



Brother and sister livestock fanciers

A modest farm home in Hazelbrook houses the most enthusiastic young livestock fanciers in the province. Paula Coady started with a Jersey heifer calf as a 4-H Club member when she was 11. She had a junior female champion at the Provincial Exhibition at the age of 15 years and the heifer, Coaldale Acme S Claudette, now a 3-year old heifer, has just completed her first lactation on ROP with a production (it's still unofficial) that will qualify her for a Silver Seal certificate in both the 305-day and 365-day divisions.

Maurice Coady, Paula's brother, is interested in his sister's Jersey, and he knows every cow in neighbour Elmer Myers' large herd of registered Jerseys, but he's exercising a young lad's right to be different, and there's a January Holstein heifer calf in the Coady barn which Maurice will be showing this year in the calf club that embraces 4-H members from Hazelbrook, Bethel Cross Roads and Marshfield. Now 14, Maurice is in grade nine at high school.

It was Mr. Myers, a near neighbour, who first stirred Jersey interest in Paula Coady when he organized a 4-H calf club in the community that comprised Jersey and beef calves.

And it was Mr. Myers who took Paula's heifer, Claudette into his herd for the ROP test — the young lady hasn't enough milking cows of her own to qualify for testing on the Coady farm — and he's almost as deeply interested in the young Hazelbrook girl's involvement in breeding high class Jersey cattle as are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Coady, who are tremendously proud of their daughter.

Paula's star Jersey, Claudette was named for a former teacher Claude Wood, a Cross Roads man who is now a school supervisor for the department of education. "He used to test me about my Jerseys, but now he comes to see me show them", she observed with more than a little pride in her voice.

Miss Coady has five of her Jerseys milking. She has 10 in all.

She bought her first Jersey calf, Beacon's Jane, from Cyrus Martin, New Perth but sold her later to a breeder in Ontario. Her second purchase was Glenda and she bought her from Gordon Docherty, Kingston and considers her as the real foundation cow.

Glenda is the dam of Claudette a heifer classified "very good" with a conformation score of 88 as a two-year old, a 94 that's as high as a two-year old heifer can go in classification. The next step is "excellent" and she is only two points away from the magic "90" that carries the "excellent" rating. This heifer was also the champion Jersey calf at the Rural Youth Fair when she was that age.

There's some high class breeding behind Claudette. Her sire, Edgela Acme Selection is closely related to a bull that was grand champion at the Royal Winter Fair for the late Edison B. Mutch of North River. Selection's granddam was the dam of Edgela Beacon Jester's Standard that Mr. Mutch picked

from the Edgela herd of the Bagga near Toronto, when he was a junior calf, and later took to the grand championship circle at Canada's major agricultural exhibition.

Miss Coady who was Jersey princess for the province in 1962, is serious in her approach to animal husbandry. "The cattle show much better when they have confidence in you, and you get that confidence by paying attention to them when they are small," she explained.

She had planned on showing last fall at the Atlantic Winter Fair, but was unable to do so when the time arrived. All of the prize money that is won by the Coady cattle goes into a fund for Paula's education.

Now completing her second year of studies at Prince of Wales College, Paula is uncertain about her future. She has some thoughts of a teaching career — her mother is principal of the five-room school at Southport — but whatever her professional career may be, it's a safe bet the young Hazelbrook lassie will always have a warm spot in her heart for high class Jersey cattle.

Treatment costs rise

MONTREAL (CP)—The cost of hospital treatment has risen more quickly in Quebec province during the last few years than it has anywhere else in Canada. Dr. Jacques Gelinias, deputy health minister, said Wednesday night.

Speaking at an annual meeting of the Association of Quebec Hospitals, Dr. Gelinias said fiscal predictions for 1965-66 show that the per capita cost of hospital services in the province will match or perhaps exceed the national average of \$5.11 a person.

BARLEY RESEARCH

Dr. Edward N. Larter of the University of Saskatchewan's crop science department studies a new barley variety in a growth chamber on the university campus in Saskatoon. The research is part of a Prairie-wide program to develop higher-yielding and disease-resistant malting barleys. (CP Wirephoto)

Farm market, price outlook expected to continue rising

The Canadian economy is expected to continue to move upward during 1965 but possibly at a slower rate than in 1964. Thus the domestic demand for most farm products is expected to be well maintained and total cash farm income should approximate last year's record of 3,456 million dollars.

DAIRY PRODUCTS

The new 1965-66 dairy support program was announced by the Minister on March 26. It is made up firstly of a deficiency payment plan, coupled with export assistance which will ensure a national weighted average price of \$3.50 per hundredweight for domestically used manufacturing milk and cream. The second part of the overall program is a direct supplementary payment to producers based on their 1964-65 sales. This payment will range from 25 cents per hundredweight for the first 47,999 pounds of manufacturing milk marketed to 10 cents per hundredweight for all such milk marketed by a producer in excess of 95,999 pounds.

The total milk supply for 1965 is estimated at 21.8 billion pounds. This total is made up of carry-in, in terms of milk equivalent on January 1 of 3.2 billion pounds, domestic production of 18.5 billion, and imports, in milk equivalents of 180 million pounds. The estimated output assumes no change in cow numbers but a productivity gain of 40 pounds per cow—the same as in 1964. The long-term average rate of gain is 127 pounds per cow. The final level of output will, of course, be modified by

weather conditions and producers' reactions to price.

Domestic consumption of milk and milk products is estimated at 17.8 billion pounds—up largely because of population growth over the 1964 consumption of 17.5 billion. The two other major markets for milk are for feed on farms, and exports.

HOGS

Weekly marketings in the second quarter of 1965 are expected to average 142,000 head per week, three per cent more than last year. This increase is expected to be offset by an increase in exports and the growth of the domestic market. The firm trend in hog prices at levels well above the support price is anticipated, with some further strengthening in late May or June.

