NARRATIVE SUMMARY, WOOD COUNTY AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE
May 15, 1946 to November 1, 1946
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PROBLEMS RECEIVING ATTENTION

DAIRYING — Farmers in Wood county may now avail themselves of the services provided through the Central Wisconsin Breeders Cooperative. These services include artificial insemination of dairy cattle and herd testing.

Artificial insemination service now reaches 145 farms, with 1650 cows signed up to be bred artificially. This program is planned to help farmers improve their herds through the use of better sires and efforts are being made to extend the service into all parts of the county. Because the cow population is concentrated in north Wood county and extends down as far as Vesper, and since only one inseminator is employed, artificial breeding is carried on primarily in that section. There is, however, a growing demand for the service in south Wood county, which it is hoped may be provided in 1947.

Breeding service through the cooperative is made possible by the help of one trained inseminator, whose job it is to make regular calls to the members farms when called. The semen used by the Central Wisconsin Breeders Cooperative is shipped in from the American Scientific Breeding Institute at Elgin, Illinois.

Cost to the individual farmer is $5.00 for membership in the organization and $5.00 for each cow which is bred.

Other service provided by the Central Wisconsin Breeders Cooperative is dairy-herd testing. The laboratory located at the Court House Annex, Wisconsin Rapids, is set up with the objective of testing a large number of dairy cows in the county. At present one man is employed to do