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Of Interest to Farmers

SCALDING BARREL STILL EFFICIENT

But if Much Butchering is to be Done, the Familiar Iron Kettle Will Serve Better

The old-fashioned scalding barrel is still efficient for butchering time on the farm if only one hog is to be killed, according to the State College of Agriculture, but if more than one is butchered an iron kettle is better. If several hogs are to be scalded, a fire pit can be dug underneath, and the kettle raised on bricks or railroad irons so that its top is level with the scraping board.

Old hands at the game say that the hog should not be killed until the water is ready—heated to 160 or 165 degrees F.—with pine tar, wood ashes or lye added to help remove the scurf, if desired—and that the carcass should be put into the tank just as soon as it is dead, with the head and feet kept well under the surface.

Roll the carcass in the barrel or tank insures a uniform scald. When the hair slips from the head and feet, the hog is ready to take from the water. These parts are scraped first, and the rest of the body is done as rapidly as possible, with scraping discs, blunt knives, corn knives, or hoes.

The carcass is finally hung up to cool, and is then cured by the favorite recipe, some of which have been in New York families for generations. Directions for curing are also available at the college.

LEE ELECTED PRESIDENT FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

13,466 YOUNGSTERS IN PROJECT WORK

Enos R. Lee, Yorktown Heights, was elected president of the New York State Farm Bureau Federation at the annual convention in Syracuse, November 21-23, succeeding S. L. Strivings, who has served as the Federation's president since its organization in 1917.

Mr. Lee runs a 160-acre general farm in Westchester County, which has been in his family for five generations. He has held various offices in Pomona and subordinate Grange, acting now as county Grange deputy for Putnam and Westchester Counties.

Other officers elected were as follows: First Vice-president, B. W. Miller, Oswego; Second Vice-president, Peter G. TenEyck, Albany; Treasurer, W. A. Mather, Adams; Director, H. R. Talmage, Riverhead. B. W. Miller, C. G. Porter, Albion, and F. M. Smith, Springfield Center, were chosen as directors of the American Farm Bureau Federation representing the New York State Farm Bureau Federation. Alternate directors elected were S. L. Strivings, Castile; H. C. McKenzie, Walton; and E. R. Lee.

The Board of Directors of the Dairymen's League Co-Operative Association at their meeting in New York City on November 22-23 recommended that association milk be sold for the month of December as follows:

Class 1—milk sold in fluid form for city distribution, \$3.37 per hundred pounds. Class 2—milk used for manufacture of cream and ice cream, \$2.90 per hundred pounds. Class 3-A—milk manufactured into canned milk, 47 cents above the average market quotations for butter. Class 3-B—milk manufactured into fancy cheeses, 40 cents above the average market quotations for butter. Class 4-A—milk made into butter, prices to be based on the average price of butter in New York City wholesale markets during the month of December. Class 4-B—milk manufactured into American cheese, price based on the average market quotations for the month.

These are the base prices for milk testing three per cent. butterfat at the 201-210 mile freight zone, with the usual differentials for freight and butterfat.

Off did the harvest to their sickle yield; Their furrow off the stubborn glebe has broken; How jocund did they drive their team a-field! How bow'd the woods beneath their sturdy stroke! —Gray.

You won't have to take a wailing Johnny to the dentist so often if he eats enough lime to keep his teeth strong. Milk is rich in lime. Give him all he wants.

ACID PHOSPHATE DOES NOT CAUSE SOUR SOIL

No Ground for Common Fear That Its Use Will Make Lime Needed —Rhode Island Experiment Cited

Contrary to popular belief, the use of acid phosphate will not produce acidity in New York State soils, according to a statement made by the workers in the field of agronomy at the State College of Agriculture at Ithaca.

The college long has advocated a greater use of acid phosphate with or without manure for fertilizing New York soils. Some farmers, however, have feared that to do this would mean that greatly increased quantities of limestone or lime would then be required for the growth of clover and alfalfa.

These fears, however, are groundless it is stated. Indeed, experiments made at Rhode Island show that acid phosphates actually served to reduce soil acidity. Dr. Burgess who made the test declares positively that "there is no foundation for the statement that soils will become more acid from the continuous use of acid phosphate."

