

Farm Wages Higher This Year Despite Small Labor Surplus

CARL'S REPORT SHOWS SUPPLY OF PRINCIPAL FARM PRODUCTS

No More Milk Being Produced Than Month Ago, Figures Show; Pastures Need Rain; Iowa's Wheat Better Than U. S. Average.

DESPIITE a small surplus of farm labor wages are higher on Iowa farms than they were a year ago, according to Leslie M. Carl, state agricultural statistician. Wages by the month are now \$47 on the average farm and by the day with board are \$2.35.

Average wages without board are \$58.25 and \$3, by the month and day respectively.

Commenting on other findings of interest to farmers, Mr. Carl points out that the most recent figures show no seasonal gain in milk production April 1 over March 1. In fact the average daily production of the Iowa dairy cow on March 1 was twenty pounds as compared with nineteen on April 1. Although a larger percentage of the cows in the average herd are now in milk than last month the production is remaining constant.

Earlier But Not Better

Condition of pastures in Iowa April 1 was 59 per cent of normal as compared with 91 last year. Although pastures are showing a green growth about ten days earlier this year the lack of rainfall has prevented pasturing of livestock until about the normal season.

Average condition of rye April 1 was 91 per cent of normal as compared with 92 per cent last year and a ten year average of 91. For the United States the condition of the rye crop was 81 per cent lower than for the last ten years.

Winter wheat is in about average condition in Iowa although the large producing areas of the country report the condition about 12 per cent below the average of the last ten years.

HERE'S A NEW WAY TO EXERCISE BULL

HAMILTON, N. D., April 13.—"The bull is half the herd" and at Fargo farm, near here, they have improved on this ratio by having the herd sires milk the dairy cows in the barn. Two purebred Jersey bulls are kept in box stalls and led onto the treadmill that supplies power to run the miller.

The advantage of such an arrangement is readily apparent. No "engine trouble" is experienced, even in the coldest weather, there is no fuel cost for operating, and at the same time the bulls procure exercise and keep in good breeding condition. A small feed grinder is also being installed below the grain bin, and a quantity of feed will be ground for the stock on the farm, at no extra expense.

The Jersey herd at Fargo farm is of interest as an example of what may be accomplished with a modest beginning. At first a purebred Jersey bull was used on grade cows and a heavy producing, high grade herd was built up. In 1914 two foundation purebred heifers were purchased and now their offspring in the herd numbers forty-three head and a considerable number have been sold as foundation stock for other herds in North Dakota. A grand daughter of one of the two foundation cows is Isaac's Double Signal Star and has two streaked calves and a record of 914 pounds of butterfat and is the world's champion since three years old.

BULLETIN EXPLAINS USE OF FERTILIZERS IN IOWA

AMES, April 13.—It is not true as many believe, that farmers who used on a soil more than one fertilizer, that it once used they must always be used according to the Iowa Bulletin of Experiment Station which is now in the hands of a new circular now on the press.

This circular was written to answer the questions of farmers who made inquiry as to the use of fertilizers. It is a booklet of 16 pages, and is No. 97, entitled "The Use of Fertilizers in Iowa Soils." Copies may be obtained by writing to the Extension Section, Ames.

Fertilizers may be used in a variety of ways, and in some cases, yield, say the soil experts. Nitrogen fertilizers hasten and increase the production of stem crops, and phosphorus hasten and increase the production of grain and fruit, and potassium hasten and increase the production of fruit and grain.

FARMERS BEGINNING TO MARKET THEIR OWN EGGS

WASHINGTON, April 13.—One hundred fifty-six farmers' business associations are reporting to the United States department of agriculture, marketed approximately 2,400,000 cases of eggs for their members in 1924. As each case represents 30 dozen a total of more than 72,000,000 eggs were marketed.

These figures were compiled and controlled by the producers. These eggs were sold by the marketing associations for nearly \$22,000,000.

Since the egg marketing associations did not send their reports the above figures are conservative estimates of the facts.

Nearly 50 per cent of the cooperative associations located in ten states—Arkansas, Missouri, Minnesota, Iowa, California, four Connecticut, Texas and Washington, two New Hampshire, New York, and Ohio are cash.

The average selling value for the twenty-five associations which reported the number of cases and total value was \$9.97 a dozen over 13 cents a dozen.

All egg marketing associations reported have been formed since 1913.

JASPER COUNTY HOGS BRING AN ADDED \$15



—Courtesy Drovers' Journal

This is the shipment of hogs raised and marketed by C. E. Smith, president of the Jasper county farm bureau, and the first to bring the 10 cents a hundred-weight premium from this newly accredited area. The hogs sold for \$14.15 to Wilson and company but after a certificate had been presented, attesting that the hogs had come from a tuberculosis-free area, an additional check was written for \$15. This constituted Mr. Smith's premium.

