

SWINE PROGRAM



The swine breeders of Winnebago County maintained an active association the past year. The purpose of this association is to plan a program that would improve the conditions of swine raisers in the country.

The Swine Breeders program has been one of disseminating only the best type of hogs to swine raisers. This purpose has been accomplished by sponsoring two sales -- a serviceable boar sale in the fall and a bred gilt sale in the winter. In this way only breeding stock of outstanding type is consigned and is sold for breeding purposes. The swine breeders have gone out of the county to other sections of the state to get specific breeds of hogs to bring in. For example, last winter Berkshires were brought in from Burlington so that this breed might be introduced into the county.

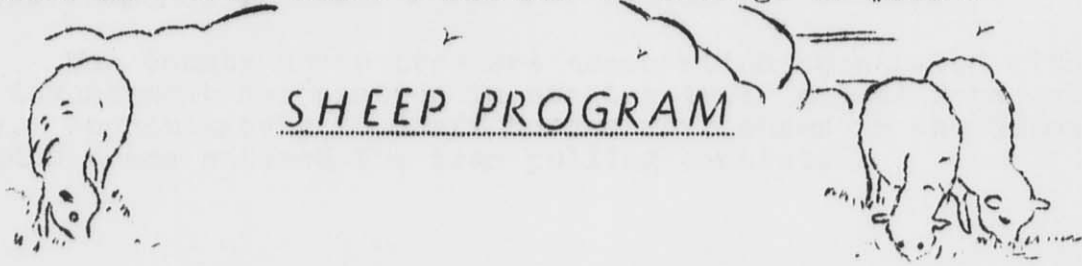
Last winter as a feature of the gilt sale, Ray Steidl and Art Magnus of the Equity Livestock Sales Cooperative of Milwaukee gave a demonstration on the type of hog demanded by the packers. This was very educational.

The Swine breeders held the following sales the last year --

February 17 -- 33 Gilts sold for an average of \$23.50

October 19 -- 16 Boars sold for an average of \$19.00

SHEEP PROGRAM



Sheep program consisted of two demonstrational meetings. The demonstrations were well attended by sheepmen in the county. The following demonstrations were given -- shearing, dipping, drenching, castrating, docking, grading and selling of wool. For this demonstration, the portable sheep dipping equipment owned and operated in Green Lake County was brought in so that local sheepmen might observe its operation.