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should expect to get an added \$4 return for every one he spends for spray material.

No Harm To Wildlife

In answer to the question, "Will the spray of Dieldrin kill more rabbits than the granules?" Menusan said, "In some places where rabbits are a problem, people wish we could recommend Dieldrin for rabbit control, but the fact is, the chemical is not toxic to wildlife." He said the chemical would probably make the wildlife healthier by killing the lice on the animals.

George Berggren, extension agronomist, told the dealers that Heptachlor or Dieldrin can be mixed with Chloro I P C or DnNitros for the control of weeds and insects in new alfalfa seedlings. "Go easy on mixing the insecticides with M C P," he said. With such a mixture there will be some burning of the crop, especially if the alfalfa is not completely dormant. If M. C. P. is to be used, it should be sprayed immediately after a killing frost, he said. Do not wait for a week after the frost to make the application.

Switching to the control of weeds in corn fields, Berggren said, in fields of corn after corn where Atrazine has been used as the only herbicide, there is sometimes a buildup of certain weeds. He told dealers Atrazine should not be sold for the control of quack grass.

In some of these fields we need to go in there and clean them out with 2, 4-D, he said. He said 2, 4-D is still recommended for certain weeds in pastures, but cautioned against spraying where dairy cattle are grazing. The chemical is not toxic, he said, but in instances, traces of it have been picked up in the milk. Cattle should be kept off sprayed areas for at least 10 days, he said.

New Oats Variety

Elmer Pifer, Extension Agronomist, told the group, "Russel is a new variety of winter oats which looked better than anything we have in our recommendations this year." He said the University is not recommending the variety because they do not have enough research on it to make any predictions, but it looked good in the first year tests.

Pifer said Kenbar, an old established barley variety, has been dropped from the recommendations this year.

In reviewing the newer wheat varieties, Pifer said, Redcoat will probably completely replace Dual as soon as seed supplies become available. Redcoat is very stiff strawed and can stand up to 20 or 30 more pounds of nitrogen per acre than other varieties. He said it also takes grazing well.

John Baylor, extension agronomist, said alfalfa recommendations will be about the same as last year, but Chesapeake Red Clover will be recommended along with Pennscott. He said Chesapeake is similar to Pennscott, but it does carry some resistance to southern anthracnose which the Pennscott does not carry.

Seed Box Survey

Clarence Bryner, Extension Agronomist in charge of the meeting, reporting on a "seed box survey" said 40% of the home grown seed and 80% of the homegrown clover seed used by Pennsylvania farmers is not fit for seeding purposes.

He cited examples of seed containing as high as 1,000 weed seed per pound and having a germination of under 10 per cent. The average of all home grown clover seed, he said had a germination of 85 per cent while the average of all certified seed in the state has a germination of 96 per cent.

The meeting was sponsor-

Eastern National Livestock Show Is Next Week

TIMONIUM, MD.—Judges will award more than 1,700 prizes totaling \$52,000 at the fifteenth annual Eastern National Livestock Show to be held at the Maryland State Fair Grounds here November 11 through 16.

A similar number of ribbons, plaques and trophies will be awarded in the competition that will bring to Timonium some of the nation's finest breeding cattle, steers, market hogs and lambs, according to Jack I. Matthews, show manager.

Exhibitors from more than 20 states and Canada are expected to enter some 1,500 animals in the show, fourth largest livestock exhibition in the country and described by livestockmen as the "livestock show window of the East."

Mr. Matthews said nearly 300 of the prizes will be awarded to 4-H Club and Future Farmers of America exhibitors.

The cash premiums range from a low of \$2 to a high of \$500.

Arthur Godfrey will be among the riders in an exhibition of quarter horses at the show on Sunday, November 12.

The radio and television star will bring to the fairgrounds some of his prize quarter horses from his 3,000-acre Beacon Hill Farms at Paonian Springs, Va. The exhibition is slated to be held on the infield of the Timonium race track.

The schedule of events will include a registered quarter horse judging contest in the morning. The contest will be open to anyone with a registered quarter

horse. In the afternoon, professional cowboys from all over the East will compete in calf-roping and cattle-cutting contests in which more than \$500 in cash prizes will be awarded, according to John Cooper, chairman of the event.

Living Garden In The Kitchen

A living herb shelf—that's what you can have when you grow some of your own herbs for seasonings, reminds June Wilke, extension home economist, Chester County.

Many of the herbs commonly used in cooking grow exceptionally well in a bright sunny kitchen window. They take little care and fresh herbs are ready to use at any time.

Among the easy-to-grow herbs are chives, parsley, thyme, mint, rosemary, sage, sweet marjoram, winter savory, and certain geraniums. Miss Wilke advises against

moving plants in from the garden for your living herb shelf. Instead, she suggests cuttings and divisions from the plants. The plants may be put into individual pots or several or more plants may be set into a planter.

Use the herbs often in cooking and in salads. The more the plants are cut back, the better they will grow indoors. When you have more of the fresh herbs than you can use, pick springs from each plant and give to your neighbors and friends.

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