

the feed required. The "Dun" oat frequently becomes lodged, especially on the heavier class of Southland soils, and the seed is also very easily shaken from the head. These two faults, common to this variety, make the "Dun" oat crop difficult to harvest without loss. It is another heavy yielding variety when given good soil and conditions, and some very excellent crops have been grown in this province.

Losing Favour

The "Huskless" oat appears to be losing favour rapidly after a short period of some doubtful popularity with farmers. With no husk in the head, this variety shakes easily and is most severely attacked by birds, especially if it is an early crop. It also lodges easily.

If the crop has not been carefully and properly harvested, seed oats obtained from this variety often fail

to germinate when sown. In cases where the crop has been threshed out of the stook and not completely seasoned it has been noticed that the seed will heat and run together, and that weevils and mites attack heavily, with the result that germination is killed. "Huskless" oats should be harvested with extra care, and should be left in stack for up to two months before threshing.

When buying a line of "Huskless" oats for seed one should know when and under what conditions the line was harvested, and it should then be treated with mercurial dust to prevent mite and weevil damage.

Contagious Abortion

CONTAGIOUS abortion is still prevalent in many dairy herds, states the annual report of the Director of the Livestock Division. The applica-

tion of the agglutination test to blood samples taken from individual herds gives a true incidence of the disease in these herds. The main trouble in many cases appears to be confined to the young two-year-old heifers, where at times the rate of abortion is very high. Several apparent epidemics affecting this age group have been noted during the year. In each case advice has been given in regard to the nature of the disease, and methods of control have been recommended.

In the older age group of animals, owners, as a rule, do not give sufficient attention to the isolation of aborting animals, and thus a fresh source of infection for the young stock is spread about. Strict attention to isolation and disinfection of all aborting animals must be enforced if a comparative immunity from storms of the disease is to be ensured.

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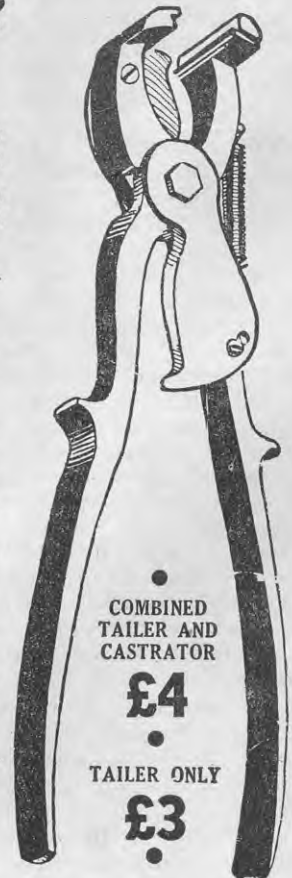
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