



Darla Erickson and Vicky Hull, floriculture students at Brownstown Vo-Tech, prepare geranium plants in preparation for May sales. Many geranium operators are doing the same for the upcoming spring sales of bedding plants to beautify homes throughout the county.

New Beef, Pork 'Facts' Are Available

Two longtime favorite publications, "Facts About Beef" and "Facts About Pork," have recently been completely revised and printed in full color by the National Live Stock and Meat Board.

In addition to their more attractive and colorful appearance, all the "facts" have been updated where necessary to conform to new developments.

According to Reba Staggs, the Meat Board's Director of Home Economics: "They contain the very latest recommendations for the selection, care, storage, freezing, defrosting, cookery and nutritional values, respectively, of beef and pork." One example of up-dated information concerns storage. The new recommendations are based on changes that have been made in

packaging methods and materials used by retailers, says Miss Staggs.

Nutritional information in the revised edition is now more practical and helpful for the busy homemaker doing the family shopping and meal planning," said Frances Hall, Asst. Director of the Board's Nutrition Research Dept.

Both revisions contain the same basic subject areas covered in the previous publications, but the information is presented in a style that's easier to read and understand.

On Selecting Warm Coats

Heavy winter coats aren't always warm. Extension clothing specialists at Pennsylvania State University say that the weight of a coat doesn't really tell how warm it will be. The fiber content is the true clue to finding a warm coat.

Wool is the warmest fiber you can buy. Reprocessed wool is often used in boys' winter coats. That is, wool that was made into fabric but never used. So it is broken down again and rewoven. This means the fabric has a rougher texture, but it is just as warm as original wool fabric.

One-hundred per cent wool may be expensive, and it must be dry cleaned. These are two drawbacks to buying wool.

Acrylic fibers are next to wool in warmness. Sometimes it is woven and looks very much like wool. It may also be a pile. Modacrylic, as a pile fabric, is also warm.

The clothing specialists say sometimes a coat or jacket may look warm, but it won't be. Fibers that may look warm but really aren't include cotton, polyester and nylon. For example, a cotton corduroy jacket with a bulky

polyester pile lining will not be as warm as it may look.

Let the fiber content on the label be your guide when selecting a warm winter coat. Then check to see how the coat is made. Will cold air come up the sleeves or are there knit cuffs to stop it? Is it open at the neck so air can get in there?

A really warm coat should keep out the air on even the coldest day, explain the clothing specialists.

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- 3 tbsps. butter or margarine
- 1 tsp. grated lemon rind
- 2 tbsps. lemon juice
- ¼ tsp. salt

Mix sugar and cornstarch in small saucepan; stir in water. Cook, stirring constantly, until sauce is clear and thickened and comes to a boil. Stir in butter, lemon rind, lemon juice and salt. Use sauce as a topping for apple fritters, etc

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