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September 16 -- INCREASE IN DRIED MILK PLANTS SOUGHT -- Large increases in the output of dried milk from Minnesota farms and processing plants is the goal of a series of conferences now being held in the state. Local sponsors are being invited to consider quick conversion of existing dairy plants to drying milk or promotion of new plants where conditions warrant. The U. S. Department of Agriculture, seeking enormous expansion of milk drying plants to produce milk solids for export into war zones, is ready to give financial backing. Minnesota has been chosen as the source for 20 per cent or more of the total national increase in dried milk because much of its dairy output is still in the form of butter, and a large volume of skim milk has been going for livestock feed. The plan is to get the needed extra milk products by diverting this skim milk for processing as human food.

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September 16 -- DEALERS ENCOURAGED TO HOLD PART OF CROP -- Minnesota potato growers and dealers will be encouraged to hold a good share of the fall crop for later marketing thru a loan program which has been announced by the War Food Administration. Charles W. Stickney, Minnesota AAA chairman, says that arrangements have been completed for non-recourse loans to growers and cooperative associations and to dealers who pay support prices for the potatoes they buy. The loan program will protect producers and handlers who hold potatoes for later distribution during the winter months. It will also benefit the consumer in spreading out the marketing season.

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September 21 -- JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW OPENS OCTOBER 11 -- Minnesota's 4-H army of food producers will exhibit the cream of the crop at the annual Junior Livestock Show to be held in South St. Paul, October 11, 12, 13 and 14. Adopting "Food for Fighters" as their slogan, they are bringing the best in steaks, chops and drumsticks on the hoof as their pledge to continue their program of raising enough 4-H products in each community to feed the soldiers from that community. J. S. Jones, secretary of the Minnesota Livestock Breeders' Association, which sponsors the show in cooperation with the Minnesota Agricultural Extension Service, says that all arrangements have been made for a successful show. A. J. Kittleson, state 4-H leader, reports that entries indicate a show almost as large as last year's.

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September 21 -- KATHLEEN FLOM NEW STATE 4-H AGENT -- New state 4-H club agent at University Farm is Kathleen Flom, who has progressed from national trip winner in 4-H work to county club agent, to her present position in the state office of the Agricultural Extension Service. She is a native of Delhi, Minnesota, where she started her nine-year career as a 4-H member. Later she divided her time between her duties as 4-H club agent in Nobles county and her scholastic work at University Farm. After receiving her B.S. degree in 1942, she returned to Nobles as home demonstration agent. After a year in that work she received her promotion to the state 4-H club staff.

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Cooperative Extension Work in Agriculture and Home Economics, University of Minnesota, Agricultural Extension Division 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.

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September 21 -- RAM SALE AND EXCHANGE DAYS -- Minnesota sheep raisers will begin getting together this week for the annual ram sale and exchange days which have been hailed by experts as the greatest single factor in improving the quality and production of market lambs and wool in this state. These sheep days, which are held on a county basis, give purebred breeders an opportunity to offer their best rams for sale and also give market lamb growers an opportunity to buy or trade flock sires. Only purebred rams of good quality are handled in the sale and exchange schedule. W. E. Morris, extension animal husbandman at University Farm, and one of the founders of the ram exchange plan, says that in the six years the plan has been in operation in Minnesota, well over 3,000 rams have been placed in Minnesota flocks.

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September 23 -- RURAL BUILDERS' SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED -- Scholarships of \$50 each will be awarded this fall to 15 farm boys who enroll for the newly organized Rural Builders' course at the Minnesota School of Agriculture, University Farm. J. O. Christianson, superintendent of the School of Agriculture, announced that farm boys 15 to 21 years of age are eligible for the Rural Builders' scholarships. Applicants should have an "aptitude for farming and progressive farm management, coupled with a constructive bent," he said. The Rural Builders' course, introduced this year, is designed to give technical training in planning and constructing structurally sound farm buildings.

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September 24 -- STEPS IN FASTER MILKING EXPLAINED -- Dr. W. E. Petersen, professor of dairy husbandry, gives the steps in faster milking in two transcribed interviews. In the first interview he explains the importance of getting the cow ready before putting the milking machine on; in the second interview he shows how to strip by machine. (First and second in a series of transcribed interviews for statewide radio service.)

