's Ladino clover, and though introduced into Michigan less than 10 years ago, Ladino in mixtures now covers an estimated 100,000 acres of pasture and hay land.

Milo B. Tesar, Michigan State College farm crops specialist, says Ladino is a giant form of wild or Dutch white clover. It is a short-lived perennial, although its reseeding habit probably helps to prolong the life of stands.

Farmers and research workers say that ladino has a high nutritive value as a pasture for all types of livestock. Though Ladino is used primarily as a pasture crop, excess growth may be used for silage or hay. Heavy crops are sometimes difficult to cut, however.

Tesar reports that Ladino clover should not be seeded alone except when used for a seed crop. It is best to seed in a mixture which helps to reduce blight danger and will produce a good yield the next year even if the clover or other legume should winterkill badly.

The farm crops specialist gives these seeding instructions for Ladino:

For well-drained, moist, fertile soils: alfalfa, six to eight pounds per acre; bromegrass two pounds per acre; and Ladino clover one-half pound per acre.

For fertile, poorly-drained soils: Ladino clover, two pounds per acre; and bromegrass, two pounds per acre.

Ladino responds to liming on acid soils and tests should be made to show if lime should be applied before making a seeding. Ladino clover's lime requirement is similar to red clover.

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FIELD DAY TO SHOW CONSERVATION AIDS, METHODS

A showing of contributions and progress being made in development of conservation principles and programs will be the purpose of the Michigan Conservation Field Day, May 9 and 10 at Kingsley in Grand Traverse County.

Arthur W. Glidden, Grand Traverse county agricultural agent, says that response to last year's trial field day has encouraged many agencies to help arrange a two-day event this year. "They hope to attract several thousand people."

Sponsors of the event include nearly 15 groups and agencies. Machinery manufacturers and distributors will show the use of equipment needed in forestry and sugar bush operation. Demonstrations will include a nursery showing pine trees grown from seed; tree planting by hand and machine; farm woodlot improvement; insect disease and fire control; use of native timber; treatment of posts; game

Summer shelters for poultry will help to eliminate the overheated condition which occurs during the hot summer nights, says James Boyd, Michigan State College agricultural engineer. In describing plans of poultry housing now available.

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Cream Test For Acid Content Being Used In State

The new acidity test for cream adopted recently in Michigan, is now in operation, says Don Murray, Michigan State College extension dairyman.

Murray suggests that cream producers watch this test performed at the creamery. Now that warmer weather is here, there will be greater chance for sourness or acidity and the importance of the test will become more apparent.

The test rejects cream that exceeds 0.5 of one per cent acidity. To avoid rejection, Murray suggests you do these things: Keep the separators and utensils clean; keep cream covered and stored at a temperature below 60 degrees Fahrenheit. Deliver cream to the market at least every three or four days.

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