

# Delaware County Farm Bureau

## "HOLD PRODUCE" SAYS BUREAU.

"Keep Stuff at Home!" is Cunningham's plea. Corn and Oats do not get half of their cost. Food gamblers create situation to ruin nation's farmer. Smashing the hog market during the week or so has occupied the attention of the market manipulators. A Chicago paper came out with the statement from a big packer saying that the hog market had to come down with the price of corn. If this packer has been correctly reported, and the break in the market indicates he was, it would indicate that the price manipulation is wholly in the hands of the gamblers and that they have decided that the farmers' corn and oats shall remain at the present day ruinous price. Everyone knows that he is not getting near cost of production for his products.

**Rule for Tenant.**  
The heavy break in prices will spell financial ruin to the tenant farmer and half of the farmers in Iowa are tenants. You can see the serious results that will follow.

Another class of farmer, known as farm owners, are in worse financial straits than the renter. They have made a small initial payment, assumed heavy obligations to be met by the returns from the land. He is in worse shape than the renter.

**Others Hit.**  
Another class of farm owners are speculators who have purchased on the small payment down, hoping to unload at a profit, but are without a buyer due to the tightening of money stopping land transactions. We are so much concerned as they who took a gambler's chance and will probably survive if they lose on their venture. The independent land owner has no cause for worry, and is most indifferent to the whole situation.

**Prices Below Cost.**  
Actual figures secured by the Federation for 1920 crop show the cost of production for producing wheat at \$1.88 a bushel and oats at 75c. Figures on corn are not yet available. These figures are reliable and cannot be controverted. With these facts, oats are selling fifty per cent below

cost. Quotations on corn are hardly up to fifty per cent below cost. This means ruin to many an industrious farmer.

It was to be expected that there should be a settling back of prices to a more stable basis but price manipulation by over-selling the market thru pure gambler practices is not looked upon by the farmer as a good business policy. Oat should not sell below 60c and corn below \$1.00. These prices would mean a loss to the producer but the farmer is not adverse to accepting a fair share of the loss to get finance and condition back to normal.

Some say the supply and demand are responsible for the present condition. For the week ending October 23rd Chicago hay receipts were 76,000 against 107,000 the previous week and 155,000 a year ago. Yet the decline in hogs was \$2.65 cwt. This indicates that the big packers are in a position to make prices.

**Can't Be Worse.**  
We are urging this section without due recognition of the many obstacles that tend to upset the plan. We are certain that the banks of Iowa do not have the funds to enable them to hold their grain. We believe, however, that there will be something humanly possible to help their farmer customers.

We ask every landlord to extend time of rental payments to enable the renter to hold his crop. We ask every land owner to hold his crop and urge every one to refrain from purchasing but absolute necessities. With everyone doing his or her part this temporary period of demoralization will recover itself.

This country is solvent and there is no need of any class or clique endeavoring to force financial ruin on the producer of the necessities of life simply because unsettled conditions give them the opportunity.

We do not mean to hold food from the people, merely to save the farmer from financial ruin, until the country needs his produce, (which it does not want at present) will enable the producer as well as the consumer to live. After all, there is no evidence that the consumer has profited upon the billions the farmers have lost.

We are confronted by influx of wheat from Canada for which they can get thirty cent more than at home. I repeat the experience of a citizen from Iowa coming from Canada and desirous of bringing an automobile over the boundary, was informed the duty was thirty per cent of the cost, which was \$1500.00. In order to protect American Auto Mfg. this man must pay \$450 to bring a used car into the states while all the wheat can be brought in from Canada in direct competition with the American Farmers. Is there any sense of justice in this arrangement?

We are young as an organization but there are many places in the economics of finance and industry that are detrimental to farmers that we shall attempt to make this Government and the financial and industrial interests recognize.

## LARGE CROWD AT TRACTOR DEMONSTRATION.

The tractor demonstration scheduled for Friday afternoon was postponed until Saturday afternoon on account of the rain. There was a nice crowd out, tractors all there, ground laid out and everything in readiness, but due to the sudden shower the crowd was compelled to leave. It was called off and completed Saturday which proved to be very successful. There were as many people out, or more, than the day before, and much interest shown. It was really interesting to see how these machines turned over the dirt. They all made a good showing and were very close on the work done, time and cost.

The judges were, J. S. Jones, Walter Hillier and E. W. Cook, and these men took plenty of time and close consideration before making their decision. They judged on straightness of furrow, covering of trash, turning of furrow and finishing up land. All work done six inches deep.

We give here the judges grades on the work done, time and cost per acre, kind of fuel and number of plows drawn. One of the tractors had a little hard luck, taking it longer to finish which might happen in any demonstration, and should not go against the tractor altogether.

Farm Horse tractor, fuel, kerosene and gas; time to plow one acre, 49 minutes; number of plows, 3; cost of fuel per acre, 36c; cost per acre including labor at 60c per hour, \$4c; judges' grade, 81 per cent; price of tractor, \$1500.00.