FARM BODY OBJECTS TO PACKER MERGER

WASHINGTON, April 13.—(By Universal)—Request for an injunction restraining the merger of the Armour and Morris packing interests will be made by the Farmer's National council in case Secretary of Agriculture Jardine fails to submit to the courts the validity of the combination.

Benjamin C. Marsh, managing director of the council, announced today that the injunction and other legal measures are in contemplation to ascertain whether the courts regard this merger as legal and sound.

Explaining the reasons for this project action, Marsh said: "The great fear which Armour and Morris have indicated of having a court review probably is due to the survival of vestiges or conscience. There is threatened a modification or even nullification of the packers' consent decree."

There is also the appalling menace to farmers' co-operative and commodity marketing organizations.

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of unregulated competition by vast aggregations of remorseless capital, closely integrated and expected to favor a business man's administration.

Morris merger would justify a merger of all four big meat packers into a complete food trust.

Secretary Jardine closed hearings to ascertain whether the courts regard this merger as legal and sound.

AFTERNOON TEA MAKES NOVEL NUTRITION LESSON

LA PORTE, April 13.—A new way of conducting "follow up schools" in nutrition was innovated in Cedar township, near here, recently when

Mrs. Fred Wheeler gave a tea from 2 to 5 in the afternoon. Feeding the child of preschool age was the subject of the lesson.

Exhibits included a baby in its cradle, surrounded by a bottle of milk, orange juice, prunes and cod liver oil. Another exhibit showed the right and wrong kinds of school lunches and still another showed a table properly set.

Guests were invited to the dining room for tea where Thelma Driscoll and Marie Holbach poured. Green and white were the colors. Visitors were present from several adjoining townships.

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JOHNSON FORMS NEW DAIRY CALF CLUBS

Buys Holsteins in Iowa, Jerseys, Guernseys in Other States; Plans Breeders' Directory.

Iowa's thirty-three dairy calf clubs of last year will all be maintained or renewed with similar organizations and eleven new clubs will be formed, according to Floyd Johnson, secretary of the Iowa Dairy association, who was in Monticello Saturday afternoon to reorganize a unit at that place.

All the new clubs have already been supplied with heifers while in the older organizations the youngsters have been able to obtain their own. According to Mr. Johnson all Holstein calves will be bought in Iowa this year and local breeders will have plenty of good foundation stock for sale at reasonable prices.

The Jerseys and Brown Swiss can no doubt be found in this state also, he said. However, most of the Guernseys will be bought in Wisconsin and the Jerseys in Missouri.

Among the counties in central and eastern Iowa which will have dairy calf clubs this year are Linn, Jones, Tama, Buchanan, Delaware and Johnson. A few of these clubs are exclusively of one breed while others are mixed. Linn has Guernsey and Holstein organizations, Monticello had a Holstein last year. Jessup had Jerseys, Johnson will have Jerseys and the others will be mixed.

It is quite probable that still more clubs will be formed within the next few weeks.

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INFECTIOUS DISEASE OF LIVESTOCK

Authentic Reports of the Week From Eastern Iowa Counties.

Infectious diseases of livestock have caused losses on farms in the following localities during the last week.

Blackleg of young cattle: Fairfax, Manchester, Traer, Voorhies, Temple Hill.

Telemorhagic septicaemia: In cattle, Amber, Martelle, Monticello, Cascade, Tipton, La Porte City; in sheep, Fairfax; in swine, Algona.

Equine influenza and distemper in farm horses: Mount Vernon, Cedar Rapids, Reinbeck, Monticello, Bertram, Marion, Solon, Anamosa, Ankeny, Dunkerton, Williams, Alden, Buckeye.

Roup, fowl cholera, fowl typhoid in chickens: Fairfax, Hopkinton, Solon, Morse, Voorhies, Reinbeck.

Contagious abortion in swine: Clarence, Tipton, Cascade, Dilke, Reinbeck, Dinsdale, in cattle, Hopkinton.

A page map will be a feature of the directory. On it will appear small circles designating the location of breeders in Iowa which will be referred to in an accompanying index. It will cost the breeder \$1 to have his establishment located on the map. Those who are mixed Linn can also have their sire mentioned in the index with a brief explanation of his breeding.

It is believed the map will materially aid buyers from distant territories who will be able to note those communities where breeders are concentrated. Mr. Johnson said.

The directory is still being compiled and is not yet ready to publish.

AVERAGE IOWA FARM HAS 22.2 BUSHELS SEED CORN

DES MOINES, April 13.—The average supply of seed corn in Iowa as reported to the office of the state agricultural statistician by a large number of correspondents is 22.2 bushels as compared with 12.7 bushels last year. Although individual farmers may run short of seed there is plenty of it in the state, it is reported.

MOFFITTS SELL CAR OF HEREFORD BULLS

Nebraska Cattlemen From Sand Hills Buy, Load Of Uniform Yearlings In Cedar County.

Another carload of yearling Hereford bulls has just been sold by A. M. Moffitt and sons, breeders living five miles southeast of Mechanicsville, Cedar county, to a group of western Nebraska cattlemen. The price was not learned.

