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News and Information for the Busy Farmer

Ontario Department of Agriculture

They Do Make Good
There is food for thought in the fact that out of the fifteen times Canada has won the wheat championship at the International Exhibition, it has been won twelve times by Englishmen who came to the Dominion without previous farming experience.

Live Stock Instruction

Short course students as well as regular students attending O. A. C. afford an opportunity to benefit by all the activities of the Department of Animal Husbandry which has charge of the well equipped Live Stock Farm. For the last two years the Stock and Field Crops Short Course has been extended from two weeks to a month's duration, which is divided, the considerable time allotted to the judging of the principal classes of live stock and discussion of the important problems of breeding and management common to each class. The 1930 calendar offers additional privilege to the Short Course students in the form of a six week course in farm mechanics.

Current Crop Report

Pontrypoolmen in Durham reported a substantial increase in egg production from poultry and in some cases a 50 per cent

reduction in the cost of production.

The snow and ice have played

havoc with the supply of

beets remaining in the ground in Essex but interest

in the beet market is maintained in Glengarry

which good prices are reported. The cheese factory owners have been greatly disappointed and the revenue from milk is half that of last year.

In Huron the price

of a million dollars

for cream has

been the lowest in three years.

A water shortage is

as a result of the snow and ice blocking

the water courses.

In Lincoln the bright spot in

the heavy snowfall seems to be the excellent cover

provided for the fall wheat

seedbeds and both report

considerably

improving the condition of

the roads and the

rolling off of mud

sheets. Welland suffered heavy

damage to fruit trees with over 250

telephone and electric poles down

in the storm.

Water For Hens

An egg contains a large amount of

water and the hen's body is likewise

composed for a great part of water.

She should drink approximately

twice as much water by weight as

she eats feed.

One-hundred-hens

laying should consume about

one-half gallons of water per day.

In view of these facts it is apparent

that the water supply is particularly

important here so during the winter

months, failure to supply water

properly hinders digestion and will

result in poor production.

Projects: Fruit Trees

Two methods are adopted at the

Central Experimental Farm to pro-

ject fruit trees: first, by through

grafting by mice and rabbits;

the other is to wrap the trunk

with a wire protector, with a small

enough mesh to prevent a mouse

from going through it. In either

case the paper or protectors must be

put close to the ground or better

still, set in a shovelful of cinders.

These forms of protection should be

put on now, particularly on trees up

to six in. in diameter.

Crop Acreages

The following statistics of the

principal field crops of Ontario for

1929 show the acreage as compiled

by the Ontario Department of Agri-

culture in co-operation with the

Statistics:

Fall Wheat 1928 1929

Spring wheat 1928,660 691,662

Oats 1929,505 106,610

Barley 2659,980 233,319

Flax 615,544 622,063

Buckwheat 66,307 52,023

Pearls 7,968 5,492

Buckwheat 271,243 294,338

Pearls 109,887 79,523

Mixed grains 905,673 892,897

Husking corn 110,192 120,000

Beans 50,953 63,722

Potatoe 199,307 287,566

Alfalfa 742,230 685,880

Asticke 155,567 189,843

Sweet clover 413,463 388,106

Hay, clover 231,076 295,221

Potatoes 151,241 143,125

Turnips 71,781 72,502

Mangels 33,567 30,595

Tobacco 33,476 23,073

Sugar beets 45,291 32,864

Carrots 2,002 1,777

Banquet Own Exhibitors

A unique banquet was recently

organized by the Brant County Council

to Brant agriculturists, including all

those stock breeders and grain grow-

ers of Brant who by exhibiting at

the big fall and winter exhibitions in

Toronto, Guelph and Ottawa, had

broadcast the name of Brant County

over a wide area. The guests of

honor and the chief speakers of the occasion were Dr. Christie, president of O.A.C., and Mr. McCallum, in charge of the live stock marketing, Dominion Live Stock Branch, Ottawa. It is hoped that this gathering may be the precursor of many such events in other counties of the province.

Canada's Victories
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