

OF INTEREST TO FARMERS

NEW YORK'S LEADERSHIP
Stands First in Production of Hay, Potatoes, Apples, Cabbage and Beans.

FARM SURVEY RESULTS
FAVOR EXTENSION WORK
Statistics Taken in Four States Show Rural People Overwhelmingly in Favor.

New York State's leadership in agriculture 'altho it is generally regarded as an industrial state, is brot out clearly in a report on the 1924 crop production, just issued by the state Department of Farms & Markets in co-operation with the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Surveys covering nearly four thousand farms in four states show that nearly three-fourths of the farmers have adopted improved practices as a result of co-operative extension work in agriculture and homemaking, according to figures just released by the United States Department of Agriculture, which has co-operated in conducting the extension and in making the survey.

According to this report, New York ranks first among all the states in the production of hay, potatoes, apples, cabbage, onions, green beans for canning and green peas for market. It ranks second in the production of grapes, pears, maple sugar and syrup, cauliflower, lettuce and green peas for canning and ranks third in the production of dry beans and celery.

The records of practices adopted were rather better in New York state, says Prof. D. J. Crosby of the state college of agriculture at Ithaca, than in the four states taken together, as New York state adopted an average of 3.6 practices to the farm on 82 per cent. of all the farms. The records throughout were taken in counties where extension activities have been organized for from six to twelve years and where at least agricultural agents and home demonstration agents were employed. In New York state there has also been a club agent for from two to five years in the areas surveyed.

In commenting on the figures given out, Commissioner Berne A. Pyrke of the Department of Farms & Markets said: "Many persons do not realize the magnitude and importance of New York's agriculture. Take the case of fruits and vegetables for example. If the 72,707 cars actually loaded and shipped by railroad from New York points last season were all put together it would make a train approximately 550 miles long. Such a train would extend from the Grand Central terminal in New York City along the line of the New York Central to Albany, across the state from Albany to Buffalo and beyond Buffalo westward to Erie, Pa. To make this even more vivid, picture a man in an automobile waiting at a crossing for such a train, moving 20 miles an hour, to pass. If he arrived at the crossing at six o'clock in the morning, he would have to wait all day and all night until nine o'clock the next morning to see the rear of the train pass by.

Great pains were taken, says Prof. Crosby, to select areas which would be true samples of agriculture in the respective counties and also areas which would accurately reflect the extension effort expended on them.

"It should be noted that these 72,707 cars of fruit and vegetables shipped by rail last season constitute only a small proportion of the total state production of these commodities. The rest are hauled by truck and in wagons to our city markets or to canning factories, grape juice plants, kraut factories, etc., while considerable quantities are consumed on the farms.

As the survey was carried out, extension supervisors and specialists visited each farm, interviewed both the farmer and his wife, and got from them actual records of what they considered improved practices. In New York, Colorado and California the attitudes of farm people toward co-operative extension work were also recorded, and 66 per cent. of these persons expressed themselves as favorable to the work. Only four per cent. were opposed to the system and 24 per cent. were indifferent. On six per cent. of the farms, no record of attitude was made.

"In the case of dairy products, if all the milk produced annually in New York State were shipped in standard 40-quart cans in ordinary milk cars, it would make a train 1,574 miles long—extending over the New York Central lines from New York City to Chicago and 200 miles further west. Our man at the crossing would have to wait three whole days and six hours more for such a train to pass.

Prof. Morrison, in coming from Wisconsin, will have much to offer New York dairymen and breeders, as conditions in Wisconsin, more closely approximate those of New York than almost any other state engaged in the dairy industry. He is in charge of all investigations in nutrition in animal husbandry in Wisconsin, and is known as one of the authors of "Feeds and Feeding," by Henry and Morrison, and as the writer of many popular articles and bulletins on kindred subjects.

If in addition, all the fruits and vegetables consumed in local markets and all the miscellaneous farm products not already included were to be computed on a carlot basis and added to our train it would undoubtedly bridge the remaining distance from New Orleans back to New York City. Our unfortunate man waiting at the crossing would have to take several months vacation to watch such a train go by.

Another prominent speaker on the animal husbandry program is Dr. Carl W. Gay, head of the animal husbandry department at Ohio State University. Dr. Gay will conduct the student judging contest to be held Thursday afternoon, February 12, in the stock judging pavilion of the college. On Friday morning, February 13, at eleven o'clock, he will lecture on the farm horse in the east.

"Such computations," continued the commissioner, "while not especially important, serve to bring out in graphic fashion the magnitude of the agricultural resources of New York State and indicate that the great industrial development in the state has not yet eclipsed its agricultural importance."

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Rubbers worn or torn with overmuch sliding, coasting or catching bobs may be repaired by vulcanizing at the local automobile repair shop for a few cents.

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Rude Rural Rhymes

Fasting
I come from grim old Yankee stock, tho subsequent to Plymouth Rock. My rebel sires were much inclined to leave some older faiths behind. They had no motive or intent toward cutting down their meals in Lent. They needed food about that time to get the spring work going prime. So this bald bard in early days acquired the local eating ways. He grabbed whatever he could find and ate whenever he inclined, but Lent has later come to seem in some respects a right good scheme for both the laymen and the preachers crowd too much grub into their features. Who sits at meals too long and chummy will get a fat and flabby tummy. We'd all be happier I betcher, if we would seek to follow Fletcher. He slung a mighty wicked jaw and taught mankind how they should chaw. He worked so long on every bite that if he chewed from morn till night on fat and protein, starch and sweet, he'd have no time to overeat. I find alas, as age is greater a bigger bulge in my equator, and tho straight folks with sucked-in tums may tackle all the pie that comes, a swayed-back poet must, you bet, be careful of his silhouette.
—BOB ADAMS

Homespun Yarn

Ordinary window screens covered with muslin make good ventilators for winter windows.
A big program is offered for homemakers at Farmers' Week this year. The dates are February 9 to 14th.
Rolls for breakfast may be heated in the top of a double boiler, thereby saving the heating of an oven.
Aunt Ada's Axioms: It may be

good for a woman to wade thru snowdrifts to pump water for the kitchen but it's hard to prove.
Old-fashioned head cheese is a good luncheon or supper dish with baked potatoes and a cabbage salad. Thin slices used as a sandwich filling are fine, too.
If finely varnished surfaces are scratched, the damage may be remedied by rubbing lightly with alcohol to soften the varnish and obscure the crack. When the varnish hardens again, polish, and the scratch will never show.



