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July 15 - PRESENT CATTLE SITUATION - S. B. Cleland, extension economist in farm management, calls attention to the peak in cattle numbers and suggests that orderly reductions are advisable. (First in a series of transcribed interviews for statewide radio service.)

July 15 - POINTERS ON READJUSTING LIVESTOCK NUMBERS - S. B. Cleland tells how Minnesota farmers can best bring about reduction in surplus numbers of livestock. (Second in a series of transcribed interviews for statewide radio service.)

July 15 - AVOID MIDSUMMER SLUMP IN MILK PRODUCTION - H. R. Searles, extension dairyman, suggests ways of holding up milk production during the summer months. (Third in a series of transcribed interviews for statewide radio service.)

July 15 - SUMMER MANAGEMENT OF DAIRY COWS - Searles points out what to consider, other than feeding, in maintaining milk production. (Fourth in a series of transcribed interviews for statewide radio service.)

July 15 - CARE OF THE DRY COW - The importance of proper feeding during the dry period is emphasized in an interview between Searles and E. H. Ziegenhagen. (Fifth in a series of transcribed interviews for statewide radio service.)

July 15 - MAINTAINING QUALITY IN MILK - Searles stresses the importance of cleanliness in milk production and gives pointers on speeding up the job of washing utensils. (Sixth in a series of transcribed interviews for statewide radio service.)

- July 18 - WASHBOILER TOO LARGE FOR SATISFACTORY CANNING
- July 18 - HEAD OFF WASTE THROUGH PROPER CARE OF BREADBOX
- July 19 - MINNESOTA FARM MANAGERS MEET JULY 31
- July 19 - J. O. CHRISTIANSON TALKS ON RURAL EDUCATION
- July 19 - FARM PEOPLE URGED TO OBSERVE SAFETY WEEK
- July 19 - EUROPEAN CORN BORER THREAT TO CORN CROP

July 19 - FARMERS ENCOURAGED TO HARVEST OWN LEGUME SEED - One of the most serious threats to food production in 1945 is the pending shortage of legume and grass seeds for forage. Recognizing that this situation is critical, Congress recently appropriated an additional \$12,500,000 to encourage farmers to harvest more seed this year. As an added inducement, the previously announced limitations on acreage and amount of payment allowed per farm have been removed, according to Charles W. Stickney, state AAA chairman. Loans administered by county AAA committees will serve as a floor under legume and grass seed prices, Stickney says. In addition to the regular price obtained for the seed, poundage payments (clean basis) will be made at

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the rate of 3½ cents per pound for red clover and 2½ cents per pound for alsike and alfalfa. The poundage payments are in addition to the acreage payments of \$3.50 per acre for these crops. Adding emphasis to the importance of this problem, M. L. Armour, extension agronomist at University Farm, points out that legume seedings in 1943, which supplied most of the 1944 crop, were the smallest in years, but the acreage seeded in 1944 was still smaller. The acreage to be seeded in 1945 will be even less than the 1944 acreage unless special attention is given to legume seed production. Armour points out that passing up a ton of second-crop hay this year in order to harvest seed may mean ten to twelve tons in 1945 and 1946. Producing legume seed in 1944 is excellent insurance against inadequate feed supplies in the next few years. In view of the importance of maintaining an adequate acreage of legumes, Armour urges farmers to harvest added amounts of seed this summer.

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July 24 - REA STRESSES SAFETY PRECAUTIONS IN USE OF ELECTRICITY

July 25 - HOW TO TREAT RUBBER RINGS FOR CANNING

July 25 - FARMERS CAN GET NECESSARY LUMBER FOR REPAIRS

July 26 - ANNUAL MIDSUMMER MEETING OF BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

July 26 - PINE SAWFLY DESTROYING MINNESOTA EVERGREENS

July 26 - LESS MEAT THIS YEAR BUT OF BETTER QUALITY - Better quality meat but less of it - that, in the opinion of W. H. Peters, chief of the division of animal husbandry at University Farm, St. Paul, is in prospect for the next twelve months. Improvement in quality may apply particularly to beef and lamb cuts, Peters points out that in the last two years beef production in the United States has shifted largely from a quality to a quantity basis. Before the war the fattening of young cattle by heavy feeding on corn and other grain was being carried on extensively. The level of ceiling prices placed on beef early in the war had the effect of greatly reducing the production of this high quality beef. Grain feeds were more largely diverted to the feeding of hogs, poultry, and dairy cattle where they would produce more food with greater efficiency. The quantity of beef produced was large, but it was mainly grass- and hay-fed beef. This, according to Peters, is the main reason why Mrs. Housewife has been unable to get the high quality beef roasts and steaks that she was accustomed to in pre-war days. Because this has been a good grazing season, there should be more good grass-fed beef and lamb this year. Furthermore, more grain-fed beef and lamb may again be produced if the improved prospects for a large corn crop materialize. A reduction in the number of hogs and chickens on farms this coming year will also make more grain available for beef and lamb feeding.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

August 22-24 - State 4-H Swine Show, Albert Lea

August 25-27 - State Horse Show, St. James

August 26-September 4 - Minnesota State Fair

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RECENT PUBLICATIONS

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

FREEZING FOODS FOR HOME USE by J. D. Winter and Andrew Hustrulid. Extension Bulletin 244 (June, 1944). 24 pages, illustrated. Comprehensive information on problems in freezing foods, including preparation, packaging and recommended varieties of fruits and vegetables for freezing. Section on freezing meats and other products in home freezing cabinets.

THE MINNESOTA FARMER'S INTEREST IN FATS AND OILS by Rex W. Cox. Station Bulletin 376 (June, 1944). 32 pages. An analysis of the changes in the production, trade and utilization of the various fats and oils in direct consumption and in the manufacture of various products.

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