

1951

PLAN OF WORK

FOR

PAGE COUNTY

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Extension Plan of Work for Page County is a continuation of long time program through which farmers are being taught and encouraged to adopt better management practices in the operation of their farms. This teaching is carried out through demonstrations, field meetings, circular letters, newspaper and radio publicity and through many individual farm and office visits.

Commodity Committees representing the various phases of agriculture discuss with agent the practices that they feel are more important to stress during the year. Committees are asked to assist in planning for and carrying out the demonstrations.

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BEEF CATTLE:			
Dec.	1. Meet with livestock committee to plan year's work.	1. Hold meeting with livestock committee to get suggestions for Extension beef cattle program.	
	2. Tour to visit all 4-H beef projects.	2. Select demonstrations to be conducted.	Dec.
Jan.	3. Hold livestock school.	1. Arrange with specialist to help conduct one day livestock school to give information on outlook.	
		2. Devote part of program to importance of feeding balanced rations, good quality hay and good pastures.	
		3. Give publicity of meetings through newspapers, circular letters and radio.	
Feb.	4. Two demonstrations to treat cattle for external parasites.	1. Arrange with two farmers to conduct demonstrations on spraying their herds with power sprayers.	
		2. Give farmers information on the need and advantages of controlling these parasites.	
		3. Demonstrate various methods of control with materials recommended by Experiment Station.	
April or May	5. Conduct beef cattle tour	1. Visit four of the purebred herds.	
		2. Select herds to be visited where good management practices have been carried out, as use of good sires, selection of high quality females for replacement.	
		3. Observe improved pastures, method of establishing them.	
		4. Give information on disease control	
		5. Give publicity through papers, letters, etc.	
May	6. Conduct two demonstrations on fly control.	1. Arrange with two farmers to conduct demonstrations for control of flies by spraying with recommended materials.	
		2. Get assistance from specialists in conducting demonstrations.	

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BEEF CATTLE, continued

- 7. Marketing
 - 1. Give information on trends and numbers through meetings, tours and circular letters.
 - 2. Assist committee in marketing through cooperative feeder calf sale.
- 8. Feeding demonstration for 4-H club members.
 - 1. Select suitable calves for feeding for 4-H project.
 - 2. Give each member conducting one of these demonstrations information on feeding and management of their project.

SHEEP:

- Jan. 1. Hold livestock school with assistance of livestock specialist.
 - 1. Discuss outlook information with all the farmers, give all farmers information on feeding ewes and lambs.
- Mar. 2. Parasite Control
 - 1. Give all farmers information on parasite control through farm visits, circular letters and newspapers.
 - 2. Conduct demonstrations on method of controlling internal parasites. April
- Nov. 3. Increase sheep numbers
 - 1. To start four 4-H flock projects July
 - 2. Assist demonstrators in selecting ewe lambs for flock replacements.
 - 3. Assist farmers in locating Western ewes for flock replacements. July
- 4. Improving winter feeding practices.
 - 1. Establish two demonstrations for seeding of winter pasture crops. Aug.
 - 2. Establish two demonstrations for creep feeding of early lambs. Jan.
- 5. Purebred Sires
 - 1. Advise all farmers dates of purebred ram sales, encourage them to attend these sales. Aug.
 - 2. Give publicity through newspapers, meetings on outstanding flocks in the clunty. June
- June 6. Marketing
 - 1. Assist committee marketing of wool.

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DAIRYING:

1. Encourage producers of dairy products to adopt better management practices which will enable them to produce products more economically.

1. Hold a one day dairy meeting to discuss methods of feeding, outlook information on dairying, importance of high quality hay, pastures and silage.
2. Set up demonstrations on dairy farms, pasture improvement.
3. Encourage more dairymen to enroll in Dairy Herd Improvement Association.
4. Assist dairymen in locating better sires.
5. Assist farmers in solving marketing problems when they arise.
6. Assist dairymen with other management problems and get out timely information in letters, newspapers, etc.

HOGS:

1. Get more farmers to adopt better management practices in their hog production program by participating in production contest.

