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U. S. SENDS CARLOAD OF EXHIBITS
TO VIRGINIA STATE FAIR

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The U. S. Department of Agriculture has scheduled a carload of educational exhibits on game conservation, migratory birds, dairying, swine, and other farm subjects for display at the Virginia State Fair, Richmond, September 28 to October 3.

At an information booth, with a display of publications, visitors may examine Department bulletins, talk with the Department representative, and learn where and how to obtain direct advice or published information on many phases of agriculture.

Exhibits on wild life conservation use modelled foregrounds, scenic canvas backgrounds, and mounted specimens of waterfowl to illustrate why hunting restrictions are necessary if the country is to restore and conserve wild life. A series of lantern slides, projected by an automatic lantern slide machine, is entitled "Know Your Birds" and portrays many of the common song birds. Another lantern slide series deals with furbearing animals of the United States.

An exhibit entitled "Better Cows - Better Income" shows by conclusions based on averages of more than 18,000 records from cow testing associations how as individual cow production increases, income above cost of feed goes up at an accelerated rate, making it possible for the owner of good cows to have a modern house and a good barn with fences, crops, and equipment in keeping. The owner of poor cows cannot afford these improvements because his poor cows do not earn enough.

A companion exhibit entitled "A Tale of Two Bulls" tells by means of a continuous motion picture animated cartoon in an amusing but emphatic manner the influence a purebred proved sire has on profitable milk production in a dairy herd.

"Farm Woodlands" gives valuable suggestions on how to improve a woodland. Pasturing of woodlands, forest fire protection, and reforestation are discussed. If properly cared for, the woodland produces a valuable crop by furnishing fuel for the home, fencing and timber for the farm, and cash returns for timber sold. The forests of the United States are being cut at a much faster rate than they are growing. The farm woodland, therefore, according to this exhibit, is of constantly increasing value.

How pigs make cheaper and faster gains on pasture as compared to dry lot feeding is shown by an exhibit entitled "Pasture - Protein - Pork." Shadowgraphs, lights, cutouts, and photographs and other modern display methods are used to emphasize the story.