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News and Information for the Busy Farmer

Furnished by the Ontario Department of Agriculture

Inoculate Alfalfa

Inoculation of alfalfa has always been regarded as an aid to a good stand. But it is even more than that. Besides being indispensable for maximum yields inoculation also improves the quality. Hay from inoculated plants contains more protein per ton than that from plants not inoculated. Inoculate alfalfa and use lime if the soil needs it.

Brood Sow Policy

The Brood Sow Policy introduced by the Federal Department just one year ago has resulted in 1977 brood sows being placed with farmers at a total cost to the Department of \$1,323.55, or \$8.76 each. Under this policy any farmer may order a select bacon type sow and when the initial deposit is received by an official of the Department the sow is purchased on the stockyards at the current market price. It is then fed and bred free of charge and one-half the freight to the purchaser's nearest railway station is paid by the Department.

The Seed Crop

The movement of clovers and grass seeds continues to be below the average for the season. Ordinarily export demand has relieved the domestic market of much larger quantities this year. The production in 1931 plus the carry-over from 1930 constitutes a very much larger supply than the domestic market is likely to require this season, and this coupled with limited exports has resulted in fewer offers to growers and very low prices as compared with other years. Estimates of production in 1931 and supplies in sight show substantial surpluses of red clover, alsike, alfalfa, sweet clover and blue grass. Timothy is in better domestic demand than some of the other seeds owing to insufficient production to meet domestic requirements. There is virtually no market at present for alfalfa, alsike and sweet clover in Ontario where the largest quantity is grown commercially in Canada. The following percentage of seeds produced in Ontario is reported sold: Red clover, 20; alfalfa, 10; alsike, 50; sweet clover, 5; timothy, 2; Canadian blue grass, 50. The number of pounds unsold is estimated: Red clover, 775,000; alfalfa, 3,500,000; alsike, 1,150,000; sweet clover, 1,000,000; timothy, 24,000; Canadian blue grass, 400,000.

Essex Corn Crop

The splendid corn crop which was harvested in Essex County this year is now moving to market somewhat ahead of the usual time. Not in years have the growers been able to shell corn until January. The past year has been quite favorable and corn has been dry enough for shelling since November. There is much more corn than is needed for the live stock population of the county and there should be a large quantity for sale to other distributors. Corn has been selling at from 35c to 42c a bushel.

O.A.C. Short Courses

Winter short courses in livestock and Field Crops, Poultry-raising, Factory Cheese and Buttermaking, Beekeeping and Drainage, started at the Ontario Agricultural College will be given in Fruit and Vegetable Growing, Floriculture and Landscape Gardening, Ice Cream Making and Farm Mechanics. There will be other courses for the month of March. Young men from Ontario farms are especially urged to attend one or more of these courses this winter. They provide a new interest in farm work and will give new ideas and practical instruction.

Essay Winners

Winners of the essay contest conducted in connection with the "Fifth Junior Farmers' Trip" to the Royal Winter Fair have been announced. In addition to special prizes awarded to writers of the winning essays in each county, the Department has awarded ten championship prizes for the ten best essays submitted. Each championship prize consists of a two weeks' short course at either O.A.C. or the Kempsville Agricultural School. The purpose of the essay competition was to encourage members of the party to study and analyze the exhibits, displays, etc. during their stay in Toronto. The winners are: Wellington, Gordon Green of Arthur; Grey, Edgar Ash of Chesley R. R. 4; Haldimand, Wm. T. Stadder, of Selkirk R. R. 2; Perth, Robt. Ballantyne of St. Pauls R.R. 2; Muskoka, Lloyd Stephens, Bracebridge; Parry Sound, Victor Irwin, Magnetawan; Lanark, Stewart Rodger, Lanark R.R. 2; Renfrew, Lorne Whelan of Adamston; Leeds, Donald E. Turner of Mallortown R.R. 1; Dundas, James Ashton of Newington.

