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News and Information for the Busy Farmer

Furnished by the
Ontario Department of Agriculture

Winter Fair Dates
Nov. 19 to 27—Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, Toronto.
Dec. 1 to 5—Ottawa Winter Fair, Ottawa.
Dec. 8 to 11—Ontario Provincial Winter Fair, Guelph.

Royal Fair Opens

This week marks the opening of the Royal Winter Fair at Toronto. This will improve the appearance of everything points to the most your hen house, make it much lighter house fixtures, such as mash hoppers, drinking fountains and the like, thus flushing the walls, ceilings, dropping boards and floor, scraping, loose any dirt that may have a tendency to stick. After the house has been thoroughly cleaned it is ready for a coat of whitewash.

As a result of a conference of leading wholesale buyers and representatives of the Federal and Provincial Governments, an agreement has been reached on the part of the buyers to recognize government grades.

The agreement marks one of the most important developments in the poultry industry in many years. Just what this announcement means to the farmers of Canada is indicated by the fact that through the simple process of crate-feeding and properly finishing, poultry for market, from 50 to 75 cents in market value may be added to the individual bird. A minimum differential of 3¢ per pound premium for all grades in the milk-fed class over the corresponding grades in the class selected guaranteed by the buyers and supplementing this will be definite and substantial price differentials between grades within classes, the differentials increasing substantially with each decrease in grade.

A significant feature of the situation is that for the first time on a province wide basis the premium which the consumer readily pays for quality in poultry is passed along to the original producer.

Feeding experts tell us that it costs less to put the last pound on a mature market bird than it does to raise the bird to maturity. It costs from 7¢ to 8¢ per pound to raise the bird to maturity, and from 7¢ to 8¢ per pound to crate feed and finish.

It is further stated that the average range bird may be expected without finishing to grade "Selected B", while by being crate-fed and finished, not only is it possible to increase weight approximately one pound, but what is more important, to raise the market grade to "Milk-fed B" or "Milk-fed A". At current prices this means an added value per bird of around 75¢.

This whole situation means that a premium will be paid for the better quality bird, and that there will be very little market demand for small, thin and poorly finished birds. Therefore it behoves the poultry raisers to make a special effort this year to crate feed, properly finish and properly kill all birds for market.

Markdale High School

Results of October examinations, Names in order of merit. 1st class honours, 75 per cent and over; 2nd class honours, 66 to 74 per cent; 3rd class honours, 60 to 65 per cent; credit, 50 and 59 per cent; failure below 50 per cent.

Winter Feed Situation

There will be many barns without the usual supply of feed this coming winter. In the drought areas the cows are on full winter rations. The amount of feed that will be available for winter feeding is being reduced by just this much. One suggestion to meet the situation is that some herd culling will be in order. In most herds of ten or twelve cows there are two to four cows that are definitely known to be lower producers than their stable mates. If these were to be sold it would reduce the consumption of feed from 20 to 40 per cent, while the reduction in production would be only from 10 to 20 per cent. Another angle to the culling suggested that the marketing of a lot of bulls to the butcher would tend to reduce the surplus of dairy products that is exerting such a depressing effect on the market.

Improving Sheep in Dufferin

That Dufferin County farmers are interested in sheep husbandry and recognize the value of purebred sires is evidenced by the fact that many have recently purchased purebred rams. On Nov. 4th, 19 registered ram lambs were distributed from Orangeville by Ralph C. Banbury, Dufferin agricultural representative. The rams were bought by the Federal and Provincial Live Stock branches and sold at scrub ram prices to breeders in the more important sheep producing counties. The difference between the cost and sale price is being made up by the government. The majority of the lambs were of Oxford breed, but Shropshire, Leicestershire, Hampshire, Lincoln and Dorsets were represented. The buying of good quality breeding stock when prices are low is good

business as the farmer will thus have a fine flock and be in a position to take full advantage when prices improve.

Clean up the Hen House

Every hen house should be cleaned before putting in the pullet crop. A good thorough cleaning consists of removing the litter and all poultry house fixtures, such as mash hoppers, drinking fountains and the like, thus flushing the walls, ceilings, dropping boards and floor, scraping, loose any dirt that may

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tinues from Nov. 19th to 27th.

Should Clean Out Cistern

During the warmer months of the year cistern water has a tendency to become foul, disagreeable and unhealthful. Various insects and the washings from roofs of houses, especially where birds are numerous, conspire to pollute cistern water.

With the coming of the rainy season farmers will find it valuable to give the cistern a thorough cleansing in preparation for refilling with fall rains. Filters also should be taken apart or reconstructed, according to the type in use. The cistern should be closed in so that surface water, insects and small animals cannot get in. Purity of water in cisterns is a primary consideration.

Tribute to Women's Institutes

"No money expended by the Province of Ontario is expended so wisely or does so much work as the money expended on the Women's Institutes," declared Hon. Thomas L. Kennedy, Minister of Agriculture, who was guest-speaker at the recent 16th annual convention. Paying tribute to the work done by the Institutes, he expressed the belief that the \$50,000 expended by the government this year on the Women's Institutes would be increased. He added that he hoped some money would be spent on beautifying farm lands, emphasizing the important place taken by flowers, fruit trees and small ordinary pains in making a farm into a home. He also expressed the wish that every rural home might enjoy the privilege of hydro. He saw no limit to the good work the government might accomplish with the support of the Women's Institutes.

Weekly Crop Report

Reports from various sections of Ontario indicate that field work is only fairly well advanced. Owing to the very dry weather in the east, and the rather heavy frosts in the west, plowing has been retarded. Fall wheat is entering the winter in good condition, especially the fields that received sufficient moisture to develop good top. There is a continued demand for good stocker cattle, small pigs and sows, as farmers prefer to market their grain through live stock rather than put it on the market at present prices.

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