The soil specialists state, however, that sour soil should be limed in advance of the application of acid phosphate. "Do not fear soil acidity from the use of acid phosphate," conclude the workers at Cornell, who add that with legumes and manure about 200 pounds of acid phosphate a year, on an average, when used for grain and hay crops, give excellent results.

44 COUNTIES OF STATE TEACH BOYS AND GIRLS FARMING AND HOME-MAKING THRU PRACTICE

In 44 counties of New York State boys and girls received practical instruction in agriculture and home economics last year, according to a statement given out by the office of the state leader of junior extension at Ithaca. The report says that 13,466 youngsters were engaged in the projects. Twenty of these 44 counties employed a person to supervise the work of the boys and girls. More than 77 per cent. of the total enrollments, or 10,413, were found in these organized counties. The following figures show the number enrolled in the organized counties of the state:

Chenango, 1234; Otsego, 1211; Chemung, 989; Jefferson, 894; Nassau, 928; Delaware, 789; Oswego, 750; Monroe, 545; Oneida, 473; Erie, 452; Allegany-Steuben, 405; Livingston, 390; Tompkins, 277; Rensselaer, 253; Schoharie, 243; St. Lawrence, 201; Wyoming, 145; Madison, 142; Onondaga, 128; Putnam, 64. The boys and girls carrying on the work in the 24 unorganized counties numbered 3,053, the distribution being as follows:

Chautauqua, 910; Montgomery, 570; Lewis, 239; Genesee, 188; Cattaraugus, 136; Essex, 127; Cayuga, 103; Albany, 94; Broome, 84; Franklin, 84; Suffolk, 75; Wayne, 71; Sullivan, 59; Cortland, 55; Tioga, 45; Westchester, 45; Saratoga, 33; Seneca, 29; Clinton, 24; Orange, 20; Herkimer, 19; Rockland, 16; Orleans, 15; Ontario, 12

Homespun Yarn

A wheel tray to pile dirty dishes on will save a lot of carrying. It can be made at home.

Is the beauty of the falling snow anything to you? Or does it mean merely the task of digging a path thru it?

A slight dash of nutmeg will make a real treat of the glass of milk which perhaps the notional child thinks he doesn't like.

A few bird-feeding stations near the house will offer lessons in nature-study all winter, to say nothing of helping the farmers' feathered friends.

Water is more important than electric light in any farm home which has neither. If you want to know how to install a water system ask the College of Agriculture at Ithaca for E 50. A postcard will bring it.

Aunt Ada's Axioms: "The world owes a living only to those folks who go out and get it."

Giving the old gingham dress a new lease of life is what happens when it's cut over into a tricky little apron.

The best color combinations for a room will have the floor dark, the walls lighter, and the ceiling lightest of all.

Is your meal preparation a walking trip? A compact and orderly arrangement of apparatus will save many unnecessary steps.

Agrigraphs

How much are you worth above your debts? Take an inventory and find out.

The worthlessness of poor quality bulls lives after them—in their low-producing daughters.

Uncle Ab says: "As long as farm folks keep their feet on the ground why worry about those who don't get off a pavement except to go up in the air."

New York does not rank high in the total number of sheep, swine, or beef cattle. Evidently the farmers of the Empire State have decided that these meat animals can be produced more economically farther from markets but where corn and other feeds are cheaper.

Agriculture is the noblest of all

alchemy; for it turns earth, and even manure, into gold, conferring upon its cultivator the additional reward of health.—Chatfield.

Don't forget that spraying is the ounce of prevention that is worth several pounds of cure.

Fertilizers with fillers must bear an additional cost to pay for the freight on the filler material.

Uncle Ab says: "There are two main classes—the folks who live within their incomes, and those who buy on uneasy payments."

New York ranks fifth in number of cow-testing associations. In 1915 it ranked second; Wisconsin has been first since that year.

Why does Bobby wait till he's in the kitchen to take off his muddy boots? If he'd do it outside, mother'd be saved a lot of cleaning up.



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