

Beef cattle producers getting two more cheques under program

by Robert A. Humphries

Beef calf producers have recently received a cheque from the Ontario Farm Income Stabilization Commission.

It is not the total payment unless you just enrolled five (5) cows or less.

For producers who enrolled more than five cows, the recent cheque is an interim payment. You will be receiving two more cheques, one from

Ottawa and one from Toronto. They will make up the balance owing.

The total gross payment will be \$46.70 per cow. The net payment after the registration fee is deducted will be \$38.70.

Seed Selection For 1978
Seed Orders are now being placed for corn, spring cereals and legumes.

To assist farmers in their seed corn selection, the Ontario Corn Com-

mittee prepares an Annual Report based on the previous year's crop information.

The trend over the past few years is to the single-cross hybrid. This seed is

a little more expensive, however, the extra cost is usually returned as a uniform crop of silage or gain.

When selecting corn varieties for North

Simcoe, remember to choose those adapted to the 2,500-2,600 heat unit range. In the hybrid report, all varieties are indexed for broken stalks, moisture and yield. This

allows an easy comparison.

Farmers selecting oats and barley can make use of a Progress Report from the Crop Science Department at the

University of Guelph. This is a regional study of licensed and test varieties carried out across Ontario. It looks at yield, bushel weight, lodging resistance, height and

maturity. Results for Simcoe County are under Area 2 Information.

There has been an increase in the price of forage legume seed for 1978. Once again, care is

advised on the selection of varieties. Please make sure that they are adapted to our area. The Ministry's Publication 296 "Field Crop Recommendations for 1978"

gives yield information and the names of recommended varieties. All of the above publications are at the Elmville Agricultural Office.

Contact receives ministry grant

Contact, Midland's telephone information and referral centre is starting the new year with a hefty grant from the Federal Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

The government has awarded Contact \$7,500 to support a consumer assistance and information program in the Huronia area.

This means that consumers with a problem can call Contact for advice. Administrator Mary Gibson says, "This is another role that we can play in our community. We know where to go for answers and we have a complete stock of pamphlets on products and services that will assist the consumer."

Mary Gibson has been fighting for that money for almost a year. She started correspondence last March, and finally wrote a personal letter to Prime Minister Trudeau.

He brought the matter to the attention of Warren Allmand, Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and the grant came through this week. As well as helping to set up a specific new service within Contact, that grant will help the agency through some temporary financial troubles.

Contact has never been totally free of money worries, but this year, they've taken a step which they hope will encourage more public and private donations.

"We now have a charter," says Mrs. Gibson. "We are a registered taxable non-profit organization, which

means that any individual or group that gives us a donation will get a receipt for income tax purposes."

Mrs. Gibson cited the Civitans as one community service club that has generously supported Contact. "They send us periodic donations," she said, "and I must say we're always happy to get them."

Meanwhile, Mary and the Contact staff are making plans for another Sportsarama in March. "This has proven to be a very successful money raiser in the past," she said. "We made \$5,000 in the last two Sportsaramas we've held."

Mary Gibson is now in her second year as Contact administrator. She has been appointed to the Board of the Ontario Association for Information Centres and not long ago, she helped set up new centres in Alliston and Beeton.

The Midland Contact office gets more calls each year. There were 424 more calls in 1977 than there were in the previous year. Calls come from Port Severn, Moonstone, Cedar Point and Waubashene, as well as from the immediate area.

"This time of the year," said Mary, "we get a lot of calls from people who are depressed and just need a friendly ear to talk to. And we are also handling a lot of requests from people who are unemployed."

And now, thanks to that government grant, they are prepared at Contact to handle calls from unhappy consumers.

Happy Cooker

Freebies are nice this time of year, so if you are a recipe collector I suggest you send away for General Foods Kitchens Recipe Favourites—a folder of seventeen recipes which you can add to your file of "sounds-good-I-must-try-that-sometime" clippings.

Featured in the folder are instructions for making desserts—everything from rice pudding to some rather exotic sounding mocho truffles.

Main dishes include a couple of good sounding casseroles and a chicken salad with rice and pineapple juice—something you could serve on the patio after the snow melts.

The recipes included in the folder are, according to General Foods the ones consumers have requested most often in the past 25 years. Here are directions for Cherokee Casserole, a tasty family dinner, which has the added advantage of speedy preparation.

Cherokee Casserole

1 pound ground beef
¼ cup finely chopped onion
1½ teaspoons salt
dash of pepper
½ teaspoon garlic powder
½ teaspoon oregano
½ small bay leaf
1 can (19 ounce) tomatoes
1 can (10 ounce) cream of mushroom soup
1 cup Minute Rice
3 stuffed green olives, sliced
2-3 slices process cheese cut into ½ inch strips.

Brown beef in frying pan over high heat. Add onions and cook over medium heat until tender. Stir in salt, pepper, garlic powder, thyme, oregano, bay leaf, tomatoes, soup, rice and olives.

Bring to a boil reduce heat and simmer five minutes, stirring occasionally. Discard bay leaf.

Spoon into a shallow 1½ quart baking dish. Arrange a criss cross pattern of cheese over top. Broil just until cheese melts.

This makes 4-5 servings.

The 25th Anniversary collection of recipes can be obtained free of charge by writing to: General Foods Kitchens Recipe Favourites, P.O. Box 4019 Terminal A, Toronto, Ontario, MSW 1J6

You and your pet

by Dr. C.E. Leitch

The second most common parasite we have to deal with in young animals is Hookworms. There are two species of Hookworms we see: Ancylostoma caninum and Uncinaria stenocephala. These parasites are the number one parasite problem in kennels.

The life cycle of this parasite can take two forms. The adult parasite lives in the small intestine of the infected dog. The adult worms pass eggs in the feces and the eggs develop on the ground to infective larvae. This development can occur as rapidly as 24 hours or as long as several weeks. The infective larvae cannot stand freezing. Therefore, our winters

effectively kill the parasite.

Infection in the dog can either occur by ingestion of the infective larvae or by skin penetration. The larvae can penetrate soft skin areas such as between the pads of the toes, belly or chest area.

If the parasite is ingested it penetrates the gut wall, matures and

returns to the gut. If the parasite penetrates the skin, it follows veins and lymphates to the right side of the heart. From the right side, they enter the lungs, are coughed up and swallowed and mature in the small intestine.

Some of the larvae enter muscles and remain dormant. The

time for ingesting larvae until those larvae have matured and are producing eggs is 15 to 18 days.

In the pregnant dog, during the pregnancy the larvae is of minor significance. When the dog whelps the infective larvae pour out in the milk. The newborn puppy

ingests the larvae and the cycle repeats again.

The adult hookworm survives by attaching to the wall of the gut and sucking blood. An adult hookworm can remove approximately one tenth of a millilitre of blood per day from its host. It is easy to see that an infection of 100 hookworms can remove 10 millilitres

of blood daily from a dog, which could easily kill a puppy two to five pounds in weight.

The signs of infection in a dog are variable. Severe infections will produce anemia tar-like feces and weakness. Periodic bouts of diarrhea every two or three weeks can also

signify a parasite problem. Treatment can only be successful performed by your veterinarian. Over the counter prescriptions are not effective. Periodic fecal examinations by your veterinarian is important, especially in the young puppy to prevent a serious infection.

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