Dairy Festival Time Fe& 10-19

February 10 to 19 will be Dairy Festival Time in Michigan to promote the consumption of all dairy products.

How effective this can be was shown in Madison, Wisconsin, May 3-7, 1954, when the newspaper and grocers cooperated in a tremendous advertising and sales promotion on dairy products. For the eight day period, Madison community consumed an estimated 3,000,000 lbs. of milk in dairy products.

In Michigan the Farm Bureau, Grange, Michigan State College, Michigan Milk Dealers Association, Mid-West Producers Canners and all parts of the dairy industry will take part in the promotion. So will newspapers, radio and television stations, grocers, restaurants and other groups.

Michigan State College has requested county agent's help to encourage county dairy committees to assist in promoting dairy products.

The Farm Bureau is requesting the dairy committee and a member of the Women's Committee of each County Farm Bureau to serve on the County Dairy Festival committee. Members of the state Farm Bureau staff will assist at the state level.

The dairy promotion has made available to Michigan newspapers and grocers some 16 newspaper pages of advertisements to promote the sale and use of dairy products during the festival. Appropriate material will be available for radio and television stations.

Farm Bureau Promotes

Keith A. Tanner and Norwood Eastman have been promoted to new responsibilities in the Michigan Farm Bureau organization, effective January 1. The promotions were announced December 29 by J. V. Yager, executive secretary.

Mr. Tanner has been promoted from Manager of the Member Service Division of Michigan Farm Bureau Operations for Farm Bureau Services, Inc. This is a new post in the cooperative farm supply service of the Farm Bureau.

Mr. Eastman will assume the position of Executive Director of the Michigan Farm Bureau Federation for the three county federation.

Mr. Yager said: "In order to provide the Farm Bureau membership with the best and most efficient service possible, it has been decided to have our own executive director on the staff of the Federation. His position will assist in the administration of the Federation and its programs, especially those relating to the local associations, the 8th annual meeting at Lansing. This position will enable us to concentrate more of our time and effort on the affairs of the Federation and its members."

Mr. Yager described Mr. Eastman as "an outstanding executive with an excellent reputation in the federation field. He is well known to the Federation's county associations and is a recognized leader in Farm Bureau work."

Mr. Eastman comes from the Grange, and will bring to the Federation a deep knowledge of the organization and its member associations. He has been associated with the Federation for over 15 years and has served as its Secretary-Treasurer since 1947.

Mr. Tanner, the new Member Service Division Manager, has been with the Federation for over 20 years and has held various positions in the organization, including that of Executive Assistant to the Executive Secretary.

The promotions are in line with the policy of the Farm Bureau to continue to provide leadership and service to the members of the Federation, and to work with them to strengthen the organization and its programs.

Farm Bureau Services' 25th Year Its Best

J. V. Yager, executive secretary of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., Lansing, farm sales manager for Farm Bureau Services and member of the National Association of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., has reported that Farm Bureau Services has been ahead of schedule for the past five years.

The annual Roll Call for members of Farm Bureau Services was held in Lansing, Michigan, January 11, 1955. The Roll Call revealed that Farm Bureau Services has had a tremendous growth in the past five years, with an increase of 1,000,000 members from 1950 to 1954. This growth has been accompanied by an increase in sales and service to the members of the Federation.

The Roll Call also showed that Farm Bureau Services has been continuously ahead of schedule in sales for the past five years, with a total of $5,000,000 in sales for the year 1954. The sales for the year 1955 are expected to exceed $6,000,000.

The Roll Call was attended by over 100 members of the Federation, who were given an opportunity to hear Mr. Yager's report on the growth and progress of Farm Bureau Services, and to discuss the future plans of the organization.

Mr. Yager said: "We are pleased to report that Farm Bureau Services has had a highly successful year, with a record of achievement and growth. We are looking forward to an even better year in 1956, and we are confident that we will continue to provide the best service to the members of the Federation."
New Year Prayer

Dear God, from whose almighty hand we have the gift of days. We are Thy tenants on this earth. and now again we come to ask for our prayer of honest thanks to Thee, in which all good deeds. 

Hear us today and grant that we may serve as loving children. We thank Thee for Thy Holy Word, and may we seek to understand it when Thy servant is hard and we are tried and weak. Through depravity and error, may we not say. By Thy grace and grace as a rule, protecting us from sin.

