

### State College to Encourage Fruit Growing Orchard Plant Program Outlined by Extension Agents; Grape and Strawberry Raising Stressed.

Lincoln—Extension workers of the University of Nebraska agricultural college will give much time and effort in 1923 to the encouragement of home orchard planting in Nebraska. Similar work of this nature was hindered the past year by the small supply and high price of good nursery stock. The necessity of giving help and guidance in starting new orchards was emphasized by county extension agents in their last conference. Eleven of these agents helped establish 83 new orchards last year. The idea is common in Nebraska that home orchards do not pay and that the ground planted in corn would produce a crop worth many times the annual fruit bill, according to the horticulturalists at the college. The horticulturists at the college have satisfied themselves that home orcharding does pay in actual cash returns as well as in personal pride and satisfaction in home production, provided good care is taken of the trees and shrubs. They also have found, contrary to popular opinion, that much of the necessary care of an orchard does not conflict with other major farm operations. With these two problems worked out, they are encouraging the planting of the most disease resisting and heaviest producing varieties of fruit trees that are adapted to Nebraska's climatic conditions. The growing of small fruits, particularly grapes and strawberries, will also be encouraged. Winter injury and pruning practices will be the two great problems in grape culture. Strawberry clubs will probably be the means of encouraging the production of these crops. There is a great field for work in this particular phase of horticulture because the percentage of farms having home orchards has decreased from 22.7 per cent to 6.9 per cent, according to the agricultural college. In his enthusiasm to produce all his living, planted and then did not care for. This freedom from pests which the new country enjoyed allowed these trees to live and produce well for a considerable time, but incoming orchard diseases have killed the susceptible old trees very rapidly in the last 10 years.

### Nebraska Hens Trail in Contest Oregon Biddie Lays 102 Eggs in Four Months—Second Lays 83.

Lincoln—A Barred Rock hen, owned by Mrs. H. C. Kleinsmith of Hoff, Ore., has completely outdistanced her 503 rivals in the Nebraska national egg-laying contest by producing 102 eggs in the last four months. Her nearest competitor has only 83 to her credit. For first place in the month of February the same hen tied with two S. C. White Leghorns owned by Cedar Crest poultry farms of Auburn, Neb., each of the three producing 26 eggs in the 28 days. Sixteen hens laid 24 eggs or more each during February and are entitled to a blue ribbon and a place on the honor roll. The Barred Rock champion and a Buff Orpington owned by B. G. Japs of University Place were the only two hens of the February honor roll which were not S. C. White Leghorns. A pen of S. C. White Leghorns owned by John M. Welch of Omaha, is in the lead for February flock production with 169 eggs from 10 hens. Ten Buff Orpingtons belonging to Luther Burt of Gibson, Neb., were crowding the Leghorns last month but two hens forgot to lay on the 24th. Dent Z. Holcomb of Clay Center, Neb., with but nine S. C. Rhode Island Reds left in his pen received 154 eggs which is a higher average per hen than the first two winners. Thomas K. Goff of Wood River, Neb., also gathered an average of 17 eggs per hen from the eight hens which he left in his pen. Several other flocks averaged about 15 eggs per hen during February.

### Uncle Sam Says

Scarlet Fever Prevention and Control is the title of a booklet issued by the United States Public Health Service. Scarlet fever is regarded by the informed as one of the most dreaded diseases of childhood, not only because an attack may be so malignant as to cause death in a short time, but also because of its high degree of infectiousness and the many grave complications with which it may be attended, and because the hope of recovery even in cases apparently mild at the outset, has proved too often a delusion.

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## With the County Agents

### DOUGLAS COUNTY.

Indications are that the acreage of legumes will be increased considerably in Douglas county this year, says Earl G. Maxwell, county agent. There will doubtless be an increase in the acreage of alfalfa, sweet clover and soy beans. This is a healthy condition considering the need for increased fertility on many farms.

Fighting of pocket gophers should go hand in hand with the growing of alfalfa and should not be neglected this spring, says Mr. Maxwell. At this time of the year gophers eat poisoned bait readily and efforts in eradication will be more effective than at any other season of the year.

John Hall of Valley talked to the boys and girls clubs of Douglas county on the value of feeding and care of their sows and litters and gave the members other valuable suggestions for their club work.

A program of activities was adopted which includes tours of farms where the system recommended by the United States Department of Agriculture for round work control is being carried out. It is expected that a demonstration team will be trained to compete in the demonstration work at the state fair and at the county fair this fall.

### DAKOTA COUNTY.

Dakota City—The snow and bad roads greatly hindered farming and farm bureau activities in Dakota county the past week, according to County Agent J. Young. During the week before a number began the sowing of wheat, cutting stalks and other spring work. The snow greatly reduced the attendance of all meetings and demonstrations by the farm bureau. Fifteen men took advantage of the gasoline engine school held in the county Thursday and Friday. Four gas engines were used for demonstration purposes and a general school of instruction.

### DODGE COUNTY.

Fremont—Soy beans are becoming a popular crop throughout Dodge county this spring and a small local supply of certified home-grown seed (AK-Sar-Ben) is already sold, according to County Agent R. N. Houser. Hog raisers are seeing the value of the bean as a "home-made" tankage substitute. The early sowing 10 to 15 days varieties are favored for seed production and hogging down purposes, and the later varieties are used for hay and silage purposes.

