

Winter Courses in Agriculture

WISCONSIN has been a leader in meeting the problems of agriculture in production and manufacturing of dairy products.

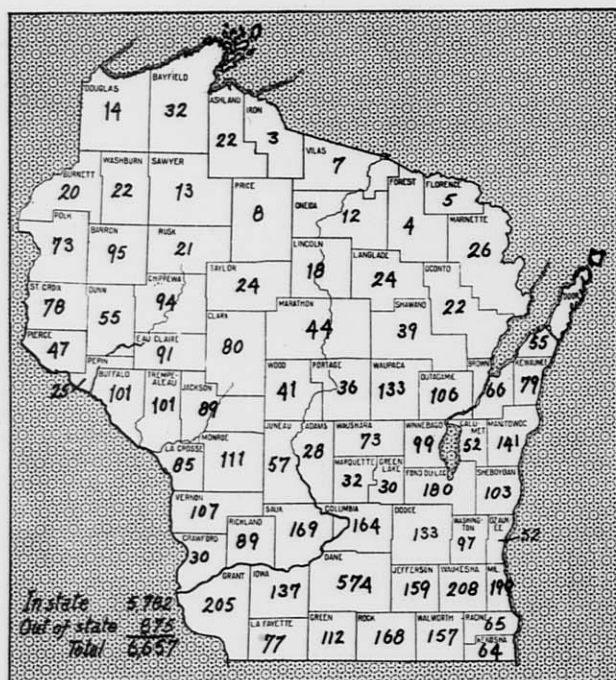
The Short Course in Agriculture was established in 1885 and since that time it has been an important factor in the agricultural development of the state. Among its graduates are many of Wisconsin's most successful farmers. The men trained in the Dairy Course for butter making, cheese making and city milk supply have done their part to make Wisconsin a dairy state. Men of both courses recognize today the value of a course giving technical knowledge, a broadened vision of agriculture and an inspiration for the future. They are boosters for these courses. Other winter courses such as the Tractor course, and Nursery Salesman's course, have been given. This circular also describes courses for cow-testers, herdsman, seedsman, farm business, farm engineering and poultry.

Equipment Modern

The equipment of the College of Agriculture is thoroughly modern and practical. The farm buildings stand for the best types of farm architecture and the ideas represented in their construction can be adapted readily to the average farm. For years attention has been given to obtaining breeds of livestock that will be representative and true to type. The instruction in the Winter Courses is given by the regular members of the staff of the university, and the students have every advantage offered to the students in the other courses.

Purpose of the Courses

The primary purpose of the Winter Courses is to train young men for the business of farming and its special jobs.

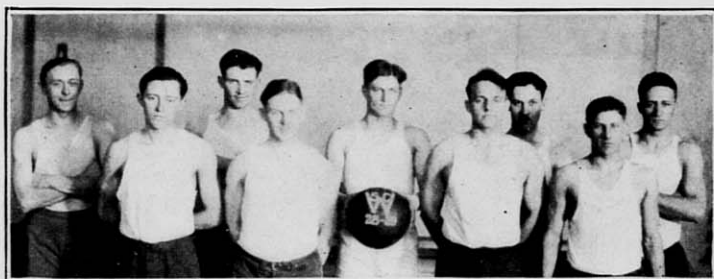


Winter Course Men Come From Every County in the State

That it has and is accomplishing this purpose is definitely proven in the fact that probably 95 per cent of the graduates of the Winter Courses return to the farm. This alone would justify the high esteem in which this course is held throughout the state but there are many more valuable and far reaching results to be obtained by taking a course of this kind. Young men attend the College of Agriculture for one or more winters for the following purposes:

(1) **To secure a wider vision of the importance of agriculture** as a life's vocation and to see the opportunity for the trained men in making it a success.

(2) **To learn the fundamental scientific facts** necessary to understand the reasons for the common farm practices, and to secure a thorough training in practical agriculture.



Short Course Basketball Team

(3) **To study the problems in successful farm management** including the co-operative buying of supplies and marketing of farm crops, the employment of labor and the organization of the farm as a business enterprise.

(4) **To find greater interests in rural life**, to realize the possibilities and opportunities of the farm as a social factor and its relations to the community and society, and to have a chance to make an intelligent study of the problems affecting the agricultural interests of the state so one may become a better farmer and a more intelligent and useful citizen.

(5) **To meet young men with agricultural interests from various sections of the state** and to form acquaintances which will last through life, and to meet and listen to lectures by men prominent in the agricultural world.

(6) **To secure training in special agricultural fields** such as tractor operation, herdsman training, cow testing, poultry raising, etc. Agriculture is becoming more specialized and the elective system of the second year and extended schedules allows qualified men to specialize.

(7) **To obtain this information at a season of the year when the work on the farm is the least pressing** and to secure the advantages of the College of Agriculture to you who are unable to complete a longer course.

(8) **To help you secure desirable positions** for which you will be fitted by training and experience and where you may increase your store of practical farm knowledge.

Most of the young men who take the winter courses realize that it offers them the supreme opportunity of their lives and they are taking advantage of that opportunity, as have those who have graduated before them, to become the seedsmen, the breeders of better livestock, and above all, the home-builders of the state.



Short Course Debating Society

Opportunities for Graduates

During the past year the employment bureau of the College of Agriculture has been unable to meet the rapidly increasing demand for students to work on farms in this and other states. Many of the students have returned to home farms.

The nature of the positions which are open to Winter Course students is shown by the following:

General farm labor. The opportunity for farm positions on general farms other than the home farm, is exceptionally good. These positions pay experienced men from \$50 to \$85 a month with board.

Herdsmen Foremen. Many enterprising and successful farmers need trained men to assume the responsibility of the man-