And some Thy power in every hour. Thou hast an every hand on every farm. We thank Thee for Thy Holy Word, and may we seek to understand it when Thy servant is hard and we are tried and weak. Through depravity and error, may we not say. By Thy grace and grace as a rule, protecting us from sin.

So we do each one's part that this good will may be by every means to every heart that is heard by the blessing of the Lord. Bless Thy children everywhere. Transfigure our weak seals. That faith shall never know despair. In Jesus' name, Amen.

R. B. Clark

315 Ruth, Grand Street
Jackson, Michigan

Community Farm Bureaus

WESLEY HAVEL, Coordinator of Community Farm Bureau for MFB

Dear Community Farm Bureau Members:

It is our concern that each of you and your group will have a happy and prosperous year during 1955. We hope that your group meetings will become more and more interesting, and that more and more people will be interested in the work of Community Farm Bureau, so that in the very heart and soul of Community Farm Bureau meetings and served on committees throughout 1954. Daily those groups will continue to meet regularly.

As mentioned in the article in the December edition, 37 Community Farm Bureaus held monthly meetings and served on committees throughout the year. Daily those groups will continue to meet regularly.

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FARM FACTS

from MICHIGAN BELL

Chap's Chickens are Expensive

Michigan State College poultry raised under the supervision of two professors. While quality looks may not be as good as foreign, quality means low death rate, efficient use of feed and care in disease control. Machines cost $4 a day from farmers that used the Bell-Hunter poultry equipment.

MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

January 1, 1955
FOOD FOR LIFE... Takes City People to the Farm

Here’s the new way of taking folks “out to the farm”... to show them the important part that farms and farmers play in their lives.

Actually, it doesn’t take city folks to a real farm. Instead, they see Swift’s exhibits — food for life. We’ve called it food for life because it tells about the business you and we are in.

The story begins with the soil — it ends with healthy, happy, and well-fed people. All sorts of moving and “talking” displays drive home mighty important facts about the complicated job of producing food which many folks “take for granted.”

For both the farm and city consumer, food for life stresses right eating and good nutrition. After all, when people know more about right eating, they will be better buyers of the foods that contribute to health, strength and longer life. And, this will create a bigger demand for your products.

We think this is a good way to make friends in the city — for farmers and ranchers and meat packers. We would like you to see it, too. Whenever you are in Chicago, stop in at the Museum of Science and Industry — visit food for life. We believe you’ll like it.

SWIFT & COMPANY

UNION STOCK YARDS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

NUTRITION IS OUR BUSINESS

Animals always fascinate city people. Many are genuinely amazed at the scientific know-how that farmers must have.
This is the House That Farm Bureau Built

Product of Farm Life Past 35 Yrs.

DOROTHY M. KIRBY
Coordinator of Education and Research for MFB

The 7&% to 90% support program was the first provision to be paid out of a production control payments. The Federal Agriculture Marketing Act was not a solution to farm problems, but in the course of history, the 7&% to 90% support program was a welcome relief on the increasing prices farmers had to pay for their inputs.

Benson Tells Why Controls Were Relaxed

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Resolutions

They Outline the Program of Work

(Continued from Michigan Farm News for Dec. 1, 1954)

We are presenting in our December and January editions the full text of resolutions adopted by the Farm Bureau as, so far as we can determine, the only body that determines the policies and programs of the various state Farm Bureaus. The resolutions were adopted at the 50th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau held at Lansing, November 11, 1954.

These resolutions become Michigan Farm Bureau policy. In this edition we are completing the presentation of resolutions on State & Farm Bureau Affairs and will show the resolutions dealing with our Farm Bureau as an organization.

Resolutions adopted by the MFB convention with respect to national and international matters became recommendations to the American Farm Bureau Federation, at its New York City December meeting. Those resolutions adopted by three delegations from all the states become Michigan Farm Bureau's policy on national and international affairs which will appear in the January or February edition of the Nation's Agriculture.

State Affairs

Resolutions on State Affairs are four for the present year:

1. The 1955 legislature shall continue the current system for the promotion of Michigan apple orchards and vineyards, including appropriation for research and development of new apple varieties. Michigan apple producers are encouraged to participate in the state apple variety trials being conducted at Michigan State University, and to market their products through the Michigan Apple Orchard Committee.

2. Legislation shall be introduced to increase the minimum age for apprenticeship in the dairy industry to 18 years. This will provide assurance that the state's young men will have adequate education in modern dairy farm practices before being employed on dairy farms.

3. The 1955 Michigan Farm Bureau shall be given the authority to accept and handle complaints concerning milk marketing practices.

