

PRESS LETTER

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Cow Testing Increases Dairy Profits.

SAN ANTONIO.—An increase of 28 pounds of butterfat, and return above feed cost per cow of \$16.74 in 1929 over 1928 are shown in the dairy herds enrolled in the Bexar County Herd Improvement Association, according to the second annual report recently submitted by R. F. Lawrence, cow tester. These increased profits are said to be due to the records kept of the weight and the test of each cow's milk, which enables owners to cull out 55 boarder cows for sale to the butcher, to balance rations intelligently, and to feed each cow according to her production.

There are more than 500 cows in this association, organized and operated in cooperation with the Extension Service, and of these 183 cows made more than 300 pounds of butterfat during the year as compared to only 76 a year ago. There was an average increase per cow of about 100 gallons of milk per year over the 1928 records, and while the feed cost was \$4.26 per cow more, the net returns showed an increase of \$16.74 per cow.

The high cow in the association produced 9128 pounds of milk

529 1-2 pounds of butterfat, a production made on regular twice-a-day milking and ordinary care. It cost \$39.59 more to feed each cow in the highest producing herd than it did in the lowest producing herd, but the profit in the former exceeds that in the low herd by \$131.56 per cow for the year.

It is also pointed out that the low herd in 1929 is the same herd that was low in the association for 1928, and that as a result of the cow testing work their owner has sold his entire herd. It has put this farmer temporarily out of the dairy business, but his complaint is that he found out the truth two years too late.

NACOGDOCHES.—The high winning boy among 4-H cotton club members in Nacogdoches county this year is Kyle Heath, 13 years old, of Cushing, who produced 1087 pounds of lint cotton on one acre. The 16 high ranking club boys made 19 1-2 bales on 16 acres, so F. O. Montague, county agent, reports.

HEREFORD.—Butterfat was produced in November for a cost of 18 cents per pound by L. A. Smith, member of the cow testing association of Deaf Smith county, who fed his 12 cows two bundles each of hegari daily, supplemented with cottonseed meal for protein and ground cane bundles for additional roughage. Eight of the cows made net profits for the month, totaling \$134.80, but the

other two cows gave small returns because near the end of their lactation periods.

The cottonseed meal is fed according to production, one pound daily to cows producing 20 pounds daily, 1 1-2 pounds to cows milking 30 pounds per day, and two pounds of meal to those giving over 30 pounds of milk a day. Cottonseed meal is fed at milking time, but the cows are allowed free access to the ground hegari and cane bundles. The hegari bundles average one-third of their weight in heads, and are ground to increase the amount consumed, so R. O. Dunkle, county agent, states.

SEGUIN.—Guadalupe county farmers are planning to have plenty of Sudan grass for pasture in 1930. They have pooled orders for 13,000 pounds of seed, through the local dairymen's association.

BASTROP.—In the corn growing demonstration conducted by Fred Moore in Bastrop county this year a yield of 555 bushels of yellow dent corn was made on 12

acres of deep sand, or practically 39 bushels per acre. This is said by County Agent G. C. King to be more than 15 bushels above the general average of the county this year. Mr. Moore planted the land late in 1928 to rye and wheat, plowed it under in the spring, applied 300 pounds of 4 (Nit.) - 12 (Phos.) - 4 (Pot.) fertilizer, planted March 11 and gave two cultivations. The cost of production was \$143.55 and the net profit per acre was \$26.70.

SNYDER.—Six of the 153 home demonstration club women in Scurry county growing gardens in 1929 are serving as special 4-H pantry demonstrators, and their records show that their gardens and orchards, including canned products, were worth a total of \$2316.65 to them last season, or almost \$400 each. Their families consumed 7030 pounds of fresh vegetables, and 1289 containers of vegetables and 3489 containers of fruit were canned for the winter months. Their entire garden, orchard and canning programs have been worked out with them.

aid of the home demonstration agent in the form of budgets to give the proper amounts of all essential foods and they are feeding their families completely balanced meals.

DECATUR.—Twenty 4-H club girls on Wise county farms are improving their bedrooms by re-furnishing their furniture; making rugs, draperies and pillows; building bookcases, tables and foot-stools; and re-papering the walls. Sixty-six other girls are adding bookcases, arranging furniture to conform to the lines of the room and improving the floors.

WHEELER.—Many farm families in Wheeler county are adding at least one sea food dish weekly to the diet to provide a source of iodine which has been found to prevent goitre. The program is being worked out through the home demonstration clubs of the county.

CANTON.—More than 100 Van Zandt county farmsteads have been improved in appearance and 57 landscaped in a beautification program sponsored by a woman's club at Edgewood and participated in by women of four nearby rural home demonstration clubs.

