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SWEET CORN CAN BE SAVED BY DRYING IN AIR OR OVEN

Drying offers a good method for preserving corn . . . considered the hardest vegetable to can successfully without a pressure canner, says Miss Margaret McPheeters, nutrition specialist for the University of Maryland extension service.

Pick only as much corn as can be handled at one time, she advises, and select ears in the milk stage, just right for cooking. Husk the ears and cut out defects. Boil the corn 7 to 8 minutes, cut the corn from the cob with a sharp knife and spread evenly on drying trays in half-inch layers.

For sun-drying, lay a thin cloth over wire trays, window screens, or slat trays so air can circulate under and over the corn. Cover the corn with another thin cloth to keep out insects and dirt. Place in the sun and stir two or three times a day. Be sure to take trays in at night before the dew forms, or before a shower.

For oven drying, it is necessary to have trays that fit the oven and allow for air circulation. These may be made by stretching coarse netting across wooden frames. Dry corn at 150 degrees F., and a thermometer is almost essential to control temperature. Leave oven door slightly ajar. Stir the corn and turn the trays **every half hour.** Watch carefully to prevent scorching, particularly near the end of the drying period, about 8 hours after the corn is put in the oven.

Corn thoroughly dried is so brittle that it shatters when hit with a hammer; test by pounding a few grains. Open the oven door after turning off the heat and let the corn stay in the oven an additional hour. Store the dried corn in glass jars, using rubber rings to make air-tight seal.

DAIRYMEN ADVISED TO BUILD UP FEED RESERVE

Maryland dairy farmers will probably profit by building up a reserve of concentrated feed supplies for this winter in the opinion of George Hyatt, Jr., extension dairyman for the University of Maryland.

During the early months of 1945, a re-expansion in livestock production, including all classes of livestock, took place in most sections of the country, he states. This will undoubtedly mean feed shortages for Maryland dairymen next winter, he says.

Many Maryland dairymen will have to depend on concentrate supplies from other areas, he points out, because of a severe loss of use of grain and high protein feeds. In the case of corn, the backbone production of meat, milk and eggs has resulted in a greatly increased than a year ago. This increased grain due to excess rains the past month. Reports also point to a scarcity of high protein concentrates for the coming winter. Dairymen are advised to estimate what their grain and protein concentrate needs will be for the next eight or nine months and start laying in the supply that must be purchased.

Mr. Hyatt explains that the large re-expansion of livestock production took place because of the large domestic and foreign demand for meat, milk and eggs.

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