4. Every county Farm Bureau shall establish a Junior Farm Bureau program before 1955. The Junior Farm Bureau program is an educational program designed to instill in its members a respect for good citizenship and recognize their responsibilities as young men.

Michigan Farm Bureau Policies Based on Resolutions

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Farmers and the Social Security Program

Reagan McMillan, Director

Discussion Topics

These were chosen by your District Discussion Topic Committee and are based on recommendations by the Community Farm Bureau.

Jan. Farmers and the Social Security Program

Feb. The Uses of Farm Commercialized Places

Today

MAPS AND THE SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAM

Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic Committee

Background Material for Program in January by 1364 Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

S. G. D. KEMPSTY

Coordinator Community Farm Bureau Research for MFB

Congress acted. Farmers operators are now included under the Social Security law. Many farmers do not realize that the Social Security program comprises that they may get the tax. They cannot choose to stay out of the program.

Farm Bureau delegates over the years had taken a position on social security as a compulsory agency. At the 1954 annual meeting—after the bill had been passed—they were not less passive in stating their position on the matter. In those days they had passed the following resolution without a dissenting vote: "Compulsory Social Security for farmers and other self-employed groups is the road to socialism."

This was a substantial resolution submitted from the floor. The delegates rejected a more mildly-stated position in this session. They wanted to be very positive in their stand.

The Social Security bill passed through Congress at the last moment before adjournment. There were late night surprise votes. The House bill had included farm operators, but the Senate bill had held some reservations about it. The House now voted the bill without change for farmers. The bill was later changed in conference to include farmers. But the Senate did not receive the conferees' report and could not pass the bill or lose his retirement benefits. This was increased to $1200. Farm incomes are not like a factory paycheck, and some farm wives may be more likely to go into the labor market.

Farm operators are included in both a farm owner and a tenant occupying the farm. The latter may be a sharecropper or a tenant. This is a new concept. However, unless he is eligible to receive the Social Security retirement benefits and has a potential for earning these benefits, he cannot be properly evaluated or included. This is one of the reasons why the number of farm operators included is large.

Farm operators who grow crops or raise livestock can work any 40 weeks a year and enjoy Social Security retirement benefits. However, farmers who are self-employed and have a potential for earning retirement benefits, can pay the required Social Security tax themselves.

The maximum earnings acceptable for Social Security taxes is $3,000. The maximum earnings deduction is $500. In this way, a farmer can use the Social Security retirement benefits for himself and his family.

The farmer under 65 years of age who has income (after income earned by children under 16) may pay the Social Security taxes, in amounts to be determined by the appropriate agency. The farmer who has earnings under $500 will be responsible for Social Security taxes.

The farmer can either pay the Social Security taxes, or he can have the Social Security agency deduct the taxes from his income. The farmer can also turn over the responsibility for Social Security taxes to the Social Security agency. This is one of the reasons why the National Farmers Union is urging farmers to use the Social Security program.

Farmers will need to study this Social Security program. The program is one of the most important programs in the United States. The program is administered by the Social Security Administration. Farmers can obtain information about the Social Security program by writing to the Social Security Administration, Washington, D.C., or by calling their local Social Security office.

The Social Security Administration will assist farmers in determining their eligibility for Social Security retirement benefits. The Administration will also assist farmers in determining their eligibility for Social Security disability benefits. The Administration will also assist farmers in determining their eligibility for Social Security survivor benefits.

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FARMERS, PETROLEUM COOPERATIVE

FARM BUREAU SERVICES, INC.

Executive Secretary & Treasurer

Executive Vice President

31,000 members. The Farm Bureau's main goal is to promote the interests of farmers and agricultural workers. The Farm Bureau is also concerned with the protection of the environment and the promotion of fair trade practices.

The Farm Bureau has a strong presence in Washington, D.C., where it lobbies for policies that benefit farmers. The Farm Bureau is a member of the National Farm Bureau Federation, which is the largest farm organization in the United States. The Farm Bureau is also a member of the American Farm Bureau Federation, which is the largest farm organization in the world. The Farm Bureau is also a member of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers, which is the largest farm organization in the world. The Farm Bureau is also a member of the American Farm Bureau Federation, which is the largest farm organization in the world. The Farm Bureau is also a member of the American Farm Bureau Federation, which is the largest farm organization in the world. The Farm Bureau is also a member of the American Farm Bureau Federation, which is the largest farm organization in the world.