Titan tractor, fuel, kerosene; time to plow one acre, one hour and twenty four minutes; number plows, 3; cost fuel per acre, 39c; cost per acre including labor at 60c per hour, \$1.74; judges' grade, 77 per cent; price of tractor \$930.

Wallis tractor, kind of fuel, gasoline; time to plow one acre, 47 minutes; number plows, 3; cost of fuel per acre, 38c; cost per acre including labor at 60c per hour, \$1.15; judges' grade, 89 per cent; cost of tractor, \$1800.

Fordson tractor, fuel, kerosene; time to plow one acre one hour and 30 minutes; number of plows, 2; cost fuel per acre, 58c; cost per acre, including labor at 60c, \$1.46; judges' grade, 91 per cent; cost of tractor, \$850.00.

## FARMERS'-BANKERS' BUSINESS CONFERENCE AT WATERLOO, NOVEMBER 16TH.

Farmers'-Bankers' conferences are being held in different parts of the state, at Waterloo, November 16th. The officers of the Bankers' Association have realized for some time the unprecedented tightness of money and made an unusual demand on capital, affecting every line of business but brought a most telling effect upon Iowa's chief business of that farming and marketing her products.

The farmer has never passed thru a time when credit was more restricted than it has been. There are many problems, those of the farmer as a livestock feeder and shipper, wool growers and others that may be discussed with the intention and hope, by the bankers of this state, of reaching a clearer understanding toward some helpful solution. The officers of the Iowa Bankers' Association believe that conferences of farmers and officers of their organizations with the bankers of Iowa, will help toward solving some of these problems.

The County Agent is in receipt of a letter and information from the president of the Bankers' Association, asking if there could be two Farm Bureau men from each township at this conference. There is no set speech or program of entertainment, it will be entirely a business one. If there is any topic or topics which you would like to have discussed at the Farmers'-Bankers' conference please mail them to the County Agent's Office.

## TO THE NEW MEMBERS.

On October 12th, one hundred fifty more good farmers of Delaware County became members of the Farm Bureau and State Federation. We wish to extend a very hearty welcome to them, but would like to say—Do not think by joining the Farm Bureau your troubles will be automatically solved because there is only one way to get results and that is all working together for the same cause. Not only realizing ourselves but we must if necessary educate the public to realize what is best for the farmer in building up their industry and the country at large. All industries must thrive and prosper. We need them for markets, but agriculture furnishes not just raw products it's the food of the Nation. We think that the general public realizes the importance of this great movement toward a better and more permanent agriculture.

## FARM BUREAU PLANS WORK FOR 1921.

The meeting of the Farm Bureau officers co-operators and their wives Tuesday, October 26th, was well attended. This meeting represented some of the best and far sighted farmers in the county and the ladies in which both men and women made suggestions for the plan of work to be taken up in their township the coming year showed how much in earnest they were as to the county and country in general. They are not going to forget, but see to it that these things go through.

All the sixteen townships were represented except Richland. A plan was laid out for each township by the members present on the things they want done in their community. Some of the things that are wanted are soil tests, better roads, orchard pruning and spraying, club work, poultry culling, social centers, better marketing, testing for tuberculosis, elimination of weeds and insects, hot lunches in school, soy beans and alfalfa. This gives us something to work toward and these things will be worked out in the townships wanting them.

It is necessary to work in communities and townships because different parts of the county are more in need of a particular thing. By forming spraying rings or soil experiments in groups we can accomplish so much more. This is a heavy program, and every member will have to help out, and make his wants known. Don't wait to be asked what ought to be done, for this is no one man or few men organization. This is for everyone.

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Attention explanation:  
Have had so many letters asking for explanation of the graders' report. I give you the following:  
Color means bright or dark owing to the state or condition of tinge.  
Character, has reference to breeding, showing a well grown staple of wool for the breed.  
Condition may mean, damp wool, covered with straw or chaff, burry and seedy, heavy or light shrinkage.  
Staple has reference to length and strength of fiber.  
Twine the term hemp sometimes used by the grader is wool twine.  
How put up, is the grader's criticism on the consignment.

If there is anybody who is in the market for some western feeding cattle this coming winter, we can put you in line for them. There are some

sixty thousand head now in the national forests of Arizona and New Mexico that will be sold and shipped east. Also, if you have any Herefords or Angus for sale we have a call for several.

## FARMERS' EXCHANGE.

**FOR SALE:**  
20 head of good feeders. 800 lbs. L. P. Connolly, Delhi, Iowa.  
Buff Rock Pullets and cockerels. Pure bred. F. R. Brooks, Hopkinton, Iowa.  
Barred rock yellow hens. Also cockerels. H. H. Brooks, Hopkinton, Iowa.

