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ORCHARD AND GARDEN August 15-22

Radishes and lettuce may be sown now for late fall use. Lombardy poplars give neither shade nor firewood. Why grow them? Do not let melon vines grow too thick. The crop is decidedly cut down by too many vines.

ORCHARD AND GARDEN August 22-29

Set out iris late this month. Tie the leaves of endive about the plant if you want tender, white leaves. There is no cure for potato blight, but proper spraying early in the season is a preventive.

JUNE PRICES FOR MINN. BUTTERFAT

Reports for June have been received at University Farm from 65 co-operative creameries and 10 co-operative cheese factories. Of the 65 creameries 3 paid 54 cents, 4 paid 52 cents, 6 paid 51 cents, 16 paid 50 cents, 6 paid 49 cents, 9 paid 48 cents, 2 paid 47 cents, 7 paid 46 cents, 5 paid 45 cents, 3 paid 44 cents, and 1 paid 40 cents for butterfat.

FUEL FOR THRESHING ON PREFERRED LIST

Coal for threshing, according to an announcement issued by L. B. Bassett, Minnesota head of the grain threshing division of the food administration, has been placed on the preferred list and therefore takes a special freight classification. The government, says Mr. Bassett, is extremely anxious that no threshing machine shall be prevented from working to full capacity this summer because of any lack of fuel.

WINTER RYE THRIVES IN NORTHERN MINN.

Experiments with winter rye at the North Central experiment station, Grand Rapids, Minn., for the last three years, according to O. I. Bergh, superintendent at the station, warrant attention to this crop by the farmers of northern Minnesota, especially as the time of planting is near.

Mr. Bergh urges consideration of winter rye especially for farms having a soil too light for other small grains. The average yield at the North Central experiment station since 1915, including both early and late seeding, has been 29.3 bushels to the acre.

TIPS FOR LOCAL STORIES

The Press News gives elsewhere suggestions for local stories that should prove of very great interest. It is suggested also that the items about boys' and girls' clubs and about creamery prices for butterfat would fit in well with local stories about boys' and girls' clubs and creameries in communities where such organizations exist.

40,000 BOYS AND GIRLS IN CONTESTS

Forty thousand of Minnesota's boys and girls are working for Uncle Sam this summer. They are in some nine different contests concerned with the production and conservation of food-stuffs. Moreover, when the records of T. A. Erickson at University Farm, who is in charge of the boys' and girls' club work of the state, are completed this fall, the boys and girls of Minnesota are going to be shown to have made large contributions to the food supplies of the nation. Close estimates of the numbers interested in the different contests as enrolled at present are:

- Gardening and canning... 25,000
Bread-making... 3,000
Corn-growing... 2,000
Pig-raising... 1,700
Potato-growing... 3,000
Calf-raising... 1,500
Cow-testing... 500
Poultry-raising... 1,500

MINNESOTANS ASKED TO CONSERVE WOOL

As a means of conserving wool and clothing fabrics, as well as time and man-power in the manufacture of clothing, the nation is calling upon consumers for co-operation. Miss Marion Weller, in charge of textiles and clothing in the division of home economics of the University of Minnesota, in a letter which is being circulated widely through Minnesota, is passing the word on to shoppers.

THE AX FOR THE COCKEREL—WHEN?

Whether it is better to kill cockerels for broilers or to keep them until they attain the roaster age is a question debated by poultry men interested in promoting America's food supply in the present crisis. W. E. Stanfield, United States extension poultry man at University Farm, advises the use of cockerels as broilers for these reasons:

SUGGESTIONS FOR NEWS STORIES OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO LOCAL PAPERS

WINTER RYE

Dear Mr. Editor: Just following this note is material for a local story having special application to your county. By filling in the blank with figures from the table below the suggested form, you will be able to give your readers some data which may prove very valuable to them in making their seeding plans for next year.

SEED CORN

Dear Mr. Editor: Following this note is material for another local story. This is based on plans for a genuine win-the-war seed corn campaign to be carried on September 10 to 20, according to plans now developing.

The Farm Bureau of... county is considering the problem of an increased acreage of winter rye. The attention of the bureau has been called by the extension division of the department of agriculture, University of Minnesota, to the fact that... acres of winter rye were grown in this county in 1917-18, and that probably a considerably larger acreage can be grown with profit.

Table with 2 columns: County, Acreage. Lists 67 counties and their respective acreages for winter rye in 1917-18.

Figures for counties not mentioned in this list were not available at University Farm.

SEED CORN

The farm bureaus of every county will have a county committee to see that each county raises its full quota of well selected corn. Under the county farm bureaus the various communities of the county will be organized by proper representatives, and when Seed Corn Time arrives the whole state will be busy laying in its stores of corn.

Every farmer will be called on to select one bushel of seed corn for every three acres he puts into corn.

Table with 3 columns: County, Estimated Acreage, Bushels of Seed Required for 2 Years. Lists 67 counties and their estimated acreages and required seed.



Electros of this cartoon will be furnished to Minnesota newspapers on application to M. J. McGowan, Director of Education, Food Administration, University Farm, St. Paul.