

BANGS DISEASE ERADICATION

Forty percent of the herds in Grant County have been tested for Bangs Disease under the Federal Indemnity System. This work is promoted thru this office to a large extent. Applications are received and submitted to the State Department of Agriculture. All county publicity is handled by the Agent. Bang's problems were discussed at many of the meetings held throughout the year.

At the present time no Federal Indemnity is available. As soon as this is again available preliminary work on an area test will begin. The first steps will be to get an accurate idea of the attitude of the farmers. If, after educational work is completed, seventy-five per cent of the farmers want the test, petitions for it will be started. The Agent feels that unless an area test is adopted little lasting good will be accomplished.

TWO ACTIVE HERD IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATIONS

At the present time two Dairy Herd Improvement Associations are in operation in Grant County. These contain members from all parts of the County. Donald Kovars is the fieldman for the Grant No. 1 Association and Joe Bowman is the fieldman for the Southwest Wisconsin Association.

The office has been of service to these Associations in sending monthly reports to all of the members. Along with these are sent suggestions and information of help to the members. Alice Schneider serves as Secretary to the Southwest Wisconsin Association.