

### State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

**QUESTION:** How can slugs and snails be controlled?

**ANSWER:** The favorite haunts of slugs and snails are damp or moist places under or near accumulations of decayed vegetation or rubbish, piles of old boards, bricks, and stones, and dense, low-growing vegetation. They also are found in basements and drain pipes and on rough stone walls and well walls. Thus it is important to keep the basement and spaces beneath porches dry and the garden and green-

house clean and free from rubbish, old boards, bricks, and like materials, which offer protection to the pests. Painting-up foundation walls and the walls of dug wells also is an aid in control.

When snails or slugs have become established, the U. S. Department of Agriculture recommends that a poisoned bait consisting of one ounce of metaldehyde to three pounds of wheat bran, slightly moistened, be scattered over the infested area. Sometimes fairly good control can be obtained by the use of a bait consisting of one part of calcium arsenate in 16 parts of bran, moistened and scattered about a garden or other places where it may be used with safety. Both metaldehyde and calcium arsenate should be used in the bait

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where the humidity is continuously high.

When only a few slugs or snails are present, they may be collected by hand picking at night, with the aid of a lantern or flashlight, and destroyed; or they may be

killed in the daytime in their hiding places beneath boards or rubbish.


USDA Farmers Bulletin No. 1895, "Land Slugs and Snails and Their Control," gives more complete information. Your county

agent will tell you where you may obtain a copy of this publication.

**QUESTION:** How long should a turkey be cooked?

**ANSWER:** Not as long as most housewives think, says Miss Ruth Current, State home demonstration agent. Laboratory tests show, she says, that quicker cooking is more satisfactory for birds weighing more than 10½ pounds dressed or nine pounds ready-to-cook.

Oven temperatures have to be increased slightly for best results. Cooking time and oven temperatures for birds of various ready-to-cook weights are recommended as follows: 5 to 8½ pounds, 325 degrees, 2½ to 3 hours; 9 to 12 pounds, 325 degrees, 3 to 3½ hours; 12 1-2 to 15 1-2 pounds, 325 degrees, 3 1-2 to 4 1-2 hours; 16 to 21 pounds, 300 degrees, 4½ to 6 hours; 21 1-2 to 26 pounds, 300 degrees, 6 to 7½ hours.



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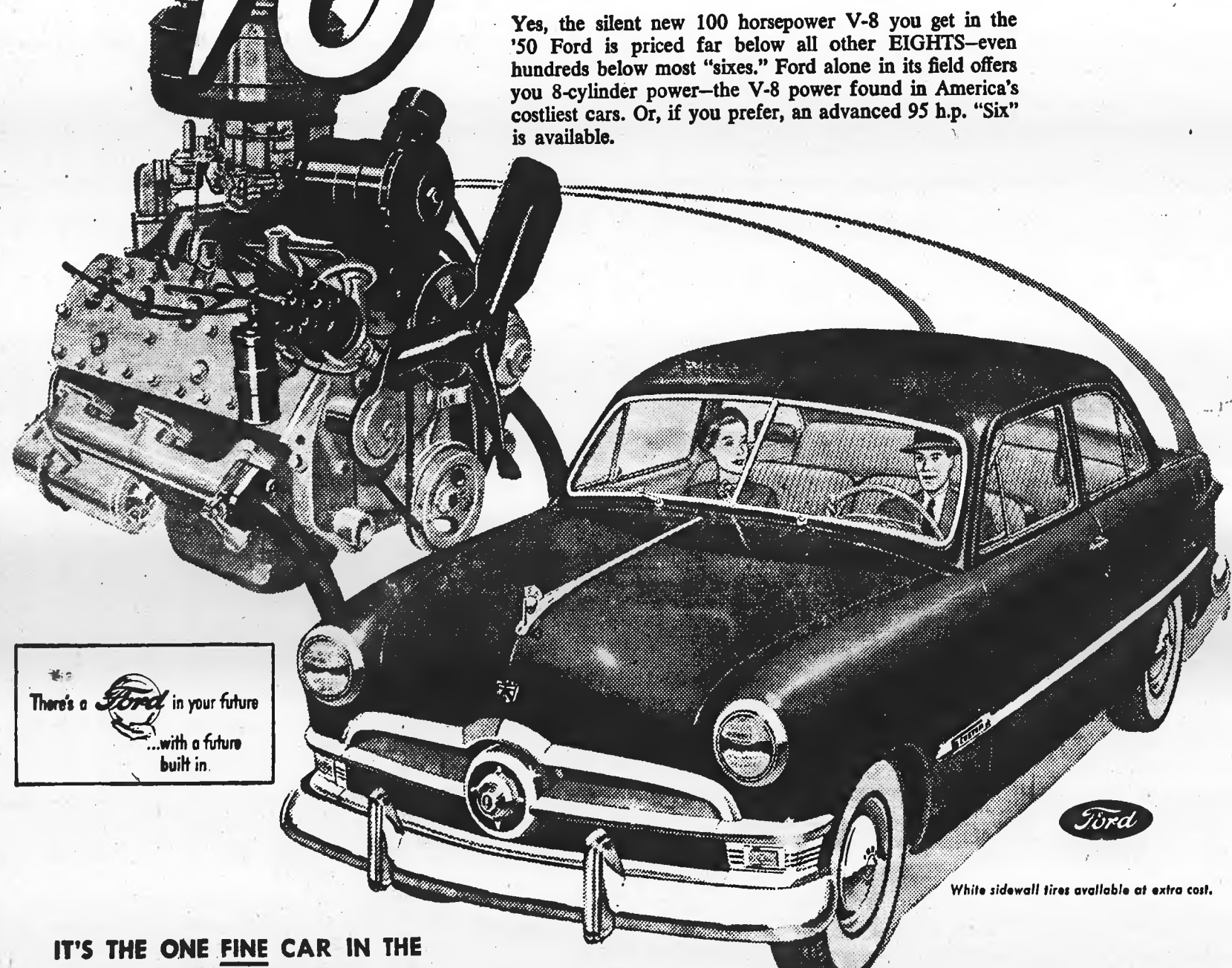
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