

4 DAIRY COWS NET CHEROKEE FARMER PROFIT

Anderson Earns \$329 From Milk Sales In 5 Months

An example of what a farmer, operating on a small scale, can do with a few dairy cows, is demonstrated by Guy Anderson, of Brasstown, Cherokee county.

Since August 1, Mr. Anderson's milk checks from four dairy cows have totaled \$329.78, after his haul bill was deducted. In addition to the milk sold off his farm, two and a half gallons per day was used for home

consumption.

From August 1 to December 31, Mr. Anderson spent \$68.75 for feed, and the rest was grown on the farm. Part of this feed went to his dry cattle and calves, explains the assistant farm agent, Lemuel Goode, of the State college extension service, so the cows producing milk didn't use this entire amount of feed.

Mr. Anderson was one of the first farmers in the county to seed ladino clover on his farm. At the present time, he has seeded 21 acres of pasture and meadow to this clover. Results have been so good that Anderson plans to include it in all of his pasture mixtures.

Forty-seven states are now co-operating in a National Poultry Improvement plan to provide more eggs per hen, eggs of better quality, and superior birds for the frying pan and oven.

This Farm Success Story Laid Right Here At Home

This is a farm family success story.

And it happened, not in California, or Illinois, or Eastern Carolina, but right here in Macon County.

Back in 1938, Mr. and Mrs. James S. Gray, then living on the Maxwell Home farm, which they had rented, owned three horses, four cows, six hogs, and 40 chickens, valued at a total of \$640. In addition, they had corn and hay worth \$80, and estimated their household goods at \$250, making total assets of \$975. But they owed a note of \$171, so that their net assets were \$804.

That was only a little more than eight years ago, but today the net worth of the Grays is \$5,299, according to Albert L. Ramsey, FHA supervisor in this county. Mr. Ramsey added that his figure is conservative, since, in valuing the farm the Grays bought in 1938, he allowed nothing for increase in the price of farm lands.

That year the Grays were approved for a \$6,325 Federal Security Administration loan, with which to buy a farm and build a home and other buildings.

Since buying their farm, Franklin, Route 2, they have worked hard, managed well, and accumulated each year. They have used "live at home" methods, raising as much as possible for the feed for their livestock and vegetables, meats, fruits and other things necessary for the family needs and some to sell each year. They have followed a farm-and-home plan developed by them and the county representatives of FSA, which keeps in mind at all times crop rotation and conservation practices to aid building a better soil, as well as better home practices for food, clothing and household needs.

The Grays were put on as demonstration farmers in 1940, and have taken advantage of all materials that were available for them and the advice of all extension supervisors. They also have taken advantage of the AAA and received considerable aid through that program.

They built a new grade A dairy barn last year and installed electric milking machines, and it is all paid for. They now have 10 purebred registered Guernsey cows and three heifers that will freshen this year.

Their gross assets are \$11,728.00, and their FSA land debt is \$4,100, leaving a net of \$7,628, as against the \$975.00 they owned, or a gain of \$6,653.00.

The farm that was purchased for \$6,325.00 would now easily sell for \$12,000, which would give them a net gain of \$12,328.00 for their work for the past six years.

Meanwhile, they have had the

advantage of having a more desirable home. They are satisfied and happy in their work, and in a few years will have their farm paid for in full.

The FHA still is making loans to good tenant families who cannot obtain reasonable and adequate finances elsewhere, Mr. Ramsey said.

Chicken

Of Tomorrow Contest To Be Held

State and regional prizes will be awarded to winners of this year's "Chicken of Tomorrow" contest, which will be climaxed with a dressed poultry show the week of June 16-21, it was announced this week by C. J. Maupin, state chairman and poultry specialist for the State college extension service.

Outstanding entries from each of the 12 states grouped in the southeast section will compete in a regional dressed bird show to be held in Georgia, June 23-28, Mr. Maupin said. This region includes Tennessee, West Virginia, Virginia, Kentucky, Delaware, Maryland, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, and North Carolina.