### MADISON COUNTY.

Battle Creek—Soy beans will be grown on 21 different farms in Madison county this spring as a preliminary trial, says R. A. Stewart, county agent. Some tests will be made on the varieties for this season and inoculation tests will also be made. An attempt will be made to show by means of the field demonstration whether beans planted in corn will cut down yield. In one series of experiments in Iowa, it was found that the beans planted in corn caused a report of three bushels increase per acre. A test run in Ohio state on very poor land showed no decrease in corn yield when planted with beans. Conditions elsewhere vary so greatly from our own that this test will be run very carefully to determine this point. Seed in comparison on record seed with uninoculated will not be limited to soy beans alone. Alfalfa at a clover tests will also be carried on. Inoculation enough for one bushel of seed will be secured through the United States Department of Agriculture for each person agreeing to carry out this test. The person receiving the culture agrees to plant the inoculated seed and uninoculated seed and make a report at the end of the year.

### COLFAX COUNTY.

Schuyler—At a meeting of the Farm bureau board, the following is the general program of work decided on for the year:

Improved quality of livestock, increased acreage of legumes, improved crops, poultry improvement, livestock sanitation, home gardens, orchard improvement and clothing work.

Sanitary methods of handling pigs on Colfax county farms will do much to decrease the loss occasioned by young pigs, according to County Agent Henry Kuska. A considerable portion of Nebraska's pig crop is destroyed each year by preventable diseases and parasites, he says. By applying more sanitary, practical measures to our system of hog raising, the average number of pigs raised per sow, which is now about five, should be increased to seven. Where litters raised under unsanitary conditions are now made to weigh 1,000 pounds at 7 months of age, litters should be produced which would weigh from 1,400 to a ton at 7 months of age. Less brood sows have to be maintained, and less equipment used in handling them. More pounds of saleable pork would be produced from every 100 pounds of feed because of the heavy growing condition of the pigs and more profit would be realized. Mr. Kuska says.

### FILLMORE COUNTY.

Genoa—The principles of the McLean county (Ill.) system of hog sanitation, which is the most practical and profitable "exit sanitary" have been modified to meet Nebraska conditions and are being tried out on a handful of near Nebraska farms this year, according to County Agent Lee W. Thompson of Fillmore county. A number of Fillmore county farmers are preparing to follow this system. A number of other county demonstrations will be held at some of the farms, where neighboring farmers may visit and learn at first hand the system and see for themselves the results.

### DAWSON COUNTY.

Lexington—Frank Orsada of Logan precinct has left for Wisconsin to purchase a car of dairy cows for Dawson county, according to A. R. Heintz, county agent. Mr. N. Lauritsen, from the college of agriculture accompanied him and will advise what to buy. Mr. Lauritsen expects to assist four other counties at the same time. Heintz says that there were just half as many dairy cows in Dawson county in 1922 as there were in 1920.

### SAUNDERS COUNTY.

Walton—The spring management meetings held in Saunders county last week were well attended in spite of almost impassable roads, and the interest shown, clearly demonstrated the fact that a lot of Saunders county farmers have a real problem in raising healthy pigs. Some are still successfully raising pigs in lots where they have been kept for 25 years, but their experience is the exception rather than the rule, according to W. F. Roberts, county agent.

### CUMING COUNTY.

West Point—Cuming county is three accredited farm bureau flocks this year, all from the Hancock community, says K. C. Young, county agent. Thomas E. Tiche is doing the second year work on the project this year with White Plymouth Rocks. Last year the flock averaged nearly 100 eggs per hen. Many premiums have been won by this flock at the various poultry shows. Mrs. Jessa Mackey has entered this year with her White Plymouth Rock.

### OTEO COUNTY.

Strause—A great many farmers in Oteo county are experiencing considerable trouble with foot cholera at this time, according to County Agent A. H. DeLoren.

### CASS COUNTY.

Weeping Water—A demonstration of blowing stumps with picric acid was held in Cass county near Weeping Water during the week. The explosion is used in blowing stumps. The first is split in the ground and this is related to the County Agent L. R. Snipes says. Forty pounds of picric acid, 200 pounds of dynamite and 200 pounds of the acid. The rain and snow kept the dynamite from exploding and the acid was not used. This came at one of the best times of the year. It will keep the earth from blowing away from the roots, he says, adding that the what in Cass county is still in good condition.

### Farmers' Union Notes

Farmers are buying more farm implements this spring than at any time since 1920, says C. McCarthy, manager of the Farmers Union store here. Our machinery sales in January and February this year were fully 100 per cent greater than in the same months last year. The March increase is even greater, amounting to at least 150 per cent up to this time. This increased volume consists mainly of plows and seeding implements, including plows, drills, seeders, harrows and disc harrows. There is also a much stronger demand for wagons this year.

### Osborn in Cass County.

Murdock—Seventy dealers and members attended the quarterly convention of the Cass County Farmers Union held here, C. J. Osborn, state president, was the principal speaker. He stressed the necessity for organization, education and co-operation among farmers, and pointed to the achievements of the Farmers Union. Co-operation has tremendous possibilities, he said, but to realize those possibilities farmers must patronize their own enterprises loyally and extend their cooperative activities to the terminal markets. Reports were received from all the local in the county and arrangements were made for the county officers to visit each local. The next county convention will meet in Eagle in June. A resolution was adopted that each farm should bring his wife and family. Henry Oehring, president, and Herman Bornemiller, secretary, entered upon their duties for the year at this meeting.

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ers of the agricultural college. Farmers of this region have drifted into the habit of even buying their home supply of potatoes because their crops have been light in bushels and knotty in shape in dry years like the 1922 season was. The potatoes produced during the last three years under straw mulch have always been smooth. The agricultural college recommends that the field be not entirely mulched because the cultivated area commonly outyields the mulched plot in very wet seasons.

**Purebred Hog Sale.**  
Beatrice—At the sale of G. A. Wiebe & Son, breeders of purebred Poland-China hogs, 50 head went for an average of \$50 per head. A sow topped the offering at \$75.

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