

# FARM NEWS

From Your County Agent

## Points Given on Feeding And Culling Herds

Cattle should be started on feed slowly—no grain at all the first day or two. Start with not more than 1 pound of grain per head per feeding the first day, and increase very gradually, especially as you approach full feed.

Don't push your cattle too fast. Scouring in a single day can cut off a week's gain. Feed regularly; feed quietly.

Self-fed cattle show less tendency to go off feed than do hand-fed cattle. However, it is a little more costly because more grain and less roughage will be eaten. Self-fed cattle are better

finished unless the feeder is very able.

It pays to sort your animals when feeding a number of cattle. Sort light cattle from heavy cattle; horned from hornless; steers from heifers; better quality from inferior; quiet animals from nervous animals. Put the poor "doers" together and market them early.

After culling your cow herd, select herd replacements on the basis of type, quality, size, growth, ability, disposition, milk production of dams, and milk production of dams of sires. These points are important in both registered and commercial herds.

Select large cows with adequate mammary development because they tend to produce large calves.

Eliminate all cows from the herd that do a poor job of raising their calves.

Cull your herd at least once or twice a year. Cattle showing evidence of disease should be culled immediately.

Cull rigidly. High labor and feed costs make it very expensive to maintain unproductive cows.

## Watch for Garden Slugs, Warns Agent

Now is the time for growers to be watching for garden slugs. Slugs are a particularly serious pest of all fall planted legumes and permanent pastures. They thrive best under moist conditions and do most of their feeding at night or on cloudy days. On clear bright days, they conceal themselves under clods, debris, or cracks in the soil.

The best means of control is a metaldehyde-calcium arsenate bait. For best results the bait should contain three percent metaldehyde and five percent calcium arsenate. Complaints of poor results from slug baiting have often been traced to the use of a bait containing less than the three percent metaldehyde.

Slugs often work out from fence rows into newly planted vetch, pea or clover fields. They may occur only in portions of the field. The extent of infestation may be determined by test baiting with a dozen or so bait pellets placed in various parts of the field and their location marked with a stake. These baits are examined after 24 hours. If two or more dead slugs are found at a bait station, it will pay to treat that part of the field.

Slug bait is available under a variety of trade names. The pelleted form is the more popular and under most conditions prob-

ably more satisfactory than the flake type of bait. The amount to use per acre will vary with the type of vegetation on which it is scattered. As little as 4 pounds of pellets per acre have given good control. Our experiment station recommends 10 lbs. per acre.

Slugs are foliage feeders. They chew leaves and stems and the slimy, shiny trail they leave often indicates their presence.

Individual slugs may live for 2 1/2 years. They are bisexual, that is, every individual is capable of laying eggs. It is estimated that an individual slug may lay as many as 800 eggs, most of which are laid during mild, wet weather. Baiting now will reduce damage and may eliminate the need of later, more extensive control measures.

## Prepare Pastures Now For Winter Weather

A little shovel work here and there may prevent water from standing on parts of the pasture this winter. Standing water may cause some winter kill and souring of the soil. Good sod on well-drained soil will stand a lot of fall grazing, but grazing the pasture when the soil is wet from heavy fall or winter rains will damage the pasture. Over-grazed pastures are more subject to winter kill than those which go into the winter with a fair amount of growth.

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## Shower Given Mrs. J. Heald

By Mrs. Virginia Babcock Phone 1209

HOLLAND—A stork shower was given last week for Mrs. Jack Heald at the home of the Monte Healds with Mrs. Monte Heald and Mrs. Harry Floyd as hostesses. Those present included the Mesdames Dale Brown, Herb Salvage, Jack Phillips, Dick Nealy, J. G. Heald, Jim Payne and Scott Turner. Those sending gifts but unable to attend included the Mesdames Odia Wise, Y. J. Higura, Ted Puezner, Andy Vivian, Rich-

ard Smith, Bert Pierce, Wayne Petsch, Miss Margaret Higiera and Mrs. Bob Valencia. Games were played and prizes won by Mrs. Scott Turner and Mrs. Dick Nealy.

Mr. Charles Van Arnam is moving into Grants Pass. He resides at the Boothe Street Rest Home for many years on the Burnt Ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Lusk and son Mike spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Medford. He returned home Thursday evening and Mrs. Lusk and Mike returned Sunday. They were accompanied by Mrs. McDaniels.

Recent visitors at the Terry Roberts home were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Roberts and family of Grants Pass.



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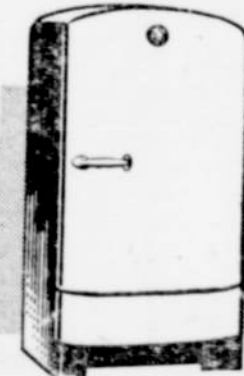
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