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FARM NEWS

START SHOW RING FITTING NOW, 4-H MEMBERS TOLD

Fitting 4-H Club calves and heifers for the show ring should be started now if it hasn't already been, according to Nevels Pearson, assistant state 4-H Club leader at Michigan State College.

Pearson advised junior dairy and beef showmen that good care in the past will be wasted as far as the show ring is concerned if animals do not lead well or if they are dirty and ragged.

Prospective show animals should be cleaned thoroughly by washing with soap and water once or twice, but no more than necessary. Brush the animal daily, Pearson added.

The assistant state 4-H Club leader said that well-fitted animals which are well-groomed will require little clipping. About a week before the show clip the head and tail, as well as long hairs around the neck. Be careful to taper off the clipping so that no distinct mark is left. Since clipping is a job for an expert, junior showmen may want to ask for help.

Well trained animals show to better advantage and can be directed from the halter strap without pushing or pulling. That training should have begun long ago, but Pearson said that show animals should be led every day between now and show time.

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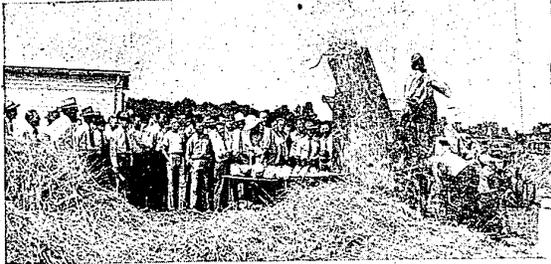
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M.S.C. Wheat Tests Interest Farmers



It's wheat harvest time at Michigan State College, but the threshing equipment shown here has quite a different function than it would have on an ordinary farm.

Watching the miniature threshing machine are farmers who came to East Lansing to learn more about the research work being carried on at the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station.

Since wheat is one of the state's important crops, the wheat variety research is of great interest. This machine, threshes small quantities of grain taken from rows of various wheat varieties. The man (right) who holds the paper bag, feeds grain into the machine. The bags on the table (center) hold other samples.

Extreme care is needed in the work, says H. M. Brown, farm crops research scientist, since each variety must be kept separate from others. From these scientific field tests, the farm crops researchers find the new varieties which are best suited to Michigan conditions and can be recommended to farmers for their use.

Question Raw Rock Phosphate Value For Fertilizing Michigan's Fields

Answers to the problem of raw rock phosphate's value to Michigan agriculture are being sought by scientists of the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station. Existing shortages of superphosphate have created much interest in use of rock phosphate as a substitute.

Experiments so far have shown that superphosphate is a better buy than all forms of raw rock phosphate.

One High Producing Cow Worth Three Sisters

One high-producing cow can give the dairy farmer as many dollar bills above feed costs as three of her low-producing sisters, says Larry Johnson, dairy extension specialist at M.S.C.

According to actual records taken from the annual summary of the state Dairy Herd Improvement Association, one cow producing 500 pounds of butterfat will put the same profit in the farmer's pocket as three average Michigan dairy cows producing 230 pounds of butterfat.

The average cow in the state produced 234 pounds of butterfat and 3,320 pounds of milk in 1949, the Michigan Cooperative Crop Reporting Service shows. The average production of 44,425 cows in 120 local DHIA organizations averaged 366 pounds of butterfat and 3,221 pounds of milk per cow during 1950.

Among other interesting facts about Michigan dairying uncovered by Johnson is that about one in 10 cows in the herd improvement association produced 500 pounds of butterfat or more during last year.

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phosphate are now on the market and are only raw rock phosphate mixed with clay.

Availability of phosphorus in these materials is no greater than it is in common ground rock. It may be less.

Rock phosphate and superphosphate have been compared in the field in a large number of experiments. Many soil types have been included in the studies. In most cases, the results have shown superphosphate to be superior to rock phosphate. In almost all cases, the rock was applied at much greater rates per acre than was superphosphate.

Phosphorus in raw rock phosphate is insoluble in water and in citric acid used by fertilizer agencies as a measure of availability of plant foods. For these reasons, Cook points out that raw rock phosphate cannot be used in the manufacture of mixed or complete fertilizers. Because of this, its place in Michigan's agriculture is limited.

An eight-year test program has been set up in a number of mid-western states to study the problem of the value of raw rock phosphate. Michigan tests are located on the John Campbell farm near Kalamazoo; the Harold Leach farm near Davison; the William Vandross farm near Neshkock; and the Jim Meelock farm in Iosco County.

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- 1/2 tsp. ground mustard
- 1 cup water
- 1/2 cup celery or 1 tbsps. celery salt

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