

That Average Cow

Has an Average Return of Nothing

"Sweetpea" is an average cow. Each year she turns out 7,000 pounds of milk. "Marigold" is better than average, but still not tops, and she turns out 10,000 pounds of milk each year.

Look at what these two cows did for their "boss" during the six years they've spent in the barn.

"Sweetpea's" feed cost was \$180 a year, or \$729 for four years of production. In addition, the cost of raising her until she calved at two years of age was roughly \$300 at today's prices.

Thus, her total "bill" would be \$1,020 for these items.

"Marigold's" feed cost averaged \$135 per year, or \$940 for four years. Her rearing cost added to the feed cost makes a total expense of \$1,240.

Now, let's examine the income. "Sweetpea's" 7,000 lb of milk for 4 years equals 28,000 pounds of milk which at \$5.00 per cwt is worth \$1,400.

Subtracting \$1,020 from this figure leaves \$380 for the dairyman's labor, investment, etc.

After expenses, such as housing, equipment, and veterinarians bills are taken out, there's not much left over toward buying a new bulk tank, and even less for a pair of overalls.

"Marigold's" scorecard looks somewhat better. She produced 40,000 pounds of milk worth \$2,000 in the same period of time.

Subtracting her expenses leaves \$760 for other costs. This is double the return made by her less efficient herd mate.

The MORAL to this story is to get more "Marigolds" and hoe out the "Sweetpeas". The best tool for keeping the hoe sharp is a good testing program.

More details about the testing programs available to dairymen can be supplied by the County Agent.

● Good Shoes

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When you buy shoes for your child, look for a shoe that conforms to the shape of the foot, with a well rounded toe, and straight inner line.

Take your child with you when you buy shoes. One foot is usually longer than the other. Buy the size shoe to fit the larger foot, but always try on and check both shoes.

The widest part of the foot should be at the widest part of the shoe. Feel the shoe at its widest point to see if the large joint of the foot is under your fingers.

August, 1959 Throughout Corn Belt

Record-breaking high temperatures were reported throughout the entire Corn Belt during late August. Readings of at least 90 degrees were reported from Colorado to the East Coast.

Chicago's record of eleven straight days above 90 degrees was threatened, and central Minnesota, which had only three days above 90 degrees last year had over 20 such days by Aug 27.

In the many areas where early August rains had been plentiful, the hot weather had little effect except to hasten the corn crop along to earlier maturity. But where moisture was short in the Dakotas and Minnesota, the temperatures hastened the deterioration of a crop which had been troubled with moisture shortage all year. In the Central Corn Belt, however, the acreage damaged by drought was not large and consisted of scattered small areas which had been missed by summer showers.

Crop observers in reported conditions and 'very good' in it would seem that the early August rains and late August high temperature should maintain a corn crop at July 1 estimates of about 1 billion bushels without change in total supply.

High humidity, rain, and heavy dews a rapid development of the leaf blight or thosporium in many fields. This disease has caused heavy losses in central Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and along the shore, but usually do not do much damage in the Corn Belt.

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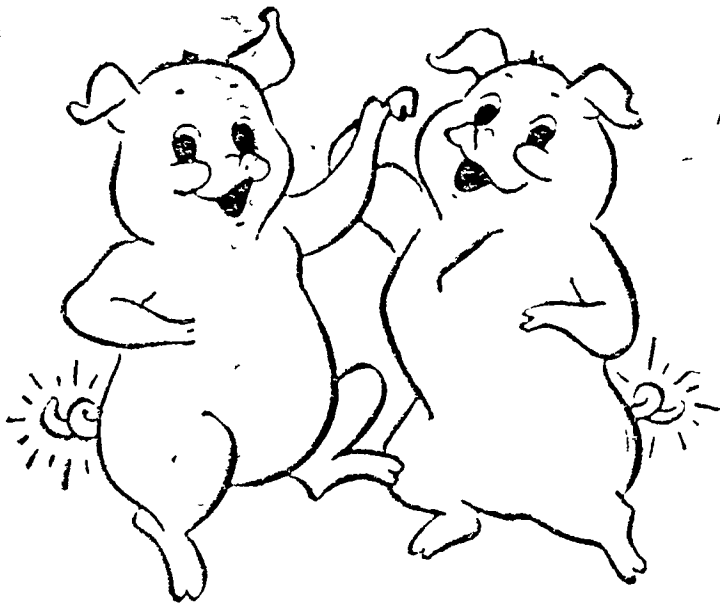
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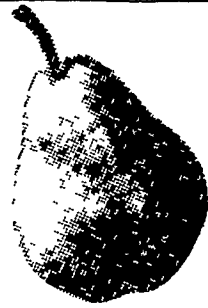
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