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Plans to Increase Great Activity of Associations

Render Some Essential Service Connected With Farmers' Enterprises.

(Prepared by the United States Departmen of Agriculture.) There are now more than 12.000 active farmers' business organizations In the United States, the Department of Agriculture estimates on the basis of a recent survey. This number is more than twice that in 1915, when the first nation-wide survey of co-operative associations was made by the lepartment

Included in Associations.

The associations include those selling farm products, buying farm supplles, operating creameries, cheese factories, canning plants, grain elevators, stockyards, warehouses, or renlering some one or more of the essential services connected with the conduct of farmers' enterprises. The agures do not include farmers' co-operative banks, credit associations, nor insurance companies.

Fifty-four of the associations listed are federations' with local units, 49 are sales agencies operating in central markets, 35 are bargaining assoclations, and 98 are large-scale organizations of the centralized type. Of the total number of associations listed by the department, 3,325 are primarily engaged in marketing grain, 2,197 handle dairy products, 1,770 ship live stock, 1.250 market fruits and vegetables: 121 perform various functions in the marketing of cotton, 91 in marketing wool, 71 in marketing poultry or poultry products, and 24 in marketing tobacco

In North Central States. More than 70 per cent of all the tral states. Approximately 6 per cent are in the three Pacific Coast states, and less than 3 per cent in the six New England states. The largest number of associations reporting from | Dairy Cow Has Financed any one state is 1.383 from Minnesota. lowa is credited with 1.094 associations. Wisconsin 1,002, and Illinois 822. Missouri has 537 associations; Nebraska, 488; Kansas, 466; California, 350, and New York, 286,

The grain marketing associations tional Dairy council, are largely in the 12 North Central states, as are also the greater number of the live-stock shipping associations. The organizations engaged in marketing dairy products are scattered through the country with a fair percentage of the total number in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Possibilities Open for

Crop Rotation as Good as Manure and Fertilizers.

Soil Productivity

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.) In the practice of crop rotation a farmer has at his command a means whereby he can materially reduce acre costs or increase the output of his land, says W. W. Weir, associate soil technologist of the United States Department of Agriculture. Perhaps that fact is not news to many farmers who have been using rotation in their crop system; they know it is a beneficial practice.

They may be surprised, however, says Mr. Weir, to learn that crop rotation is nearly as effective in increasing soil productivity as the use of manure and commercial fertilizers. Furthermore, crop rotation can be practiced usually with no outlay of money, whereas the use of commercial fertilizers requires an expenditure of

money A study of the long-continued soil fertility experiments of this country and of England, made by the Department of Agriculture, has brought out some important facts about crop rotation in its relation to soil productivity. In general, says Mr. Weir, they show that rotation without the use of manure or commercial fertilizers is nearly as efficient in effecting crop increases as the use of fertilizers without rotation. The beneficial effects of crop rotation are different from the benefits derived from the use of fertilizers; so that when these two farm practices are combined the one practice adds to the benefits of the other. making the resultant increase almost twice that secured by either practice used alone.

associations are in the 12 North Cen- highest yields are possible only when On soils long under cultivation rotation and the use of fertilizers are practiced together.

Farmers When Needed

Farmers realized nearly as much from dairy cows during 1925 as from their corn and wheat crops combined, according to figures issued by the Na-

According to careful estimates based on investigation, the farm value of ali dairy products for the year 1925, is \$2,700,000,000. This is only about \$200,000,000 less than the total farm value of wheat and corn, the government estimate of the combined farm value of the latter being \$2,904,260, 000

"But the important fact," states N D. Munn, president of the National Farm Storage of Grain Dairy council, "Is that American farmhave marketed their dairy prod

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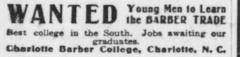
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Better than a mastard plaster

The farmer has the choice of three places for storing his grain in order to hold it for a favorable market, it is explained by L. F. Rickey, grain marketing specialist of the college of agriculture, University of Illinois. These three places are: (1) in cribs or granaries on his own farm, (2) elevators or cribs at his shipping point, or (3) at the terminai elevators. In order to hold his grain, it is often necessary for the farmer to borrow money upon it as collateral.

