



Facts for Farm Folks

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Are Your Brood Sows In Good Condition?

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The condition of the brood sows upon the average farm will decide largely the number of pigs that will be farrowed in the average litter next spring.

It has been consistently demonstrated that a brood sow that is in a thrifty, healthy condition at the time of breeding will usually farrow a larger number of pigs during the following spring season.

By good condition, however, in the case of a breeding animal, one doesn't intimate just a fat hog. The brood sow that is smooth, carrying a reasonable quantity of flesh, that has been fed upon a ration properly bal-

anced with a reasonable amount of protein, is usually in the most healthy condition and in the best condition to conceive for a large litter of pigs the following spring.

If brood sows have been carried largely upon the waste feed in the fields during the past few months, the good hogman will certainly find it desirable to add a reasonable amount of protein to his ration during the next few weeks and he will find that his sows will breed more uniformly and will be in better condition to produce a large litter of pigs.

Continuing the feeding of this protein during the gestation period has also been demonstrated to be extremely desirable and it has been shown that practically twice as many pigs are at the sides of brood sows at weaning time as where no good protein supplement is fed during the gestation period.

GENERAL BUSINESS CONDITIONS

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and none ever will until the millennium. In fact, when one considers the disregard for economic law which in varying degree constantly characterizes the administration of human affairs one wonders that we get on as well as we do. The answer is, of course, that so long as we go on requiring food, clothing, shelter, and reasonable facilities for recreation there exists a powerful pressure of necessities demand which over-rides mistakes and sooner or later swings us back into our stride after every period of faltering.

Schooled in the tradition of prosperity, the average American business man is essentially an optimist, and once he can see that he is not going to fall over the precipice he will not be long in regaining his spirit of enterprise. That optimism has its dangers at times is not to be denied. But while it contributes to rash excesses in boom periods it also leads to quicker recoveries after depressions. Barring occasional fits of gloom produced by some particularly black day in Wall Street, business men are not generally downhearted. In fact, it is a common saying that the further one gets away from Wall Street the less one hears of pessimism. For the average man, the tendency, as he turns the page on 1930, is to give a sigh of relief, feeling he has left the worst behind him.

During the first quarter of 1931 some considerable stepping up of industrial activity is assured as the steel, automobile, and various other industries swing into seasonal production, while

later in the Spring seasonal expansion of construction work may be counted on to add impetus to the forward movement. Whether these increases will measure up to or exceed normal proportions is not now clear, but in view of the many perplexing problems facing business both here and abroad the tendency is not to expect too much. If it can be made evident during the next few months that business has indeed touched bottom and is ready for improvement that will be satisfying to most people even though the rate of recovery be slow.

Constructive Features of the Situation
Meantime, hopes for 1931 continue to be based chiefly on the drastic curtailment effected in output, indications of depleted stocks of manufactured merchandise, and the free availability of credit whenever business wants to use it. While lately the unsettled conditions in the bond market have prevented borrowers from obtaining funds through that channel, this situation must be regarded as temporary, as practically all indices point to a stronger bond market once general financial conditions become more settled.

It is a satisfaction also to note that while the number of bankruptcies in industry and trade is large the aggregate of liabilities is relatively small. The main business structure of the country is going through the crisis remarkably well. This is a fact which the public may well bear in mind when the annual earnings statements begin to appear over the next month or so. Undoubtedly these statements will show a big falling off in earnings, and the public should be prepared for

State College Farm Calendar

Timely Reminders From the Pennsylvania State College School of Agriculture

Grow Hay Crops—Thin stands of young seeding sometimes can be thickened by sowing more seed early in the spring, especially if it is harrowed in or drilled in with a disk drill. Clover or alfalfa sown in the spring should make a cutting of hay by late summer.

Use Wired Perches—Wire netting made of 16-gauge wire and 1½-inch mesh has been found satisfactory for use between the chicken roosts and the dropping boards. It keeps the chickens off the boards and catches any eggs laid by the birds on the perches.

