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Demand Increasing For Lighter Cattle

Ontario farmers should finish more cattle at from 12 to 15 months, advises L. E. O'Neill, Director of Live Stock Branch, Ont. Dept. of Agriculture.

"With the demand increasing for lighter finished cattle, it is my opinion that we in Ontario should be planning for the production of more cattle to be finished at ages of from twelve to fifteen months, which means pasture is not of the importance it was when two-year-old and three-year-old steers were the objective of most farmers," declared L. E. O'Neill, Director of the Live Stock Branch, Ont. Dept. of Agriculture in discussing the beef situation in the province.

Consumer demand, continued Mr. O'Neill, is continually toward lighter beef which will yield small steaks and roasts, and away from heavy, fat, wasteful beef. There should be no dairy steers raised. It would be far better to market them as veal.

If the American market is to be satisfactory as an outlet for Ontario feeders, then it must be satisfactory for American feeders. When this condition prevails, American buyers will take drafts of the best Western feeder cattle across the line for feeding purposes and Ontario will be asked to absorb the lower classes of cattle from the West.

With the production of Western cattle increasing in the mixed farming areas, there is a reduction in the general quality of Western cattle, so that the prospect of obtaining a large supply of satisfactory quality feeders from the West is not improving to say the least.

The Weed of the Week, Wild Carrot Wild Carrot is spreading at an

alarming rate in Ontario and is now considered one of the worst weeds in the province, states John D. Mac-Leod, weed expect of the Ont. Dept. of Agriculture. A biennial weed (wild carrot) requires two years to produce seed and can easily be distinguished by its stems, flowers and leaves which closely resemble the cultivated carrot.

Wild Carrot flowers from July to September. When open, they are in white, flat topped clusters, later closing up for the winter when they may break off and be carried miles over frozen ground and snow, scattering seeds as they are carried along.

eradication should over a two year period. Wild carrot does not give any difficulty where thorough cultivation and a short rotation of crops is practised, but in meadows, which have been down two years or more, in pasture fields, fence lines, waste places and roadsides, it is rapidly weeds, declares Mr. MacLeod.

Pulling, spudding or cutting for two years in succession will not give and will lessen the infestation considerably. Sheep will eat Wild Carrot if they are permitted to pasture the infested area before plants become too far advanced. Pasture fields or hay fields where a single cut of hay has been taken off early should be trimmed again the latter part of August. It should be kept in mind that all plants in flower are two year plants which will die that fall. It is of vital importance that such plants be kept from maturing

An average plant may produce thousands of seeds, each of which bears rows of prickles; these stick to animals, clothing, etc., and may be carried long distances. Wild Carrot seed is an impurity in Timothy and clover seed. Those keeping fields for seed should rogue carrot plants from the seed crop.

practical solution to the eradication of Wild Carrot on areas which cannot be cultivated. Spray to saturaa high pressure power sprayer. Write the Crops, Seeds and Weeds Branch, Ont. Dept. of Agriculture, Toronto, for pamphlet on "Weed Eradication by Chemicals."

Wind sweeping across a narrow; path in Belfountain district last Fri-Archibald McArthur. The village ing the freak storm.

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Chick'n Chats

By H. E. LeMasurier

During the growing season some feeders feel that they can neglect their pullets insofar as feed is concerned. The necessity of a balanced ration is quite as important during this period as at any period in the birds' history. The object should be to produce a pullet as near to its mature weight as possible, before it starts laying. This enables a pullet to stand up under the strain of a heavy winter's egg season, while at the same time, to lay a larger egg, which of course means more profit.

Some feeders claim they can raise good pullets on wheat plus what worms and bugs the birds can pick up. This might be accomplished in some exceptional cases, but it is a BRAN \$1.35 per cwt. dangerous practice for the average SHORTS \$1,20 per cwt. poultry producer to follow. What MIDDLINGS \$1.35 per cwt. control has such a feeder over the amounts of minerals, proteins and vitamins his birds consume. After a heavy rain, a flock may manage to get a good feeding of worms. This might be used as an excuse for protein, but it is an unreliable source, and a most convenient way I Car load of Pine Slabs and to pick up any diseases that might | Edgings cut 1 foot lengths. at happen to be in the ground. We know that the sun is a good sterilizer of soil. The sun will kill para- 1 Car load of Peeled Cedar sites in their various stages and also most disease, but the worm can bring infections from below the top layer of soil, which, after all, is the only layer that gets sufficent sun to kill any organisms that might be

Some types of soil might contain sufficient mineral materials to produce good growth, but these types of soil are few and far between. Green range is very necessary for good growth, but the season in which this range is most valuable is so short, that unless a poultryman is constantly planting new plots for green feed, his attempt to balance his poultry ration becomes hopeless.

To enable a bird to grow good bone and muscle, we must provide result depends on the quality of the makings.

Questions on any subject pertaining to poultry will be answered through this column. Address your questions to "Chick'n Chats", c/o The Liberal, Richmond Hill. We invite you to tell your poultry prob-

Being a biennial, any plan for WOODBRIDGE Y.P.S. GROUPS UNITE FOR ANNUAL PICNIC

Despite unfavourable weather approximately sixty-five local young people journeyed to Musselman's Lake for the joint picnic staged last Saturday by the local United and HELEN SIMPSON FLOWERS Presbyterian Young People's Societies. Only a few contests were abanbecoming one of Ontario's worst doned due to the rain and all pre- Phone orders delivered any. sent enjoyed the splendid program of land and water sports arranged by a committee composed of Miss Ida Frankum, Miss Betty Beamish, plants an opportunity to mature seed Ross Cameron and Clarence Coles. Winners were: Balloon contest, Everett Kellam; girls' shoe kicking, longest distance, Miss Bertha Whitmore, shortest, Miss Thelma Shore; shoe hopping, boys, Everett Kellam, Don McCallum; eating soda biscuits, Harry Allen; man calling, Miss Janey Nattress and Murray Burton; drinking bottle contest, Cameron McClure and Miss Margaret Beamish; boys' swim race, Norman Brice; floating newspaper reading, Maurice Lennox; pie eating champion, Andy

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