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| low man if we ever hope for any re- <br> NEED HIGHER BUTTERFAT <br> COWS TO FURTHER TEXAS <br> DAIRY INDUSTRY <br> By Vietor H. Schoffelmayer, Agricultural Editor of The News. <br> is being generally advocated in Tent and cotton farmers are wondering whether the dairy cow will bring about the prompt emancipation which some enthusiasts have promised, might be well to call attention to the danger of over-stimulation of inter- est in any industry so new to Texas farmers and one with which they have had such little practical experience. <br> No thinking man or women would not welcome a steady growth into dairy farming, as this would be but the logical development of a program of "living at home" in which the dairy cow must have a place. But a dairy industry for Texas must grow slower under proper safeguards which will insure stability of such an enterprise. <br> Perhaps the safest plan of procedure would be to increase the cow population of Texas gradually by urging farmers who now have no dairy animals to keep one or two, if for nd other reason than to provide an ade- quate supply of milk, cream and butter for the needs of the family. This will insure a better living on thousands of Texas farms now without any cow. Thousands of farm children do not know the taste of fresh milk, yet milk is considered ideal food and essential for the growth and health of the young. <br> No section of the country can expeet to jump into dairying, especially not a cotton country where the care of such a sensitive animal as a dairy cow is not common knowledge. <br> Bull Circles Help <br> A dairy industry in Texas will to hastened by the spread of "bull cireles" in every county where there is | (1) Pounds of butterfat produced ber year. <br> (2) Average income over cost of feed per year. <br> The average feed cost per year of the cows studed by Mr. McDowell was $\$ 52$ a year. Butterfat prices averaggives more than four times as much income as a 160 -pound cow and the 600-pound cow gives nearly six times as much. In this direction lies the success of dairying whether it be in Texas or in Missouri, Iowa or Wisconsin. <br> Must Have Volume <br> Then, too, farmers must have volcows will not bring large incomes, but they will insure a better living at home and cut the grocery bills. A home and cut the grocery. larger herd means profi. <br> Obviously as farmers begin to keep a few good cows some will take an interest in something besides cotton raising. A few will become adept as dairy farmers and will increase their herds accordingly. They will raise calves sired by better buils which can be borrowed from the community bull circles. In time communities will de- velop which will find dairying profitable. Finally the man who loves cows and learns how to care for them will bring about his emaneipation, but there is no royal road to dairy success either in Texas or in the North. Dairying means hard work and intelligence and there are many Texas farmers who possess such capacity. <br> Communities which gradually grow into dairy farming will have stability in proportion to tpe amount of intelligent effort put forth in such an enterprise. Texas will develop into a great dairy State slowly and steadily as the technique of the business is mastered. The real test will come when farmers have the courage and conviction to stay with their dairy cows even should the price of cotton reach 25 c a pound The proper complement of a few good cows, a brood sow and a flock of chickens and a garden will make every | of the Bureau of Business Research at Texas University has pointed out that the premium for Texas cotton is long since a thing of the past. He said in part, "the most optimistic must admit that it (the loss of premium) now runs into millions of dollars each year." <br> C. And in the Cotton Trade Journal has this gren of Liverpool, England, The to say? <br> on my trips through the cotton belt is the deterioration in staple that has taken place in Texas and Oklahoma the past several years, Operating in a market that requires good staple as I do, it is also a matter of concern. Up to maybe 12 years ago there was little or no trouble in getting the Good strong inch, inch and one-thir-ty-second, and even inch and one-sixteenth, in steady, dependable quantities out of these States, and I personally do not remember seeing much cotton shorter than one inch in those visit to Dallas a friend of long standing who operates in a very large way told me he could no longer cater to his Liverpool trade in length and characters he was accustomed to characters he was accustomed shipping them, but was now concentrating his efforts on actual receipts running from barely tenderable to count on for good inch and longer are now producing very short cotton up to fifteen-sixteenths <br> A Texas bill of laden was once worth a premium. This is, or soon will be, a thing of the past, as spinners who require good staple are be- ing forced into other sections more and more. Newspapers and cotton exchanges are alive to the situation and bending every effort to improve staple, and my personal observation is that their efforts are bearing fruit way to go and many obstacles to overcome: <br> R. Yates, also of Liverpool, has been quoted as follows: | As Mr. Ludgren has intimitade, remedial measures, if they are to be effective, must come from within; they cannot be forced upon the country by the exchanges and the newspapers. They must be taken by two men-the ginner and the farmer- and the simplicity of their operation should make them easy to put into effect. <br> If ginners will furnish their patrons with State certified planting seed and if farmers will demand that they be furnished with such seed, a few short years will see Southwestern cotton again lifted to a preeminent place in the cotton world. $\qquad$ <br> Irick 4-H Club <br> On Friday, April 27th, Miss Strange met with the Irick 4 -H Club girls. She helped the first year girls with their aprons and caps. Then helped the third year girls in the cutting of their dresses. The first year girls are to have their aprons and caps finished the next meeting. The third year girls are to have their dresses practically finished. We have planned to meet again Friday, May 10.-Reporter. <br> A Labor Analysis <br> The American wage earnar't economic status not only remains considerably higher than that of his fellows in foreign countries, but the gap between the American and foreign purchasing power of wages, as measured in the cost of food and shelter, has noticeably widened during the past three years, according to the National Industrial Conference Board. An analysis of foreign wages and Conference Board on the basis of data collected by the International Labor Office at Geneva, discloses that the American wage earner in corresponding trades in October, 1928 , received "real wages" ranging from one-third to four times higher than workmen in European countries and about onefifth higher than in Canada. |
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