"There is still plenty of time," he said, "for any breeder, hatcheryman, or flock owner

er interested in improving meat quality to enter this contest and become eligible for both state and regional prizes." Contest rules call for a minimum of 50 chicks hatched from March 24 to 28, 1947, he added.

Entry blanks and other details can be obtained from the state chairman, care of State college, Raleigh, N. C.

State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

Q. How can I get rid of ants in the home?

A. The best control, according to State college entomologists, is based on destroying the queens and young in the nest. If the colony, which is usually out-of-doors or beneath cracks in the cement basement floor, can be located, the ants can be destroyed by punching a few holes in the nest and pouring one or two tablespoons of carbon disulfide into the openings. No one bait can be depended upon to destroy all kinds of ants. Some prefer sweet bait, while others relish meat and grease baits.

Potato acreage goals for 1947 have been revised downward by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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February may be short on days, but it's certainly long on holidays... what with national holidays and Valentine's Day, too, all calling for celebration this month! So here are some special dishes for these special days. (They're so easy to fix you'll probably want to serve them even if you're not having a party.)

HEAVENLY HEARTS

Your family will elect you their valentine when they taste this delectable starring SPARKLE VANILLA PUDDING from the A&P! Cut

pastry (1/2" thick) with heart-shaped cookie cutter. Prick with fork and bake in very hot oven, 450 F., 8 to 10 minutes.

Prepare SPARKLE VANILLA PUDDING according to package directions; cool. Just before serving, put a layer of pudding and your favorite preserves between two hearts. Ummm!

CHEER-WORTHY CHERRY PIE

Washington's Birthday without cherry pie? No, indeed! And, to give it an extra festive touch, before baking it I cut out with a sharp knife two hatchet-shaped designs about three inches long in the top crust. Then, after it's baked and cool, I fill the hatchet designs with whipped cream. I make my light, flaky crust with

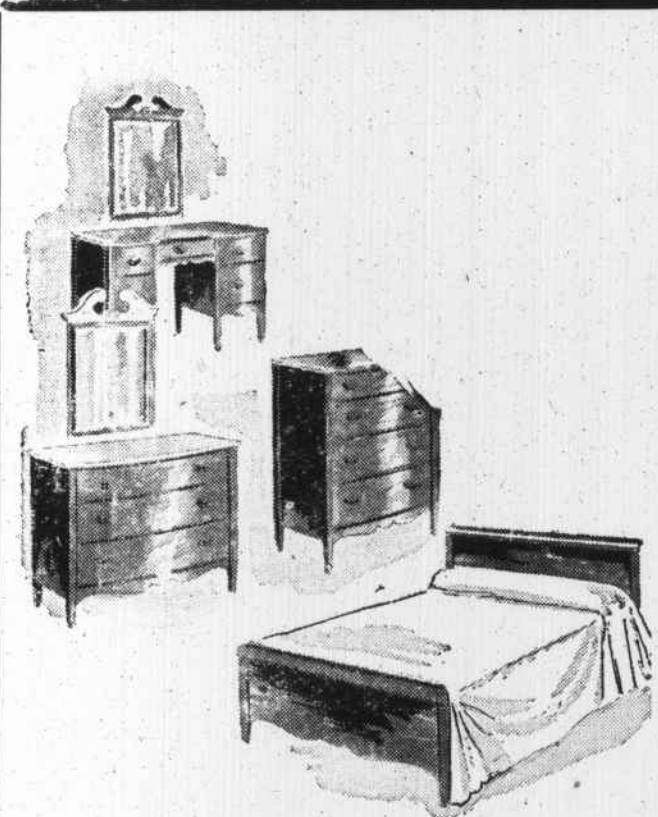
SUNNYFIELD FLOUR, which I get at the A&P. This bleached, enriched flour is grand in any recipe requiring all-purpose flour. Try it!

TEA FOR TWO... OR TWENTY

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TREAT FOR THE TWENTY-SECOND

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