

Holstein Leads in Milk Record

Agricultural College Cow Produces 7.146 Pounds of Butterfat in Two Days.

Lincoln, Feb. 24.—Varsity Plebe Horstke, an agricultural college student, topped the senior year-old class in the entire list of cows on the January honor roll of high producers of Nebraska, with the two-day record of 7.146 pounds of butterfat from her semi-official test, according to the monthly report released here. She also made a seven-day record of 612 pounds of milk and 52.22 pounds of butterfat, which equals to 11.7 pounds of 80 per cent butter. This was the first month of her lactation period.

First place in the aged class went to Gerben Segis Rose, a Holstein owned by the University of Nebraska at the North Platte substation, who produced 6,480 pounds of fat in the two days. Varsity Derby Jaybird, another cow owned by the agricultural college, was a close second with 6,470 pounds. A good record for a senior 2-year-old was made during the month by Polly Segis Sylvia Waldorf, a Woodland Dairy Holstein, who made 5,189 pounds of fat.

College Issues Garden Record

Early Maturity Variety of Seeds and Shrubs Advocated by Expert.

Brookings, S. D., Feb. 24.—Early maturity and short growing season varieties of garden seeds and ornamental shrubs will give the best results in vegetable gardens, while hardiness is of more importance in ornamentals for the yard or grove, according to a suggestion for gardens and orchards by Purley L. Keens of state college.

Hog Prices Averaged \$47 at Gage County Sale

Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 24.—Sixty Poland China hogs were the offering at the G. A. Wiebe sale north of the city and were knocked off at an average of a trifle over \$47 each. One extra good sow topped the sale at \$60. Mr. Wiebe has the reputation of breeding the best in Poland Chinas.

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Farmers' Cost Accounts Show Oats Cost 35 Cents Bushel

Wahoo, Neb., Feb. 24.—It cost 10 farmers of this county 55.3 cents per bushel to produce oats and eight other farmers 41 cents to produce corn in 1923, according to an average of the cost account records kept by these farmers in this project of the agricultural extension service last year under the direction of County Extension Agent Walter Roberts and State Extension Agent E. L. Taylor.

Man labor was figured at 30 cents an hour, horse labor at 15 cents, machinery charged at 4 cents per hour-hour which it was used and other charges for seed, twine, etc., were actually recorded. Land rent was figured at two-fifths of the crop in each case. The 10 farmers who kept records on cost of oats production grew 288 acres, which averaged 34.5 bushels to the acre. An average of 6.3 hours of man labor and 14.9 hours of horse labor were required per acre. The total cost per acre on the tenant basis averaged \$7.32 or 20.9 cents per bushel. Figuring rent at two-fifths of the crop, or 13.8 bushels, the actual cost of the oats per bushel amounted to 35.3 cents.

Hen Sense

"Don't count your chickens before they're hatched," cause generally you'll be disappointed if you do. Once in a while you'll hit 100 per cent, but in other cases just lift your lid to Lady Luck an' acknowledge her smile.

One hundred per cent hatches are like oil wells—you always hear about the gushers an' the fellows that make a claim—but the thousands and thousands that sink their heads in the sand that gush nothing but expense don't do much cropin'.

Poultry Culling on Increase in Dakota

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