Trucks Move Produce—Motor trucks are being used more and more to transport fruits and vegetables from the place of production to market. Products have been carried 600 miles this way, but the average for long trips is 100 miles.

Plan Flower Garden—Preparations for the 1931 flower garden include ordering seeds and plants, obtaining fertilizers, buying or repairing garden tools and accessories, and getting materials for fighting insects and diseases.

Learn About Meats—Whether meat is purchased at the store or butchered at home, "Market Meats," a circular sent free to those who request it by the Agricultural Extension Service, State College, Pa., will be found helpful. It describes cuts of beef, pork and mutton, gives recipes and tells how to cure meats.

Keep Eggs Clean—Use of shavings in the nests helps to keep eggs clean. In a comparison of shavings and straw as nest material, one-fourth of the eggs laid in straw were dirty, while 90 per cent of the eggs laid in shavings were clean.

ADDITIONAL CENTERMORELAND

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ing with Mrs. Dailey during the bad weather.

We have a new garage intown, "The Do-Rite," with L. C. Shook and son as proprietors.

Mrs. Anthony Pietrocarlo, who has been seriously ill, is much better at this writing.

unfavorable comparisons, but it must be remembered that the current figures are being measured against those of unusually prosperous years. If comparison is made with other depression years it is believed that the 1930 figures will make a relatively good showing. With an absence of unwieldy inventories, business has been in a better position than in previous depressions to maintain a rapid turnover and prevent inventory depreciation, and the banks are suffering nowhere near the losses on their commercial accounts that they did in the 1921 depression.

One further important fact, worth bearing in mind in connection with the outlook for 1931 is that 1930 has been a year of debt paying, when a large part of the current income of the people has been absorbed in liquidating all sorts of obligations incurred during the period of free spending. Of stock exchange credit alone the American people have paid upwards of \$6,500,000,000 since the 1929 peak, to say nothing of the liquidation of installment credit and other forms of indebtedness. As soon as the liquidation is completed it means the release of an enormous amount of funds for current purchasing. And not only that, it means also that people, having paid off their old debts, are once more in a position to contract new ones and to start all over again the process of supplementing current funds by anticipating future income. This is always the way in which the clean-up after a period of excess lays the foundation for a new period of expansion.

Money and Banking
On December 24 the Federal Reserve Bank of New York reduced its rate for rediscounting from 2½ to 2 per cent, establishing another new low record for the sixteen years history of the Federal Reserve System. This action marks the seventh successive reduction from the 6 per cent rate that was in effect from August 9, 1929, to November 1, 1929. The New York rate is now the lowest maintained by any central bank in the world and, to our knowledge, has not been equalled since the period of low interest rates at the beginning of the century, when 2 per cent was quoted by the Bank of England and the Bank of France. The Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland reduced its rate from 3½ to 3 per cent, effective December 29.

New Morgan Partner



S. Parker Gilbert, young lawyer who started as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury during the war, became Agent-General for Reparations representing all the Allied Governments at Berlin, and now has been taken into partnership in J. P. Morgan & Co., largest private bankers in the world. He is only 32.

-Idetown-

Girl Scouts of Idetown are preparing to give a play entitled, "Her Honor the Mayor." The characters are as follows:

Elinor Morgan Eve Greenway
Lester's fiancée, who becomes the Mayor.

Catherine Casterline Lester Permenter
Candidate for Mayor. He becomes the Mayor's husband.

Mary Wheeler Clarence Greenway
Eve's brother, who becomes the village groom.

Charlotte Parish Mike McGoon
Political Boss, who becomes the hired girl.

Mildred Riley Eliza Goober
The "Culled" Cook, who becomes the Chief of Police.

Marcella Kisbaugh Doris Denton
An Athletic Bud, who becomes the Fire Chief.

Mrs. Viola Rossman Mrs. McNabb
Widow and Suffragette, who becomes a naval officer.

Rosalie Myers Marjorie Ide
Doris' Chum, who becomes a millionaire.

-Kunkle-

Mrs. F. P. Kunkle, Correspondent

Geraldine Howell, of Fernbrook, spent the week-end with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Hess.