Sallie's Temptations
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The End of the Hunting Trip.

I put out my hand and touched his hair which gleamed in the sunlight sitting thru the trees.
"I'm sorry," I murmured softly, "so sorry."
"Why should you be?" he asked at the same time taking my hand and holding it firmly in his own.
"I always bring brightness wherever I go, except to you," was my explanation and there was pathos in my voice. "I'm sorry for whatever it is that makes you feel like this."
He glanced up swiftly and looked deep in my eyes.
"Don't you know what it is, Sallie? Haven't you guessed? Can't you see that I'm mad for you and that I love you, love you, love you."
Strangely enough he was agitated while I felt only a sweet calm as if my heart was singing a carol of joy.
"Then why so lugubrious about it?" I laughed. "I adore you too, Curtiss, and have from the time you wouldn't let me kiss you that first night. I wonder if you've changed your mind about it NOW?" I cajoled, putting my face against the rough khaki of his shirt.
"My darling, my beautiful, precious sweetheart. How I love you. You are everything I have longed for—and I cannot fight against my love—You are all beauty and allure. Every fibre of my being throbs for you. I love you and I want you so."

train left just after dawn. He continued to Miami, having previously made a business engagement there.
Father had not returned from Atlantic Beach but Dr. Gray assured me that he was entirely out of danger and that a few more weeks would see him quite well.
The big house was lonely and there was only Mom Nellie to welcome me home.
The telephone rang.
"Lord bless you honey—dat telegram has been ringin' its head plum off but no sech devilish thing as that could make me talk." Mom Nellie continued.
I answered. It was long distance.
"Hello Sallie, old dear." It was Ellie Mitchell's voice.
"Where are you Ellie?" I asked.
"In Pensacola. Mother and Dad have decided to take the Mediterranean cruise and would wish their offspring on you for lo these many days. I'm hopping off later to Miami and Palm Beach. Don't think I'm going to park at your house while they sail leisurely 'round the world."
Finally I got in a word and made her promise to come right along. Then I spoke to Mrs. Mitchell and assured her that Ellie would be a joy, explaining that father was still at the beach and that I was all alone.
She would arrive tomorrow and that was that.
I had scarcely replaced the receiver when the bell jangled again.
"This time it was Bob."
"Hello, peach, we've been pining away for a glimpse of you. Marj instructed me to call you and say we wanted you for dinner so that we can hear all the glory details of the call of the wild."
He was jolly, we chatted frivolously for a while and I no longer felt that I was alone in the world.
"Well, what time shall I come and breeze you around?"
"Why, Bob, let me see, I must have an hour of the sort of cleanliness that is akin to godliness—what NOPE a shower WON'T do."
"Say when?"
"Gee, that sounds natural!" I exclaimed, then I hesitated. "Listen Bob, will Ted Billings be there?"
"Not unless you're dying for a squirt at him. I'm not," he laughed. "You go to the devil."
"I am as fast as I can" he exclaimed.
"Be serious Bob, for a minute, if it kills you. Don't have Ted."
"Certainly not. We've got a real surprise and I've promised him the peppiest, most scintillating girl in the South."
"Be here at eight," I called thru the phone.
(To be continued.)

Agriographs

Give the sow good care to insure fifty pigs.
Uncle Ab says the folks who come to Farmers' Week are the ones who make it a success.
Life is mostly made up of little things. In making agriculture better, farm bureaus are doing here a little and there a little.
Good rotations increase crop yields, reduce production expenses, and make for a better and more profitable diversity. Spring is the time to plan them.

Of interest to rural editors, country correspondents and the people who read the community paper, is the newest bulletin of the state college of agriculture at Ithaca, entitled "reading copy on the country weekly." It's free and a postcard brings it.

Cattaraugus county is finding out that a 50-50 sowing of oats and barley makes a better dairy feed than oats alone. And the grain is harvested more easily because the stiffer-strawed barley prevents lodging of the oats.

Around Our House

ON FURNISHINGS
At times it is better to discard certain household furnishings than to buy more. Rooms which are literally crammed with bric-a-brac add neither to the use or beauty of the home. Even supposing that every article in a room is in itself a thing of beauty, the combination of many such articles may not be a joy forever. Incidentally, each extra object in a room is one more motive to dust and take care of. Spaciousness is one of the most restful effects in a home and one of the hardest to attain. Massive furniture dwarfs small rooms and many pieces of small furniture will clutter up any room unless they have a desirable usefulness.

How well have you advertised your property for sale.

BREEDING EXPERT WILL TALK AT FARMERS' WEEK

Morrison, Co-Author of "Feeds and Feeding" to Talk at Big Annual Gathering at Cornell.
New York state farmers who have been having trouble with breeding problems will have a wonderful opportunity, says H. A. Hopper of the state college of agriculture at Ithaca, to get help at Farmers' Week this year. Prof. F. B. Morrison, assistant director of the Wisconsin Experiment Station, will speak on Wednesday, February 11, at ten o'clock on nutrition as related to reproduction.

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Calvin Coolidge

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