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DAIRY FACTS

NEED BETTER COWS FOR MILK SUPPLY

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

The number of dairy cows in the United States is increasing, as well as the number of people, but not at the same rate. In only two years out of the last six has the dairy-cow population increased in proportion to the increase in human population.

The United States Department of Agriculture has just completed a study of the utilization of milk, in which it is shown that slightly more than 1,000 pounds of milk per capita is used annually in one form or another. In other words, a grand total of 114,696,201,000 pounds of whole milk is utilized in this country by manufacturing it into various products, by feeding it to calves, or for household purposes. This amount was produced by 26,252,000 cows, an average production of 4,368 pounds of milk per cow.

During the last few years the increase in population has been around 1,500,000 people annually. This would mean that with cows no better than those we have at present the milk-cow population should increase at the rate of 375,000 a year to supply the necessary 1,900 pounds for each person—or one cow for every four people. It is also interesting to note that the per capita consumption of milk in 1924 was 14 pounds more than in the preceding year.

Since our average production is much too low, it is not wise to consider meeting the demand for increased supply by having more cows of the kind we now have, but it would be much better to meet the situation by breeding better cows. Not more cows but higher-producing cows are what is needed to keep pace with the increase in population.

Dairy Exposition Is of Importance to Dairymen

An annual event of nation-wide and vital interest to people in all walks of life is the National Dairy exposition. Dairy agriculture last year represented a farm value of two and one-half billion dollars and a manufactured and farm value of close to five billion dollars, according to the official government census report. This great dairy branch of agriculture is brought together every year in an industry exposition and in conventions for the purpose of review to mark progress and chart out work for further progress and development. The still greater value of this industry to commerce, industry and business is that the products of the cow provide essential food for the life and health of mankind.

This year the exposition will be held at Indianapolis, October 10th to 17th. This year's event promises to be one of the greatest and most representative gatherings in the history of the exposition, says W. E. Skinner, secretary and general manager. The United States government, state agricultural college, national and state farmers' and breeders' organizations and dairy products manufacturers cooperate with and participate in the conduct of this exposition with comprehensive exhibits and demonstrations. The prize-winning dairy cattle of leading breeds at leading state and regional fairs and live stock shows will be sent to compete for national honors.

Nearly 16,000 Enrolled for Better Live Stock

A total of 15,813 live stock owners throughout the country are enrolled in the "Better sires—better stock" campaign for the improvement of domestic animals, according to a summary of progress just issued by the bureau of animal industry, United States Department of Agriculture. The report, which is dated July 1, shows that 549,455 animals and 1,185,689 head of poultry are undergoing improvement by the systematic use of pure-bred sires.

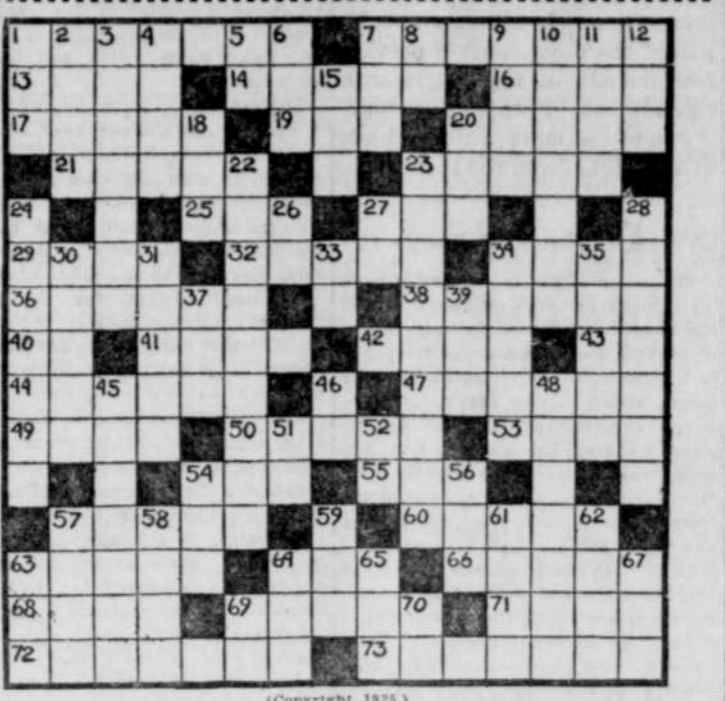
During the period April 1 to June 30 outstanding progress in this work occurred in the following counties: Grayson, Va.; New Haven, Conn.; and Shelby and Union counties, Ky. A total of 41 counties throughout the country have 100 or more live stock owners who are using pure-bred sires exclusively for all classes of live stock kept.