PARIS.—Edna Brown and Pauline Stapleton, two 4-H club girls of Tigertown in Lamar county, recently completed four years of club work with profits of \$681.70 and \$546.33, respectively. These gains were made from managing poultry flocks, growing gardens, canning and making home improvement articles and clothing.

The demonstration in New York of a telephone which speaks automatically into the ear of the operator is regarded as a big step toward the elimination of the subscriber.—Punch.

One difficulty about the Russo-Chinese situation is that it's hard for men to understand each other when they can't even pronounce each other's names.—San Diego Union.

As a rule the horse knows what is expected of him, says a well-known breeder. This never seems to be the case with the ones we put our money on.—Punch.

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Another difference between the stock market and poker is that in poker you can see your cards.—Tampa Tribune. An even more important difference is that in poker you get a chance to deal the cards yourself.—Arkansas Gazette.

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How to Raise Poultry

By Dr. L. D. LeGear, V. S.
 St. Louis, Mo.
 Dr. LeGear is a graduate of the Ontario Veterinary College, 1892. Thirty-six years of veterinary practice on diseases of live stock and poultry. Eminent authority on poultry and stock raising. Nationally known poultry breeder. Noted author and lecturer.

Artificial Brooding for Bigger Poultry Profits

Natural Brooding Must Give Way to the Greater Economy of Artificial Methods if Large Broods Are to Be Handled Successfully.

A hen can act as foster mother for from 10 to 20 chicks while a small brooder can take care of 100, and one of moderate size can accommodate up to 500 or more. But little more attention is required for a single brooder than for a hen and her tiny family. The fuel cost for brooder operation is negligible in comparison with the labor cost required in caring for an equivalent number of chicks with hens. It is self-evident, therefore, that where profit is the primary requirement, in the handling of large numbers of chicks, artificial brooding is the only method worthy of consideration.

Thousands of chicks can be raised successfully by artificial means where dozens would be handled with difficulty if hens were used. This is a fact so well known to professional poultrymen that they would probably question the need of discussing the problem at all. I have found, however, that many to whom poultry raising is merely incidental to other occupations, are still inclined to mistrust any substitute for the time tested method of nature's own devising.

They are deterred, for the most part, by a belief that artificial brooding is unreliable unless supplemented by contact care. This may have been true some years ago but, today, many moderately priced brooders are available which are absolutely dependable to operate, economical, and which require relatively little attention to insure satisfactory results.

single device that is decidedly better than all others.

The thing to be considered first of all is the size of your flock as a whole, and the next the size of individual broods which you can handle with the greatest ease. Then, buy as many units as you need, install and operate them according to the manufacturer's instructions. You will find that it is a really simple matter after all and a labor saver of decided value even for comparatively small numbers of chicks.

The principle used in all brooders is the same: some artificial means of furnishing heat as a substitute for the hen's natural body heat. The heating unit may use gas, kerosene, hot water, coal or electricity. Whatever is used, the general arrangement remains the same. The unit is centrally located under a circular metal hood so arranged that the heat is deflected downward from the hood onto the backs of the chicks. Around the hood is usually a slit curtain to partially confine the heat. This unit with hood and curtain is called the hover.

The hover unit is the central feature of any system of artificial brooding. Space is lacking in an article of this kind to discuss the various types of brooders, all of which have their uses. They will be discussed in a later article.

Artificial brooding offers you the opportunity to bring into poultry raising the same sort of mass production methods which make possible the gigantic commercial enterprises of our time. Without such methods, no business can ever progress beyond the "one horse" stage. If you raise chickens only for the needs of your own family, profit is a secondary consideration and the system employed is of no great moment. If, however, you are aiming for profits, you cannot afford to ignore the efficiency of modern devices for artificial brooding.

As a parting word of advice, let me counsel those who hesitate to adopt the modern method of brooding not to regard it as something surrounded by mystery or hedged about by difficulties demanding professional skill. Quite the reverse is true, for, while it is true that artificial brooding has its problems, they are much the same as those of natural brooding and no more difficult of solution. There are, moreover, many compensating factors in favor of artificial brooding which make it the inescapable choice of all who want to realize the greatest possible profits from their chicken raising whether it is their sole source of income or merely a side issue.

Women, says one authority, are after a fashion, they are.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

Income Tax Returns Must Be Prompt

Extension of Time, Heretofore Seldom Abused, Will Be Limited, Department Advises.

Dallas, Texas, Jan. 1, 1929.

To The Press: Abuse by taxpayers of the privilege of securing an extension of time in which they may file their income tax returns will no longer be tolerated according to orders issued by Commissioner of Internal Revenue and announcements made in this district by Collector Geo. C. Hopkins.

Heretofore, tax experts, with a long list of clients have been in the habit of asking and securing extensions, chiefly on the ground that they have more clients than they can physically attend to around March 14.