When it is in public elevators at the terminal markets he can readily borrow on the warehouse certificates. but the cost of such storage is rather high. Storage in the local elevator has advantages, but these houses are not large enough to actually store very much grain and many elevators refuse this class of business or limit the time of storage to a comparatively short period.

Farm cattle and granaries offer the cheapest storage for grain crops and this method has several other apparent advantages. However, no one would should be planted shallow. In order care to loan money on grain so lo- that it may grow when planted shalcated. Iowa has solved this part of low, the soil must be quite firm and the problem by its unbonded agri- full of moisture. Perhaps most of the cultural warehouse law. Under its failures with sweet clover are due provisions cribs or granaries are offi- to plowing, or otherwise loosening up cially sealed and storage certificates the seed bed before planting the crop issued which are acceptable to local in the spring. Early spring plowing bankers as collateral for loans. The loosens and permits the top soil to grain thereby finances its holding for dry out and so prevent a good stand a favorable market.



Clean out the cistern and catch cool spring rains. . . .

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Get early vegetables started. Onlons, culture. radishes, lettuce, peas and beets flour ish in the cool damp weather of early spring.

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valuable.

Plow up the sod-bound orchard, and cultivate it. This loosens the soil, kills weeds and makes re-seeding more . . .

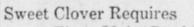
A balance sheet is really a systematized inventory of everything a business owns and owes, and shows in the bottom of the nest to prevent the health of the whole enterprise.

. . . How many farmers know whether they lost or made money last year? or whole grains to the biddles, being And how many know on what crop careful to avoid feeds that stimulate or kind of live stock they lost or made | egg production or cause digestive disthe most? Farm account books come orders, say poultry extension speciala handy for just such information. lists of the Pennsylvania State college.

nets day by day throughout the year without any accumulated surplus on their hands and have thu received funds with which they have been able to live and help finance their other farm operations, while they still have to a man in politics. much of their corn and wheat on hand. "This vast sum of nearly two and

prevail. In addition to the cash return to the farmer through the dairy cow he has also been supplied with dairy products for his own family use, which

have materially assisted in reducing Hving expenses."



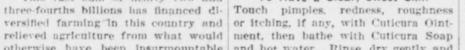
Firm, Moist Seed Bed Sweet clover seed, being very small, of sweet clover.

Land to be planted to this crop should be fall plowed. or, even better. summer fallowed the year preceding. Where such land is not available, cornstalk land, millet or cane land is suitable, giving it only a light disking as preparation before seeding sweet clover. As much of the stubble as possible should be left standing to catch snow and prevent soil blowing.

Sweet clover should be planted as early in the spring as possible. Use eight to ten pounds of clean, scarified seed per acre. Where possible, drill in the seed, planting at the depth of one inch. Where one cannot drill so shallow, he should broadcast and harrow in the seed. No nurse crop should be used .-- Waldo Kidder, Extension Agronomist, Colorado College of Agri-

Hens Used for Hatching

Purposes Need Dusting All hens used for egg-hatching purposes should be dusted with a good louse powder when they are placed on the eggs. The only preparation known to kill lice with one application is sodium fluoride. Put a piece of sod excessive evaporation. Set two hens at a time so that the chicks may be given to one hen later. Feed cracked



It is so funny to talk of "leisure"

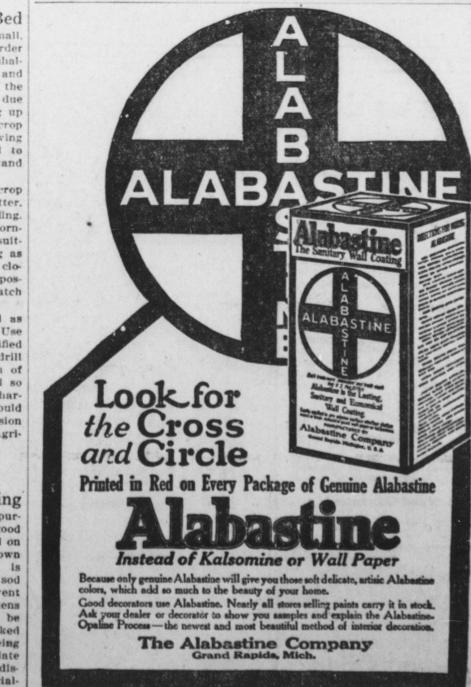
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