1. Enroll the members in hog production contest in January and February.
2. Visit each farmer participating in the contest to discuss program with him and encourage him to follow the 10-point program.
3. Have meetings of farmers participating in contest at end of contest.

2. Conduct feeding demonstration.

1. Visit 4-H projects often enough to see that feeding recommendations are carried out.
2. Give all farmers information on the importance of good pasture, use of supplement and minerals in feeding of hogs.

June

3. Parasite control

1. Conduct demonstrations with adults and 4-H members for control of internal parasites.
2. Give all farmers information on importance of this practice, newspaper, meetings, individual farm visits.

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4. Raise more of the pigs farrowed.

1. By calling attention to the importance of proper type building.
2. Demonstrations on the use of the electric brooders.

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POULTRY:

1. Hold county poultry meeting.

1. Get contractors and feed dealers to cooperate in holding county poultry meeting.

2. Disease control

1. Conduct demonstrations on controlling disease by prevention.

2. Demonstrations on control of diseases on vaccination and inoculation.

3. Encourage farmers to use facilities of the State Laboratories and recommendations for controlling diseases.

3. Culling Demonstration

1. Conduct culling demonstrations with both adults and 4-H members.

4. Grow Healthy Pullet Project

1. Conduct adult and 4-H demonstrations on feeding and brooding.

2. Conduct demonstrations to show advantages of growing pullets on range.

3. Furnish plans for buildings and equipment.

AGRONOMY:

1. Pasture Improvement

1. Organize county pasture club along lines suggested by Extension Agronomy Department.

2. Have committees assist in planning. Committees to inspect farms and select winners and awards. Committee to be responsible for getting prizes.

3. Arrange for pasture seeding demonstration in March or early April. Get three machinery dealers to cooperate with committee by using their machinery to prepare and seed a small acreage to permanent pasture.

4. Conduct pasture tour. Visit four or more farms where good pastures are established.

5. Continue with demonstrations established in cooperation with Plant Food Institute.

6. Establish demonstration plots of Ladino clover for hog pasture.

7. Cooperate with FMA Committee in encouraging more farmers to qualify for payment of practices in connection with pasture improvement.

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8. Establish demonstrations of supplemental pastures for dairy cattle.
9. Give publicity to pasture programs through meetings, talks, newspapers and radio.

Corn:

1. Corn demonstrations to show advantages of proper fertilization, recommended varieties, and more economical methods of growing corn.

1. Organize 100 Bushel Corn Club with the pasture club. Same committee to assist with each program.
2. Give all farmers information on recommended fertilization and varieties.
3. Hold meeting of participants of corn and pasture club in fall.

Small Grain:

1. Increase the yield and quality of small grains.

1. Arrange for demonstrations in seeding of new varieties of small grain, oats.
2. Give information through meetings on recommended varieties and fertilization.
3. Conduct demonstrations on use of nitrate fertilizer on small grains.

Alfalfa:

1. Increase Alfalfa acreage

1. Stress importance of alfalfa as hay crop at meetings.
2. Establish demonstrations in seeding of alfalfa following recommended procedures.
3. Encourage demonstrations in using first cuttings of alfalfa for silage.

TVA DEMONSTRATIONS:

1. Assist demonstrators in keeping records and establishing complete farm management demonstrations on their farms.
2. Visit each demonstrator three or more times during the year.
3. Give publicity to these demonstrations.

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TOMATOES

- 1. Encourage increase in production of tomatoes for canning.

- 1. Conduct demonstrations on control of blight by following recommended spray practices.

- 2. Hold meeting with canners and growers.

RODENT CONTROL:

- 1. Conduct county rodent control campaign.

- 1. Get farm organizations and feed dealers to cooperate in putting on campaign.

FORESTRY:

- 1. Cooperate with forest service in encouraging farmers to take better care of their farm wood lots.

- 2. Encourage farmers to follow selective cutting practices when harvesting of timber.

- 3. Conduct demonstration on treating of post for farm fences.