CATTLE

Total inspected slaughter during 1965 is expected to average 52,000 head per week, 12 per cent above last year. Prices will be tied closely to those in the United States—and are not expected to change much, from their present levels.

GRAINS

If farmers' intentions materialize the acreage seeded to grains this spring will change sharply in composition. A five per cent drop in wheat acreage to 28.3 million is indicated by the latest DBS survey whereas plantings of feed grains—oats, barley, mixed grains, and corn at 18.4 million acres will be up seven per cent.

An above average movement of all grains will be recorded during the 1964-65 crop year. At the halfway mark for the current crop year exports of the five major Canadian grains at 246.3 million bushels were 25 per cent below the 1963-64 comparable level but 25 per cent above the 10 year average.

RAPESEEDS

Depending on weather conditions a sharp increase in rapeseed production is indicated by farmers' intentions to plant 1,383,000 acres, almost double that of 1964.

EGGS

A larger laying flock early this year has resulted in a four per cent increase in egg marketing up to mid-March and prices have fallen to the lowest level in five years. By midsummer, however, the cut-back in the placement of pullets which has been going on since mid-1964 is expected to cause supplies to fall below a year ago and strengthen prices.

Poultrymen are placing slightly larger numbers of broiler chicks on farms this year, sufficient to keep pace with population growth. As a result supplies in April and May are expected to be adequate for this time of year and prices will remain at or above last year's levels.

TURKEYS

Early indications show much larger numbers of turkey poulters being purchased by growers this winter and an increase in eggs being placed in incubators. If this trend holds up, there will be a considerable increase in turkey production this year.

While broiler marketings remained virtually unchanged from last year's levels, all types and weights of turkey showed impressive gains over 1964. The total number of lightweight turkeys marketed exceeded 10 million pounds by March 20, 24.8 per cent over the 8.4 million pounds marketed in an equivalent period last year. In addition, heavy turkeys totalled 4.4 million pounds, nearly double the 2.3 million pounds processed during the same weeks of 1964.

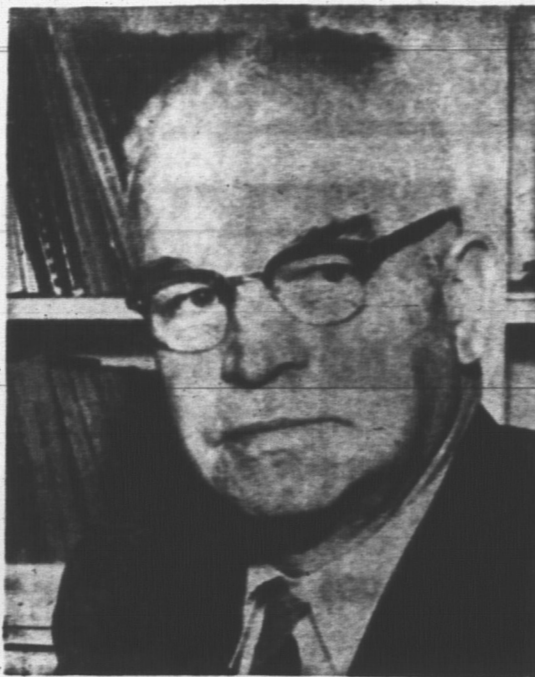
The early signs of larger supplies of heavy turkey are significant indications of a bumper crop this fall when these weights play a major role in the poultry market. However, the lightweight or broiler turkey market is of considerable importance in the early part of the year usually set the pace for the entire season. The substantial increase in marketings of light turkey is due primarily to a large expansion in Quebec, although all the Western Provinces showed very substantial relative gains. Ontario growers, which have provided close to 60 per cent of total lightweight turkey processed, marketed 4.6 per cent more turkeys up to March 20 compared with 1964. Only the Maritimes revealed lower marketings but this area processed a very small portion of the total and thus had little influence on the national trend.

Supplies of C.A. apples are expected to last until the end of June. Price will rise slowly during coming months as they move gradually through commercial channels.

Canadian growers intend to plant 229,500 acres of potatoes this year which will provide a crop amounting to about 45 million cwt., assuming average yields.

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Red fescue for pasture

KAPUSKASING, Ont.—Creeping red fescue, widely used as a lawn grass, has been neglected for pasture usage says Pierre Dermine, of the federal experimental farm here.

Farmers may be losing out on a good thing. Tests during the past 10 years at Kapuskasing have shown that the variety can be very productive in long-term pastures.

Creeping red fescue is a hardy perennial that spreads gradually, once it is established. At the experimental farm, pasture seeded with a mixture containing slightly more than one-fifth of fescue gave swards containing 40 to 50 per cent rescue seven years later.

Well-suited to heavy clay soils and unaffected by temporary shortages or excesses of moisture creeping fescue helps ensure uniform grass production during the entire grazing season. After an early spring start it grows actively throughout the summer and well into October when timothy and brome grass have long been dormant.

Although its yield is below those of conventional hay varieties fescue's qualities make it highly suitable for grazing, says the researcher. Not only does it recover rapidly after each grazing cycle but it is resistant to tramping and despite its wiry appearance is eaten readily by cattle.

Tests at Kapuskasing also indicate that the grass is just as nutritious as conventional pasture varieties. Weight gains of beef cattle on fescue sward were equal to those of animals on pasture where timothy and brome grass were the dominant varieties. Mr. Dermine reports.

For durable, long-lasting pastures, he recommends including creeping red fescue in hay mixtures at a low seeding rate of three to four pounds per acre. By the time the more productive hay varieties have started to decline a few years later the fescue will have spread and thickened sufficiently to permit the pasture to continue in regular use for another four to five years.

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