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- September 15 - LEADER TRAINING MEETINGS FOR MINNESOTA RURAL YOUTH
- September 15 - HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING AND SHOW OCTOBER 10 AND 11
- September 15 - SCHOOL FOR FLOCK SELECTING AND PULLORUM TESTING AGENTS

September 15 - SWINE FEEDERS' DAYS AT REDWOOD FALLS AND ALBERT LEA - Hog producers in central and southern Minnesota will have a choice this year of attending the annual University of Minnesota swine feeders' meeting either at Redwood Falls or Albert Lea. The Redwood Falls meeting will be held on October 3 and the meeting at Albert Lea will be October 5. The program will cover topics on breeding, feeding and disease control. One of the main features will be a discussion of new facts in hog feeding by Professor G. Bohstedt, chairman of the department of animal husbandry at the University of Wisconsin. Another highlight will be a report of experimental work in the feeding and breeding of hogs now in progress at the University of Minnesota Experiment Station. Both meetings are open to all interested persons.

September 19 - CORN FIELD DAY AT WASECA OCTOBER 2 - All the hybrid corn varieties grown in Minnesota will be on display at three field days at the Crookston, Morris and Waseca branch experiment stations, where varieties for northern, central and southern Minnesota, respectively, will be on exhibit. Trial plots for each hybrid variety registered for sale in the three areas of the state will be shown. Another feature will be an exhibit of parent single crosses of Minhybrid varieties. Dates for the corn field days are Wednesday, September 27, Crookston; Thursday, September 28, Morris; and Monday, October 2, Waseca. An added feature of the Waseca event will be a hybrid hog demonstration in which first crosses of inbred lines of swine will be shown for the first time. The afternoon program at Waseca will be devoted to the study of the swine breeding results. The crops program at Waseca will begin at 10:30.

September 19 - JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW BEGINS OCTOBER 9 - Minnesota's 4-H food producers will exhibit their prize meat animals at the annual Junior Livestock Show to be held in South St. Paul, October 9, 10, 11 and 12. Boys and girls who have chosen meat production as a wartime activity will trek to South St. Paul to show their best beeves, pigs and lambs and sell them at the annual auction. Around 800 beeves, lambs and pigs are expected, the cream of the 1944 crop raised by 4-H boys and girls in the state. Annual sale of prize animals will be held on Thursday, the last day of the show. Last year the sale of animals brought \$72,000.

- September 19 - SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE TO OPEN OCTOBER 9
- September 20 - VEGETABLE STORAGE PAYS
- September 20 - HOW TO SHRINK WASHABLE MATERIALS

September 20 - MAKE USE OF IMMATURE CORN AND ROUGHAGE - Cattle feeders can make good use of immature corn and roughage which will be a chief source of feed on many Minnesota farms this fall and winter, says W. E. Morris, extension animal husbandman at Cooperative Extension Work in Agriculture and Home Economics, University of Minnesota, Agricultural Extension Service and U. S. Department of Agriculture Cooperating, Paul E. Miller, Director. Published in furtherance of Agricultural Extension Acts of May 8 and June 30, 1914.

University Farm. Soft corn that is cut and shocked can be fed out in the bundle to cattle with satisfactory results. The fodder provided by such corn is as good or better than much of the wild hay that has been put up this year. Morris strongly urges putting soft corn into the silo to preserve its feed value to the fullest extent. Emergency silos of snowfence, baled straw or in the form of pits are very useful for this purpose. Morris doubts whether it will pay out to carry good and choice cattle on this type of feed alone. The higher priced cattle can make use of rough feed, but it would be wise to count on about 25 bushels per steer, or its equivalent in other grains, to put a good finish on the animals. A lower grade of cattle, say medium to good, might do rather well on a ration of corn fodder, silage and whatever hay is available.

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- September 21 - DR. MICKEL NEW HEAD OF ENTOMOLOGY DIVISION
- September 21 - PLANS MADE FOR FOLK ARTS FOUNDATION
- September 21 - POSTWAR PROBLEMS IN BUTTER MANUFACTURING DISCUSSED
- September 26 - LEARN TO RECOGNIZE EDIBLE MUSHROOMS BEFORE PICKING THEM

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September 26 - MARKET HOGS AS SOON AS FINISHED - "Topping off" the better hogs as soon as they are finished and when they have reached the support weight of 200 to 240 pounds was advised today by H. G. Zavoral, extension animal husbandman at University Farm. This practice will bring about an orderly marketing of the 1944 hog crop, will result in the most efficient use of feed supplies and will help to maintain prices near ceiling levels, Zavoral says. Marketing the finished hogs before they reach 240 pounds is justified by the fact that the ceiling drops 75 cents per hundred on hogs above this weight. This is about the point where additional gains become increasingly more expensive. A common practice particularly objectionable this year is that of holding the entire herd until all the hogs are finished. "Support prices are for good to choice butchers weighting 200 to 240 pounds only," Zavoral said. "Flooding the market with hogs outside this support bracket may have a demoralizing effect."

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- September 27 - COOL, MOIST STORAGE IMPORTANT FOR ROOT CROPS
- September 27 - TIME NOW TO PUT YOUR GARDEN TO BED
- September 27 - GET ORCHARD READY FOR WINTER ADVISES BRIERLEY
- September 27 - FALL A GOOD TIME FOR LIMING, BURSON SAYS

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DATES TO REMEMBER.

CORRECTION ---An error was made in the Extension Digest for September 18 in listing two corn field days for the Morris Experiment Station. Correct date for Corn Field Day at Morris is September 28, not October 2.---CORRECTION.

- October 2 - Corn Field Day, Southeast Experiment Station, Waseca
- October 3 - Swine Feeders' Day, Redwood Falls
- October 5 - Swine Feeders' Day, Albert Lea
- October 9-12 - Junior Livestock Show, South St. Paul
- October 9-13 - Farm Income Tax Short Course, Lowry Hotel, St. Paul
- October 30-31 - Animal Nutrition Short Course

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RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Copies available on request from county extension office or from Bulletin Room, University Farm, St. Paul 8.

POSTWAR AGRICULTURAL PROSPECTS by O. B. Jesness. First of new series of Station bulletins to be prepared on postwar agriculture. 24 pages. An appraisal of some of the factors which will affect postwar agriculture. Export and domestic market prospects, industrial outlets, adjustments in production, price relationship, land speculation and other subjects discussed.

TRENDS IN PRICES OF PUREBRED CATTLE by Austin A. Dowell. Station Bulletin 380 (June, 1944). 16 pages. Discussion of long-time price trends, factors affecting purebred beef and dairy cattle prices and prospects for the immediate future.