## WANTED: FARM HANDS.

Corn pickers at once. Drummy Bros., Ryan, Iowa.  
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Experienced man at once for permanent work. Everett Orr, Coggon, Iowa.  
Experienced man at once for permanent work. George S. Banta, Manchester, Iowa.  
Single, experienced man for permanent place. R. J. Duffy, Manchester, Iowa.  
Corn picker at once. Martin Maurer, Manchester, Iowa.  
Single man for month. Herbert Benn, Worthington, Iowa.  
Single, experienced man by the month. Dan Schnittjer, Delhi, Iowa.

## COLESBURG.

(Last Week's Letter.)  
George Wessell and his Estella Klaus were united in marriage on October 18th, 1920. The ceremony was solemnized at the Zion M. E. parsonage at 6 o'clock P. M. Rev. H. L. Loomer officiating. Those witnessing the ceremony were the groom's mother, Mrs. Bernard Wessell, and the bride's sister, Miss Eliza Klaus. A reception followed at the Klaus home to which the Zion congregation was invited. The evening was spent in a social way during which refreshments were served to the large crowd present. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Wessell wish them long life and happiness.  
Dr. F. C. Wilson made a professional trip to Dubuque the fore part of the week.  
Martin, Margaret and Wilbur Connor departed during the week for Goshen, Indiana, where they will spend some time visiting relatives.  
On Tuesday evening, October 19th, at the Zion M. E. parsonage, occurred the marriage of Fred Nebel and Miss Gertrude Brown. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. J. Loomer. Friends of the young couple wish them all manner of happiness and prosperity throughout a long life.  
The young friends of Miss Lella Irmischer gave a party in her honor Thursday evening, Miss Lella departed the following day for Algona, Iowa, expecting to attend school there. Mesdames Frank Bush and D. H. Bush were at Keokuk, this week as delegates to the Rebekah Grand lodge.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Schwantes and child are here from Ridgeway, Washington, for a visit with friends. This vicinity was the home of Mrs. Schwantes for several years. He reports his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schwantes, well as are also the other members of the family.  
The Normal Training Club of the Colesburg high school entertained the faculty Wednesday evening. A short program was given, after which lunch was served.  
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Miss Hattie Stillinger is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. E. Palmer, and family at Turkey River.  
Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Grimes, Mrs. Margaret Myers, Miss Blanche Grimes and Mrs. J. R. Grimes and baby Lealand were auto passengers to Dubuque Wednesday.  
Lloyd Post went to McGregor, Wednesday after his house hold goods and will occupy the J. W. Platt house here. He is working in J. H. Adams' barber shop.  
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The W. F. M. S. met with Mrs. E. F. Irmischer Thursday P. M.  
The high school foot-ball team played at Epworth Friday afternoon. The game was rather one sided. Score 45-0 in favor of Epworth.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Irmischer and daughter, Miss Lella departed Friday morning for Algona, going by the auto route. While there, they will be the guests at the home of her sister, Mrs. Charles Klampp.  
Misses Verda and Alice Evers autoed to Manchester Saturday for an over Sunday visit with their friend, Miss Dorothy Keyes.  
Misses Hartley, Hauck and Chaitin spent the week-end at the parental home of the former at Waukon.  
Mrs. G. H. Walker went to Dyersville Saturday to see her relative, John H. Kucknam, who is very ill with cancer. Next week, Mrs. Walker will attend the O. E. S. Grand Chapter which convenes at Des Moines on the 26 and 27th, and 28th, inst. Mrs. Walker is the Worthy Matron of Minnehaha Chapter No. 344 and is our delegate to the Grand Chapter.  
Clarence Porter of Reinbeck, was a recent guest at the L. S. Kocher home.  
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We have a splendid lot of wool all prepared in graded lines and stored in a splendid warehouse and I trust the consignors will be contented to await the outcome of this great project.  
With best wishes, I am  
Yours truly,  
V. G. WARNER,  
Sec'y and Treas. Iowa Fleece Wool Growers' Association.

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Many homes can be improved a great deal without spending much money. Sometimes it means re-finishing walls and ceilings or a new partition. Sometimes a new door, window or some built-in feature. Whatever it may require in your home the Eclipse can help you with both plans and the material. Our wall boards are wonderful remodeling and improving materials. Let us tell you all about them—help you plan their use in making your home more attractive and more comfortable for winter use.

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## SUITABLE LITERATURE

"My son will soon graduate from

college. What would you advise him to read?"  
"The 'Help Wanted' column."

## NOW IS THE TIME.

to make your plans for next season. Put in as many improvements as possible between now and spring so you will not have to take the time at "planting time".

## IF YOUR PIGS COULD TALK.

the first thing they would ask for would be

We can stand a lot of cold if we are dry; so can a cow, horse, hog, sheep or chicken. Get rid of the moisture.

Coming back home is much easier if you have a good home to come back to.

A hen will lay some eggs in spite of the bad conditions under which she lives in the winter, but she will lay more eggs with proper housing and plenty of fresh air.



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