The campaign is progressing principally through the activity of county extension agents and progressive live stock owners. The United States Department of Agriculture keeps records of the work and also is prepared to furnish interested persons with information on animal breeding and the value of improved live stock.

Roughage for Holstein

Generally it is figured a cow can eat three pounds of silage and one of hay for each hundred pounds live weight. This is a safe rule to follow if the silage is of good quality and if the hay is a lucerne. But do not feed excessive amounts of silage as it is quite bulky. With silage and clover a Holstein will undoubtedly do quite well with a pound of grain for each three and a half to four pounds of milk. The composition of the grain ration will depend on feeds available.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE



- Horizontal.
- 1—Acting with violence or harshness
 - 7—A sugar mill which grinds for several plantations
 - 12—The villa in Othello
 - 14—A dinner course
 - 16—A precept
 - 17—A hard, heavy and durable wood
 - 19—Clamor
 - 20—An exploit
 - 21—A means of sweetening
 - 23—Same as above
 - 25—A certain kind of mammal (plural)
 - 27—Triumphed
 - 28—Antitoxin (plural)
 - 32—A group of animals worshiped in a primitive religion
 - 34—The mark of a wound
 - 36—A small bed
 - 38—Pertaining to an amorphous acid containing phosphorus
 - 40—A suffix denoting an agent
 - 41—Brings forth
 - 42—One of the sources of indigo
 - 43—An Egyptian god
 - 44—A Hittite (obs.)
 - 46—To ornament
 - 47—Rested
 - 50—A watery projection
 - 53—To venture
 - 54—Hall!
 - 55—To acquire
 - 57—A demon of deserted places
 - 60—Officers of colleges
 - 63—The head
 - 64—A carriage
 - 66—A piece of buffoonery
 - 68—Descended
 - 69—Pertaining to a certain organ
 - 71—A Roman emperor
 - 72—Extreme strain of mind
 - 73—Feared
- Vertical.
- 1—Any small cubical body
 - 2—A Jewish title of respect given to Babylonian teachers (plural)
 - 3—The crab-eating raccoon
 - 4—A lyric
 - 5—Part of verb "to be"
 - 6—A low-bred, presuming person (slang)
 - 7—A container
 - 8—A man's name shortened
 - 9—Allowance made for waste
 - 10—Country folk
 - 11—A kind of singing voice
 - 12—Opposed to "weather"
 - 15—The rim of a mug
 - 18—A staple replacing the potato in southern regions
 - 20—An intoxicating liquor
 - 22—Having a good memory
 - 23—Exercised control
 - 24—Hills
 - 26—A negative
 - 27—You and "
 - 28—Covered passageways
 - 29—A mistake
 - 31—To revoke, as a legacy
 - 33—A preposition
 - 34—Cubic
 - 35—A frame on which clothes are dried
 - 37—A separate column in some Buddhist temples
 - 38—A pen point
 - 45—One of the implements of a game
 - 46—A popular New York official (nick-name)
 - 48—Dismayed
 - 51—A point of the compass
 - 52—For example
 - 54—A river island
 - 56—A social gathering
 - 57—A strong current of air
 - 58—Hard-shelled fruits
 - 59—An illuminating mixture
 - 61—A girl's name
 - 62—Title of respect used in addressing a sovereign
 - 63—A certain game
 - 64—To preserve
 - 65—Naughty
 - 67—A kind of fish
 - 69—Initials of the Crescent city
 - 70—Laurent (abbr.)
 - 71—Solution will appear in next issue.

Solution of Last Week's Puzzle.

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HOW TO SOLVE A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

When the correct letters are placed in the white spaces this puzzle will spell words both vertically and horizontally. The first letter in each word is indicated by a number, which refers to the definition listed below the puzzle. Thus No. 1 under the column headed "horizontal" defines a word which will fill all the white spaces up to the first black square to the right, and a number under "vertical" defines a word which will fill the white squares to the next black square below. No letters go in the black spaces. All words used are dictionary words, except proper names. Abbreviations, slang, initials, technical terms and obsolete forms are indicated in the definitions.

