

FARM ADVISOR WORK IN CALIFORNIA

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WEEKLY FIELD REPORT OF E. L. Garthwaite

(Farm Advisor)

Madera

(Place)

Madera

(County)

, California,for the week ending Saturday, Nov. 17, 1945

LIST OF FARMERS VISITED THIS WEEK

In this list mention only those who requested you to call to give advice (totalled under "Miscellaneous Work"). Unsolicited visits such as are made for silo surveys, cow-testing associations, etc., should not be recorded here, but should be totalled under "Project Work" if they pertain to projects.

DATE	NAME OF PERSON VISITED	ADDRESS	NATURE OF WORK UNDERTAKEN
11/12	R. McLaughlin	Alamo	Hybrid corn
	W. E. Wattenbarger	Tharsa	"
13	R. McLaughlin	Alamo	Hybrid corn demonstration
	W. E. Wattenbarger	Tharsa	"
15	San Joa. Exp. Range	O'Neals	Fence post demonstration
	San Joa. Exp. Range	"	Fly control demonstration

MILES TRAVELED BY RAILROAD, ETC.	MILES TRAVELED BY AUTO	DAYS IN FIELD	DAYS IN OFFICE	CALLS ON AGENT AT HEADQUARTERS	LETTERS WRITTEN	PROJECT WORK						MISCELLANEOUS WORK				TELEPHONE CALLS
						Farm Visits Made	Demonstrations Visited	Meetings at Demonstra- tions		Meetings held in Relation to Projects		Farm Visits Made	Demonstrations Visited	Meetings Held		
								Number	Attendance	Number	Attendance			Number	Attendance	
0	310	4	2	65	38	6	6	3	48	1	6	0	0	0	0	65

MEETINGS HELD THIS WEEK. (Under this heading report all meetings, including field demonstration meetings.)

DATE	PLACE	KIND OF MEETING	ATTENDANCE
11/13	R. McLaughlin Ranch	Hybrid corn demonstration	32* 2
14	W. Wattenbarger	" " "	8* 2
15	Madera	AAA Committee	6
16	"	Home Dept. Rally Day	
	San Joa. Exp. Range	Fencepost Preserv. Dem'n	8* 2

GENERAL REMARKS.—Give any interesting points in regard to the work, especially as to progress and results. (Use extra sheets, if necessary.)

Two field meetings were held to discuss results of hybrid corn trials. Seed dealers, as well as farmers and dairymen, were invited to attend and participate in the discussion. Having seed dealers present turned out a good idea as the results of the tests showed them how their varieties performed under varying conditions in comparison with other varieties. A system of "scoring" corn tests for silage and for grain as worked out by the farm advisor in consultation with Lloyd Brown and Professor Francis Smith was explained. It checked out very well with farmers' opinion as to the relative merits of the different varieties. It is rather complicated, but gives a much truer picture of the relative merits of the different varieties than any system known to the farm advisor or to Professor Smith.

The farm advisor spent a day helping the County AAA Committee draw up the 1946 program. *on Nov 15*

Several of the University of California bulls at the San Joaquin Experimental Range were sprayed by the farm advisor with DDT for fly control. Several bulls were left unsprayed as a check. It was remarkable to see a lot of flies come boiling out of the deep thick hair when the bulls were sprayed. *Results were very satisfactory*

A demonstration of preservative treatment of fence posts was held. Attendance was very poor. Incising the posts proved very effective in getting the preservative into the post.

SPECIALISTS FROM COLLEGE, STATION OR DEPARTMENT VISITING AGENTS

DATE	NAME OF SPECIALISTS	PURPOSE
Nov. 12 & 13	Professor Francis Smith	Hybrid corn tests and demonstration meetings.

Signed....., Agent making report.