

Revised Standards On Spinach Nov. 19

WASHINGTON — (USDA) — Revised U S Standards for Spinach Plants will become effective Nov. 19, the U S Department of Agriculture announced today. These standards will supersede those effective since Sept. 1931.

Over 9 million bushels of spinach for fresh market were produced on about 38,000 acres in 1955. Texas was by far the largest producer with 16,000 acres. Substantial quantities are also produced in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, California, New York and Kansas.

Corn Belt Tops Registrations In Angus Breed

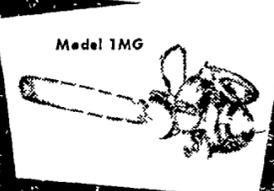
Three Midwest states registered 30.42 per cent of all the pure bred Aberdeen-Angus registered nationally during 1956, announces Frank Richards, secretary of the American Aberdeen - Angus Breeders' Association. The large numbers of Angus being raised by Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, and other Midwest farmers continues a trend which for a number of years has proved this region an Angus stronghold.

The three states named also led in sales of purebreds and in new memberships granted by the national association. Other states figuring among the top ten in Angus production were Texas, Indiana, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Kansas, Tennessee, Virginia, and Ohio. The statistics were compounded when the Association closed its books on the 1956 fiscal year, Sept. 30.

There were 725 registered herds founded in the three top states during 1956, contributing 30.57 per cent of the new memberships granted by the Association during the year. The American Angus Association this year continues its lead as the world's largest purebred beef registry association with 32,286 members. In the transfer of cattle, Missouri, Iowa and Illinois, with a total of 40,867 individual head sold, account for 28.35 per cent of all transfer for the year.

The top ten states in calf registrations were Missouri, 20,969; Iowa, 18,947; Illinois, 16,912; Texas, 10,262; Kansas, 8,514; Kentucky, 8,163; Oklahoma, 8,083; Virginia, 7,783; Indiana, 6,977; and Ohio, 5,674.

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Banker from Iowa Visits Lancaster Farm and Family

Lancaster Farming has received a note from Mrs. Frank N. Baer of Salunga, which is quoted below.

Dear Mr. Neill: On Thursday forenoon, Oct. 24, a congenial couple came to our door introducing themselves as Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Whitmore from Corning, Iowa. They came East to visit their son Bill who is interned in a New York hospital. Mr. Whitmore wanted to see Lancaster County and Pennsylvania Dutch, and in passing our lane saw we had cattle in our barnyard. That interested him and they drove in. Since he is interested in cattle, we had things in common.

He soon said he knew you and I got Lancaster Farming from the shelf and we looked over the staff, then he said, "That's you alright." He was desirous that I write and tell you and I believe he'd enjoy a little note in the paper since they get it.

He was sorry his time in Lancaster County was limited as they were quite excited in being in Lancaster County. They were going on through to Gettysburg. I enjoy Lancaster Farming and the receipts. I like yeast rolls. I always read the Sunday School lesson comments by Dr. Kenneth J. Foreman. They help me understand the lesson. — Mrs. Frank N. Baer.

(The editor regrets missing the Whitmores, due to appointments that day in Morgantown and that evening in the Corn Belt. Mr. Whitmore is an officer of the Okey Vernon National Bank Corning, Iowa, and has long been interested in cattle feeding in several sections of the State. Where Corn Is King. Through his encouragement cattle feeding has been increased, and a combination of agriculture and industry has helped that section weather drought conditions.)

Wheat Price Support Extended to Include Lower Grade of Grain

WASHINGTON — (USDA) — The U S Department of Agriculture has announced that because of extensive frost damage to wheat in the fields, particularly in the States of North Dakota, Montana, and California, the 1956-crop price support program has been extended to cover wheat grading No. 4, No. 5, and "sample," if the grade has been given because of total damage (other than heat damage). The wheat, however, must be storable, and must not be sour, musty, heating, or hot. Sample grade wheat must not contain more than 14 per cent moisture. Other eligibility requirements are unchanged.

Support rates for wheat grading No. 4 or No. 5 because of total damage will be discounted 1 cent for each 1 per cent or part thereof of total damage over 7 per cent. Sample grade wheat (below No. 5) will be discounted 60 cents per bushel under the applicable terminal or county support rate. Premiums for Hard Amber Durum and Amber Durum wheat and for protein content will not be applicable to these qualities of wheat.

The program revision announced today will make it possible for farmers to hold damaged wheat, resulting from unusual weather conditions, under loan or purchase agreement until it can be marketed in an orderly manner.

HADN'T THE ACCENT

The Highlander turned to the stranger in the pub and asked "To what country do you belong?"

"To the greatest country in the world, I guess," answered the American.

"So dae I," answered the Scotsman: "but ye dinna speak like a Scot."

ONE WAY TO DO IT

ROUEN, France — Confronted with the task of painting the 75-foot-high ceiling of a new church here, Charles Dollfus, 63-year-old ace balloonist, provided the workmen with a balloon and a platform on top of it for the three-day chore. The unique method was used to save the high price of scaffolding, estimated at \$8,500.

LIFEGUARD GETS THANKS

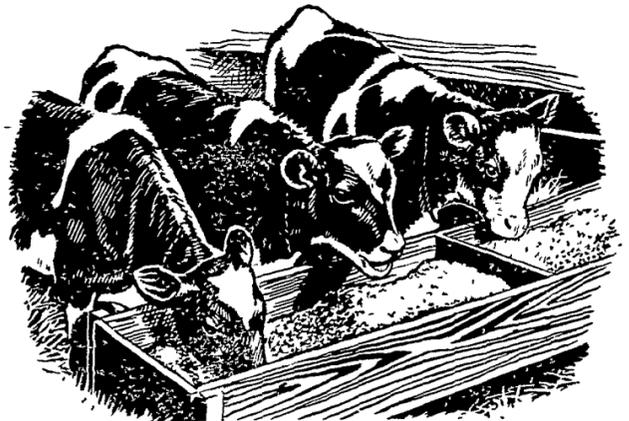
WESTERLY, R. I. — Although Frank Turano veteran lifeguard at Misquamicut Beach, is credited with 500 rescues in 22 years, he recently received his first thank-you note for a rescue. It was from Miss Yolande Messier, of Norwich, Conn., whom he helped from the surf August 19th.

Chester Springs Ayrshires Cited

The purebred Ayrshire dairy herd of C. Ellwood Loughan at Chester Springs, has achieved recognition during a recent month for outstanding production. The 11 producers are credited with averaging 942 lbs of 4.2 per cent milk and 40 lbs of butterfat, actual, which placed them among the nation's top Ayrshire herds in the Ayrshire Herd Test Division of five to 15 cows. In accordance with the rules of the Association, all registered cows in the herd, milking or dry, are included in the average.

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