CONSERVATION PROGRAM ON THE FARM

Some 22,000 Maryland farmers took part in the 1945 Agricultural Conservation Program. Of these 5,000 received lime and fertilizer in lieu of cash payment. About 17,000 will receive partial payments for materials purchased from dealers to carry on their farm improvement program.

In 1946, each county will have a definite allocation of funds within which it will decide how to operate the soil and farm conservation programs best adapted to each farm. Local committeemen will work with each farmer individually. About 90 percent of the 1945 money will be available next year.

Home-Made Tractors

Some used cars and trucks are converted into homemade tractors instead of going to the junk pile. Most useful where lighter-than-factory built tractors are needed.

Pigs

A 52 million Pig crop is expected in 1946. This is about the same as in 1945.

Large carry-over from 1945 fall potato crop is expected. Farmers are urged to reduce 1946 plantings by 20 percent.

391,518,000 chicks were hatched from June through September this year. Only 161,722,000 during the same period in 1944.

Farm labor needs in 1946 will continue on a large scale, according to the State Farm Labor Committee. Expectation is for few returning service men or war workers to be content at farm laborers. Practically no possibility of any prisoners of war in 1946. Relaxation of manpower controls since the end of the war have cost farmers labor. Those who were farming or working on farms to keep out of the Army, left as soon as possible.

Every county in the State is now represented in the wheat crop insurance program. Some 4,400 applications in cover 5,100 farms. This is over twice the 1943 figure. Talbot County has 439 applications.

Potatoes

The growth rate of potato seedlings has been increased 100 per cent by treatment with ethylene or propylene.

MASTITIS—THE DAIRYMAN'S ENEMY

Dairy farmers are probably losing as much as $100,000,000 a year due to the udder disease 'Mastitis' according to the American Veterinary Medical Association. Milk tests and chemotherapy are new control methods which can save majority of the cows affected by the disease, if symptoms are detected promptly.

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