The buyers were from the sand hill country of the Cornhusker state and were well pleased with the type of bulls they found at the Moffitt place. The animals were all sired by Sir Gomez, one of the herd bulls now in service, and one of the lowest set individuals one will ever see. His calves were also of the short-legged, thick, quick maturing type and should make excellent sires for raising baby beef steers.

The shipment has been kept in the Moffitt yards for more than a year and was well fed and grown. A more uniform carload would have been hard to find. Coupled with their growth they had an abundance of quality as shown by their good coats, even fleshing and medium sized horns. These bulls were all line bred Anxieties, as are all the Moffitt Herefords.

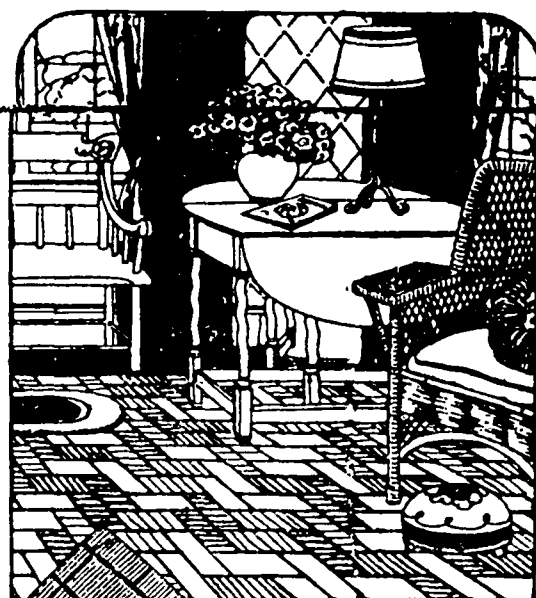
Is Old Performance. A few months ago a carload of bull calves was sold from the same establishment to a company of Highland Hereford breeders from Marfa, Texas. In the last few years several loads of bulls have been disposed of in the same way and for several seasons almost the entire crop of calves has gone to western range men.

This year the Moffitts furnished a dozen excellent type steers for the cedar county baby beef club. These calves should make a good showing at the fairs this fall if properly fed out.

The news from Florida is that William J. Bryan now is a millionaire, which seems to give an awful wallop to the old belief that it is silence that is golden.—Kansas City Star.

Wonderful new Handcraft tiles that you really must see

Furniture and fabric rugs look their best on these beautiful, pattern floors of color



Above, a new Handcraft tile floor. To the left, the new Dutch tile, just and another Handcraft pattern.

HERE are pretty pattern floors—pattern floors that architects and decorators are using to help create beautiful interiors. But there is no secret in the planning of such rooms. Any housewife with good taste can use these pattern floors to beautify her home.

Are there rooms in your home with splintery, creaky old wood floors? Are there rooms in your home where the stained wood floors clash with your decorative scheme? Rooms that, because of the growing use of color in curtains, pillows, coverings, and walls, need a colorful pattern floor?

For such rooms, and in fact for any other room where you would welcome a sanitary, smooth, warm, comfortable, easy-to-clean floor, these Armstrong floors will help and delight you. Good furniture and department stores are now displaying the new spring designs of Armstrong's Linoleum. Visit them this week and see the

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You will be shown Handcraft tiles in blue, green, gray, or red; prim inlaid tiles of black and gray, black and cream, and in many marbled combinations; inset tiles of red, with interliners of buff (these look especially charming with a plain border).

There is a soft-toned ripple effect known as Jaspé. Pretty, close-figured effects, geometric designs; arabesques; medallions; and colorful patterns. These new patterns can be obtained in the genuine inlaid (in which the pattern goes right through from the strong surface and the pressed cork and oxidized linseed oil body to the tough burlap back), or you can have many of them in well-made, enduring prints. (Many women find it a sensible bit of economy to use printed linoleum in the upstairs rooms.)

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Good stores will gladly estimate on cementing linoleum in your home over a cushioning layer of builders' deadening felt—no tacks or brads are used. Let them explain how by this satisfactory method you get a practically one-piece, seamless, smooth, unbroken surface with no second call to cut and refit. Such a floor can be easily and quickly laid within a few hours. And then, waxed and polished, it will last as long as the house. Needs no heavy scrubbing—in fact, except possibly in the kitchen, linoleum floors, waxed and polished, never need more than a dry mopping and an occasional touching up here and there with wax where the wear falls heaviest.

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It also holds food substance which ferments and causes acid. In contact with teeth, this acid invites decay. Millions of germs breed in it. And they, with tartar, are the chief cause of pyorrhea.

So dingy teeth mean more than loss of good appearance. They may indicate danger, grave danger to your teeth.

New methods now that mean greater tooth beauty plus better protection from tooth troubles. Ordinary tooth pastes were unable to cope adequately with that film. Not one could effectively combat it. Harsh grit tended to injure the enamel. Soap and chalk were made out.

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