Kunkle Sunday school recently elected the following officers and teachers for the ensuing year: James Miers, superintendent; assistant superintendent, Mrs. Gideon Miller; secretary, Frances Hess; treasurer, Lois Landon; pianist, Dorothy Elston; assistant pianist, Roannah Shoemaker; teachers, Mrs. Harry Sweezy, Mrs. Leroy Hess, Mrs. C. W. Kunkle, Mrs. Frank Hess, Miss Gertrude Smith and Mrs. Ralph Hess.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Condon, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Herdman and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Rydd ere delightfully entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Condon on Wednesday evening of last week, the occasion being Mr. Condon's birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Miers and son, James, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Miers.

Mrs. Charles Wertman and little son, Austin, are recovering from a recent illness.

A clam-bake birthday party was given at the Olin Kunkle home on Saturday evening for Fred Kunkle in celebration of his fiftieth birthday anniversary. During the evening a handsome gift was presented to Mr. Kunkle. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Makinson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Makinson, Nelly Makinson, Forty Fort; Mr. and Mrs. Harry DeWitt, Warren, Paul and Carl DeWitt, Mt. Greenwood; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Durland, Mrs. Etta Kocheer, of Wyoming; William Baird, of Trucksville; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Kunkle, Mr. and Mrs. Olin Kunkle, Miss Margaret, Eleanor and Charles D. Kunkle, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kunkle.

William Shoemaker and son, Robert, spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Henry Shoemaker.

Mrs. Olin Kunkle and daughter, Eleanor, attended the Girl Scouts Rally at the Meyers high school in Wilkes-Barre on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Rydd visited Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Breslin, of Asham, on Sunday.

Mrs. Clara Ashburner and sons, Grant and William, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ashburner and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Kunkle at dinner on Sunday, the occasion being Mr. Ralph-Ashburner's birthday anniversary.

-Huntsville-

Mrs. Clarence Elston, Correspondent

Ladies' Aid Society will hold an oyster supper and bake sale Friday night at the M. E. church.

The annual Home Department dinner was held at the home of the superintendent, Mrs. Celeste K. Prutzman, on Thursday. Those present were: Mrs. Ira Johnson, Mrs. O. M. Wilcox, Mrs. Charles Pettebone, Mrs. George Kostenbauder, Mrs. Raymond Prutzman, Mrs. Gordon Johnson, Mrs. Walter Prutzman and Mrs. Celeste K. Prutzman.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jones and sons, of Plymouth, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Holcomb.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bertram were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Keyser, of Noxen, on Sunday.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the M. E. church met with Mrs. O. L. Harvey on Wednesday. Mrs. Albert Perrego gave an informal talk on Chapter 6-7 of "Trailing the Conquistadores." Mrs. A. R. Holcomb asked the Home Mission enigmas. Mrs. Frank Johnson will be hostess next month. Mrs. Hadsall will lead the devotions, Mrs. W. G. Laidler will review the lesson, Mrs. Harry Randall will have charge of the enigmas. Lunch was served.

Gofdon Johnson has accepted a position with Corey Johnson.

THE NEW FORD

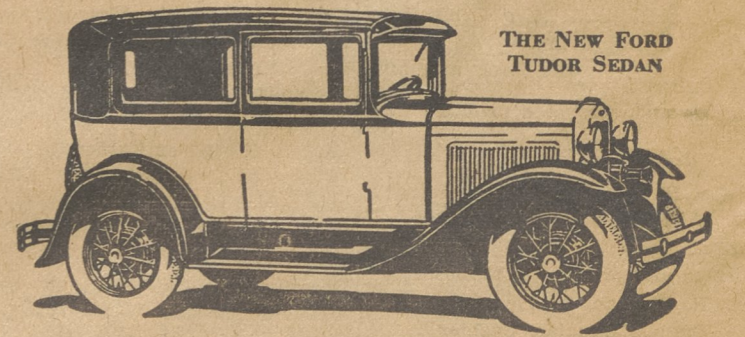
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