Experimental Union
The Ontario Experimental Union

will hold its annual meeting at the Ontario Agricultural College on January 13 and 14, according to announcement by Prof. Wm. Squirrell, head of the Field Husbandry Department of the O.A.C., and secretary of the Union. The meeting will be attended by farmers from all parts of Ontario and from many points outside the province.

Market For Barley in Bacon and Beef

There is practically no limit to the production of barley in Canada and recent tests show that it produces better bacon and beef than other grains. It is proving fully the equal of corn when fed with suitable supplements in the form of home-grown leguminous roughages. Barley can be used in almost any proportion of the grain ration up to one hundred per cent. As a hog feed it develops an entirely satisfactory class of bacon, which is more than can be sold for corn fed in equal proportions, and as a feed for beef cattle barley is undoubtedly one of the best of our Canadian grown coarse grains. The increased use of barley and other coarse grains at their present low levels will make for much better quality in the beef being marketed, and in turn will help create a demand for more beef.

Potato Champion Honored

Edmund Maurice of Simcoe County, who won first prize for his potatoes at the Royal Winter Fair, was recently the guest of honor at a banquet sponsored by the Barrie Kiwanis Club. It was attended by nearly two hundred townspeople and farmers, including leading federal and provincial agricultural officials. It is noteworthy that seven years ago the Barrie Kiwanians purchased certified seed potatoes at \$5 per bag and distributed them among the farmers of North Simcoe as an incentive to growing better crops. The work was promoted largely by Stewart L. Page, local Agricultural Representative, who was instrumental in "interesting" Mr. Maurice in growing Dooleys three years ago. Prof. W. J. Squirrell of O.A.C. declared that at no place or by no man has there ever been a better sample of potato shown than those exhibited by Mr. Maurice. Occasion was taken by Dr. G. I. Christie, O.A.C. president, to refer to the six grown-up sons of the potato champion, who assisted him in producing the prize potatoes: "If you want to forward agriculture, it will not be done by raising boys and sending them to the cities. Success can only come by keeping the boys reared on the farm and who love it, at home."

Prize Winners at Kimberley Poultry Show

Buff Cochins—Cock, Mark Wilson; hen, Mark Wilson.
Barred Rock—Cock, Mark Wilson; 1st and 2nd; 1st Hen and 1st Pullet; 1st Cockerel and 2nd Pullet; Reg. Landry, 2nd Pullet; Mrs. Myles, 1st hen and 2nd Pullet.
Buff Rocks—H. C. Herrington 1st Cock and 1st and 2nd Pullet.
White Wyandotte—Mark Wilson 1st Hen; Reg. Landry, 1st Cockerel and 1st Pullet.
Rhode Island Red S.C.—M. Wilson 1st Cockerel; E. Ellis, 2nd Cockerel.
Barred Rock, Bred-to-lay—Reg. Landry, 1st hen and 1st cockerel; Wm. Haines, 2nd Hen, 2nd cockerel 1st, 2nd and 3rd pullet.
White Wyandotte—Reg. Landry, 1st hen.
Brown Leghorn S.C.—Reg. Landry, 1st hen; 1st and 2nd pullet.
White Leghorn S.C.—1st cock; 1st hen; 2nd cockerel; Mrs. Burritt, 1st cockerel, 2nd cock, 2nd hen.
Fantail Pigeons—Mark Wilson, 1st cock, 2nd hen; Mrs. Schell, 1st cockerel, 1st pullet, 2nd cock, 2nd hen.
Pouter Pigeon—Mark Wilson, 1st cock, 1st hen.
Guinea Fowl—Wilfred Plant, 1st cock, 2nd hen; G. M. Hutchinson, 1st cockerel, 1st pullet.
Buff Orpington Ducks—M. Wilson, 1st cockerel, 1st pullet.
Pekin Ducks—G. M. Hutchinson, 1st cock, 1st hen; Mark Wilson, 1st cockerel, 1st hen; Reg. Landry, 2nd cock; Frank Weber, 2nd hen, 2nd cockerel, 2nd pullet.
Toulouse Geese—Mrs. Schell, 1st cock, 1st hen; Frank Weber, 2nd cock, 2nd hen.
Bronze Turkeys—1st cock, hen, cockerel and pullet; Wilfred Plant, 2nd pullet.
Black Minorca S.C.—H. C. Herrington, 1st and 2nd cock, hen, cockerel and pullet.
Ancona S.C.—M. Hutchinson, 1st cockerel and pullet.
Silver Spangled Hamburgs—Mark Wilson, 1st.
Black Cochins Bantams—1st cockerel and pullet, H. C. Herrington.
Buff Cochins Bantams—1st cock, 1st and 2nd hen, 1st cockerel and 1st and 2nd pullet, H. C. Herrington.
Black Rose Comb Bantams—H. C. Herrington, 1st and 2nd cock, hen, cockerel, and pullet.
Games A.O.V.—H. C. Herrington, 1st pullet.
Rhode Island Red S.C.—Mark Wilson, 1st pullet; Elmer Ellis, 2nd pullet.