THE HIRED MAN'S ROOM

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK

UP IN the country where I was born and where I spent a few weeks last summer, they were complaining not a little about difficulty of securing competent and regular help on the farm. The hired men were a shiftless lot, they said, nomadic, drunken sometimes, unreliable and likely to leave a man in the lurch just when he was most needing help.

The farmer is seldom an optimist. I presume that the uncertainty of prices and the changing weather and the variable crop conditions conduce to create in him a pessimistic state of mind, and knowing this tendency so well, I was inclined to discount these statements as to the utter depravity and worthlessness of the hired man.

Besides, I had had some experiences of my own as a farm hand during the summers of my undergraduate course in college, and I have still vivid recollections of the hired man's room. I don't think it was worse than the rooms in which others of these commonly unappreciated toilers are quartered; perhaps, on the whole, it was better, but the thought of it today is similar to that I feel when I contemplate life in the trenches.

We washed our hands and faces at the pump in a tin basin or in the tub from which the horses drank, and combed our hair, if this tenuous service were performed at all, in front of a battered mirror hanging outside the kitchen door. There were no facilities for general bathing, save the creek a mile away or a bucket of water carried discreetly behind the corner after the shades of evening had gathered. One was not required or expected to bathe, however.

The room in which we dressed and slept (if we loafed we went to the barn) was reached by a dark precipitous stairway formed of steps of different widths. I think I never quite committed to memory its intricacies and irregularities, for even the last day of my ascent of its heights I had as many jolts and contusions as on the first day.

The room itself was about eight by twelve feet in size, and was just under the leaky roof with side walls scarcely two feet high and one single, shadeless window looking toward the west. It was a hell hole in the sum-

mer with the burning sun beating pitilessly upon it during the long afternoons and with no possible chance for ventilation; what it was in the winter I can only imagine, for the walls were as thin as paper. It was only because when we crawled up into it we were tired to exhaustion that we ever slept at all.

It was not overfurnished. There was an old rickety, frowsy bed in one corner jammed up against the side wall as closely as the slanting roof would permit. A broken-backed chair and a packing box in lieu of a table stood on the bare floor. There was an unsteady greasy lamp on the improvised table, the chimney black with smoke and the burner choked with dead flies and other insects. A few nails were driven awkwardly into the wall upon which we might hang our Sunday clothes. There was no dresser, no drawers or shelves of any kind. Such changes of clothing as we had we kept in our suitcases which, when not in use, we kicked under the bed. I presume this room was sometimes cleaned, but not while I was there, for the woman of the house was cruelly overworked and did not get to the cleaning during the summer.

I was not engaged in library research that summer, though I remember I did read "Robert Elsmere," which the farmer's wife had got with a fifty-cent order of laundry soap, but I used to wonder how a man would have managed if he really wanted to read. Oscar, my companion in toil, had no taste for books, and I found no books to satisfy my taste, so the reading question was for us easily settled.

If there is anyone who deserves to be treated well, it is the hired man on the farm. He is up early and out late during the busy working season. He has ordinarily few resources, and if his environment is not comfortable and attractive he grows restless and discontented. As I remember the conditions under which he existed in the neighborhood in which I lived when a boy, I am surprised that he was ever sober at all, or stayed as long as he did.

I suppose things are different now, and that the hired man on the modern farm is not stowed in a hole such as I have described. Perhaps he is treated like a real human being who loves comfort, who enjoys convenience, and who would not mind a real home.

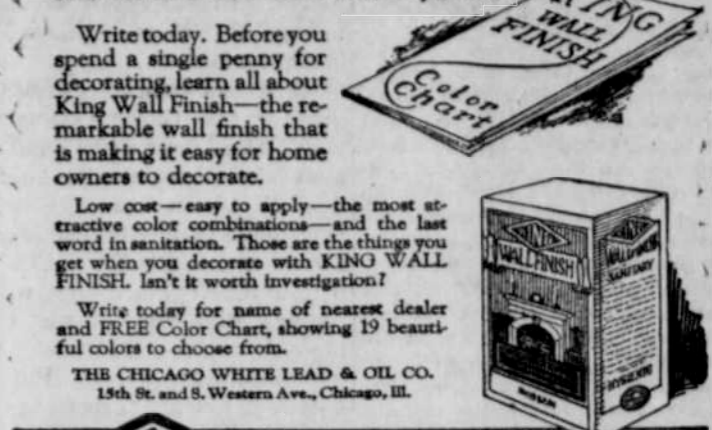
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