

State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

Q. Is DDT poisonous to animals?

A. Yes, sir. Seed corn growers are using a spray of 5 per cent DDT solution at the rate of 1 gallon to each 1,000 square feet in cleaning old bins and they also put 2 ounces of 5 per cent DDT dust to each 100 pounds of corn. This is fine for seed corn but not for corn which is to be fed to animals. Be careful in using oil sprays of DDT. Write the Agricultural Editor, State College, Raleigh, for Extension Circular No. 291 and it will give you the latest recommendations on the use of DDT.

Q. Where has the greatest increase in broiler production taken place?

A. The correct answer is—in the Southeastern States. In 1934 this section had about 40% of the Nation's total production. Today it has about 60 per cent. On this point, however, Prof. Roy Dearstyne warns that we must reduce poultry mortality and follow better feeding and management practices. He says that about two-thirds of all disease troubles in this section can be traced to poor management

HOWTOSH ARPEN MEAT KNIFE IS TOLD BY PHOTOS

Booklet On Subject Now Available From N. C. State College

While everyone realizes that it takes a sharp knife to do a real good job of cutting meat many do not know just how best to sharpen a knife and keep it sharp.

New knives are not sharp but they have been ground down to a point where they are ready to be properly beveled and sharpened. How to sharpen both old and new knives has been told in a series of 13 photographs, with appropriate information on each, by T. N. Blumer, of the department of

practices in the flock, resulting in birds of low vitality. He suggests that egg producers give their flocks plenty of room in the laying house, an abundance of water, fresh feed every day, and provide for proper ventilation so as to prevent colds.

animal industry at State college.

First, either a grind rock or a carborundum stone can be used. Oil and a steel are also needed to complete the equipment. Blumer shows in a series of photographs the different steps in sharpening the knife.

In speaking of steeling, he says that the steel is used to straighten the edge of a knife and not to sharpen it. The knife edge is generally turned when it comes in contact with a bone or other hard object. This explains the need for frequent steeling of the knife, as the butcher does in his shop.

A half-dozen strokes on each side of the knife are sufficient in steeling. Holding the knife at the proper angle to the steel is the most important feature. Blumer explains.

Farmers interested in getting his suggestions on knife sharpening should write for a free copy of Extension Circular No. 287, which carries all of the photographs mentioned.

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State College Hints To Farm Homemakers
By VERA STANTON
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The dark greasy stains that accumulate on the interior surfaces of ovens in kitchen ranges are difficult to clean. Ordinary washing or wiping will not remove them because the grease has "baked on." Scouring often is used but, unless done with care, may damage the enamel finish.

The fumes of ammonia are helpful in softening this substance and making it easier to wash or wipe off. Home economists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture suggest placing a shallow bowl of household ammonia in the oven for several hours overnight. The fumes give

off then will have time to loosen the greasy stains. A badly soiled oven may need this treatment for several successive nights.

To keep the oven clean, home economists advise leaving the door open after use until the oven is cool. This will "air out" many of the volatile odors and oils from baking. This also helps prevent rusting of metal surfaces by the steam from food. Any food that boils over or spills in the oven should be wiped up at once and not allowed to burn on.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Who Gets Off Easiest— Men or Women?

Maybe you saw that poll on who has the easiest life—men or women? Of course, the men voted that the women did, and the women vice versa.

It would be the same in our town—take any family. Thad Phibbs envies his Missus spending the day at home, with no hot office to attend to. And Sue envies Thad his luncheons with the boys; and his evening glass of beer with friends (while she cleans up the dishes in the kitchen).

Of course, none of it goes very

deep. Thad knows way deep down that the Missus has plenty of work running a house; and Sue knows Thad's friendly glass of beer is well-deserved relaxation after a long hard day's work.

From where I sit, most husbands and wives may grumble now and then—but they know in their hearts it's a case of live and let live, give and take, that comes out pretty even in the end.

Joe Marsh

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