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September 24 -- SELECTING FIELDS FOR NEXT YEAR'S FLAX -- M. L. Armour, extension agronomist, gives advice on what fields to select for next year's flax. (Third in a series of transcribed interviews for statewide radio service.)

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September 24 -- HOGGING-OFF CORN -- E. F. Ferrin, professor of animal husbandry, and H. G. Zavoral, extension animal husbandman, talk on the merits of hogging-off corn as a practice. (Fourth and fifth in a series of transcribed interviews for statewide radio service.)

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September 25 -- SWINE FEEDERS MEET OCTOBER 9 -- E. F. Ferrin gives an account of the program for Swine Feeders' Day at St. James, October 9. (Sixth in a series of transcribed interviews for statewide radio service.)

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September 25 -- SELECT VICLAND OR TAMA OATS FOR 1944 -- A 15-minute transcribed interview with Ralph Crim, extension agronomist; Dallas E. Western, agriculturist, Quaker Oats Company; and Henry O. Putnam, secretary of the Northwest Crop Improvement Association, on the importance of selecting Vicland or Tama oats. Larry Haeg, WCCO farm service director, conducts the interview. (Seventh in a series of transcribed interviews for statewide radio service.)

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September 29 -- SWINE FEEDERS' DAY AT ST. JAMES -- Minnesota hog producers will meet to discuss their problems on the twenty-first annual Swine Feeders' Day to be held at St. James on Saturday, October 9. Headline speakers include W. O. Fraser, assistant chief of the livestock and meats branch, U. S. Department of Agriculture, and L. A. Weaver, professor of animal husbandry at the University of Missouri. Fraser will

present an analysis of the present livestock situation and suggest methods of adjusting planning to fit probable future trends. Weaver will discuss recent hog feeding experiments at the University of Missouri. Other speakers are C. A. Torkelson, St. James hog producer; R. C. Juhl, Luverne swine breeder; and W. H. Peters, E. F. Ferrin, and H. G. Zavoral, University Farm animal husbandmen. Sessions will be held in the St. James high school auditorium beginning at 9:30 a.m.

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September 29 -- SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE OPENS OCTOBER 11 -- The University of Minnesota School of Agriculture at University Farm will open its fall term on October 11, J. O. Christianson, superintendent, announced today. The fall term will close December 18. Dates for the winter term are January 3 to March 18. Farm boys and girls 15 years of age or over are eligible for entrance in the School of Agriculture upon completion of the eighth grade. Regulation course of study is for three years of six months each, though students with high school training may complete the course in a shorter time.

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WEEKLY - GARDEN AND TABLE - Column of timely, practical paragraphs on vegetable and fruit production, canning and storage, foods and nutrition. Supplied to county extension agents for local release.

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WEEKLY - TIMESAVERS FOR FARM AND HOME - A weekly column of labor-saving tips supplied to county extension agents for local release.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

October 8, 9 - Conference of Teachers of Adult Classes in Home Economics
October 9 - Swine Feeders' Day at St. James, Minnesota
October 11-14 - Junior Livestock Show
October 11 - School of Agriculture Opens
October 25, 26 - Animal Nutrition Short Course

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

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

PASTURE PLANTS AND COMBINATIONS by Ralph F. Crim and A. C. Army.

Extension Bulletin 197 (Revised June, 1943). Sixteen pages.

Illustrated. Guideposts to good pastures. Suggestions on planning a pasture program.

THE ALFALFA PLANT BUG by John H. Hughes. Technical Bulletin 161 (June, 1943). Eighty pages. Illustrated. Study of the alfalfa plant bug in Minnesota, its injury to alfalfa, and control methods.

FASTER MILKING by W. E. Peterson. Extension Folder 119 (June, 1943). Six pages. Illustrated. This folder shows how to cut your milking time in half and gives a few simple rules to assure the success of faster milking.

CARE AND FEEDING OF BROOD SOWS by H. G. Zavoral. Extension Folder 90 (Revised June, 1943). Six pages. Tips on proper care of the brood sow to insure profitable pork production.