"The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has authorized me to advise all taxpayers and all representatives of income taxpayers that only in those cases shown to have genuine merit will extensions of time for filing be granted," said Collector Hopkins today.

The records show that for several years the extension privilege has been abused, and that in many cases taxpayers or their representatives have habitually requested extensions year after year so that delayed returns have been the rule rather than the exception. It is believed, therefore, in these as well as in many other cases the delay was occasioned primarily by undue exercise of the privilege afforded taxpayers of securing extensions of time rather than by meritorious causes, hence the recent instructions to all collectors to grant extensions only upon the showing of a good and sufficient cause. In other words, extensions will be granted only in those cases in which, by reason of the circumstances involved, the taxpayers could not have filed timely returns through the exercise of ordinary diligence.

This is to advise representatives of taxpayers that wholesale requests for extensions (a long list of clients) presented at the eleventh hour, accompanied by no better reason than "impossible to collect data," or "physically impossible to reach all" will not be granted.

We advise representatives of taxpayers who have a large clientele to commence operations immediately after January first and not wait until March fifteenth to file returns.

KNOW TEXAS

Texas manufactures more than half the cotton gins produced annually in the United States, according to a Dallas manufacturer.

There is one automobile for every 4.38 persons in Texas, figuring on the anticipated registration for the year with one month estimated.

Exclusive of live shipments and case eggs poultry-dressing and egg-breaking plants are paying Texas farmers \$15,000,000 a year, according to a Dallas News estimate.

Texas holds the lead in attendance on the state fairs. Attendance 1929 was 933,074. Nebraska with 437,660 was second, Ohio third with 437,000, and Minnesota fourth with 433,268.

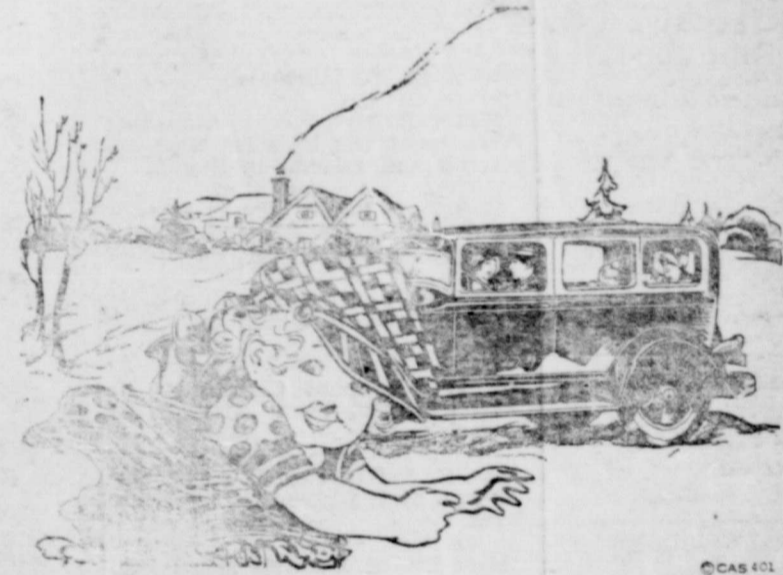
Although the Texas turkey crop this year is estimated at 1,800 cars, 500 more than that of 1928, its value is \$3,000,000 less, because of the lower prices. The Texas turkey crop in 1928 was valued at \$8,000,000.

FARM NOTES

D. A. ADAM, County Agent

TERRACING SCHOOLS WITH DATES OF SAME

- Following is the terracing school schedule for Lamb county:
 - Monday, Jan. 6—C. D. Nelson 2 1-2 miles north of Antton.
 - Tuesday, Jan. 7—C. A. Daniels North Sudan
 - Wednesday, Jan. 8—J. C. Morgan South Sudan.
 - Thursday, Jan. 9—J. R. McGavock, 3 miles east of Littlefield.
 - Friday, Jan. 10—E. W. Palmer 6 miles south of Sudan.
 - Monday, Jan. 13—J. C. Glover, 3 miles east of Littlefield.
 - Tuesday, Jan. 14—C. C. Preston, South Sudan.
 - Wednesday, Jan. 15—B. J. McGee, 1 mile south of Amherst.
 - Thursday, Jan. 16—Sadler Farm N. E. Littlefield.
 - Friday, Jan. 17—
 - Monday, Jan. 20—J. E. Holland Fieldton.
 - Wednesday, Jan. 22—A. E. Boyd West Fieldton.
 - Monday, Jan. 27—Montgomery and Horton farms, South Amherst.
- Those of you who are interested in getting a terracing school on your farm after these dates have returned to furnish all data to their agent immediately after January first. The return can then be prepared but not filed and tax paid until March fifteenth.



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