Rhode Island Red R.C.—E. Ellis, 1st and 2nd hen.
Jersey Black Giants—Mrs. Schell, 1st cock, 1st and 2nd pullet, 1st hen; S. McAnslan, 3rd hen.
Buff Orpington S.C.—H. C. Herrington, 1st and 2nd cock, hen, cockerel and pullet.
Black Orpington—Mark Wilson, 1st cock and hen.
White Orpington—Mrs. Burritt, 1st cock, 1st and 2nd hen, 1st and 2nd cockerel, 1st, 2nd and 3rd pullet.
Speckled Sussex—Mark Wilson, 1st cock; Jas. A. Stewart, 2nd cock, 1st hen, 1st and 2nd cockerel, 1st and 2nd pullet.
Light Sussex—Jas. A. Stewart, 1st cock and 1st hen; A. Lawrence, 1st and 2nd cockerel.
Dark Cornish—Mark Wilson, 1st cock and 1st hen.
White Leghorn S.C.—Reg. Landry, 1st and 2nd hen, 1st cockerel and 1st and 2nd pullet.
Brown Leghorn—Reg. Landry, 1st cock; A. Lawrence, 1st and 2nd pullet.
White Minorca—A. Lawrence, 1st cock and hen.

SPECIALS

Best S. C. Brown Leghorns—Reg. Landry.
Best old pair Guinea Fowl—Wilfred Plant.
Best pair White Leghorns—Landry.
Best pair Jersey Black Giant pullets—Mrs. Ira Schell.
Best pair S.C. Black Minorcas—H. C. Herrington, Durham.
Best pair Buff Orpingtons—H. C. Herrington, Durham.
Best pair Rhode Island Reds—Mark Wilson, Durham.
Best pair Barred Rocks—Wilson.
Best pen White Rocks—Mrs. Myles.
Porteous Special—Mark Wilson.
Best Mediterranean Breed—Mark Wilson with Black Minorcas.

Slats' Diary

Friday—I guess ma is pretty disappointed in are new neighbors becuz they are both deaf an dum and talk on there fingers so now ma wont no when they are quarling and woodent no what they sed it she new they was quarling, well you got to have a little touf luck once an a wile I gess.
Saturday—Ant Emmy says it is funny, she has herd so meny women and people witch has got IT but she aint never herd of no one getting Operated on for it yet so it must not be so very serous she says.
Sunday—we was out to a buffay supper tonite and Ant Emmy was having a offie touf time with her Salad and then when they went to clear the table why they cudnt find her plate. It was a paper plate, so now she is wirried over a cheap paper plate.
Monday—To day in skool the teacher ast Jake Why do we use soap and Jake replied and anserred that he all ways did think it was a very silly idea enny how.
Tuesday—Jane about 1/2 way enstulled me this mornin at skool, she

Hill Special—Wm. Haines.
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Best Anconas—G. M. Hutchinson.
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