Sugar Notes

AN ALLY TO BEAT THE FIELDS

Giant Toads Imported for the Cane Fields

By "C.C.S.",

A consignment of giant toads was brought to Brisbane from Hawaii last week for Jersey Island for use in cane fields in South Queensland, where they are to be used as a means of controlling pests. The toads are said to be successful in this respect in many other fields.

The toads are known to be effective in controlling pests because they feed on insects and other small animals that are harmful to crops. They are also known to be beneficial to the environment as they help to control the population of these pests naturally, without the use of harmful chemicals.

The use of toads as a pest control method has been gaining popularity in recent years as a more sustainable and environmentally friendly alternative to traditional chemical pesticides.

KINGAROY FACTORY'S SUCCESS

Inter-State Butter Competition

The results of the inter-state class competitions, held in conjunction with the butter week trials conducted by the Queensland Butter Production and Butter Sales Association, were announced recently.

Maryborough Cooperative Dairy, Kingston, and Holbrook, Victoria, took 1st prize, and Mackay and Courmbridge Cooperative Dairy, Victoria (M. Cameron, manager), took 2nd prize.

FERTILISER SUBSIDY CONTINUED

The Minister for Agriculture has announced that the government will continue to provide subsidies for the purchase of fertiliser.

The subsidy is aimed at helping farmers to improve their crops and increase their yields, and is available to all farmers in the state.

RABBIT TRAPPING

In general, rabbit trapping in the states has been successful, with a number of traps being set up and maintained by farmers, local governments, and conservation authorities.

One of the issues with rabbit trapping is the potential for over-trapping, which can lead to a reduction in the rabbit population, and potentially to a rebound in numbers if the trapping is not well-managed.

MULES FOR CANK FIELDS

As an outcome of the interest shown recently in the use of mules for cane fields, a number of farmers have expressed a desire to try mules as an alternative to horses.

The use of mules in cane fields is a relatively new concept, and there is still much to be learned about their suitability, productivity, and cost-effectiveness.

LOSS ON THE YEAR

Moreton Central Sugar Mill

The report of the Moreton Central Sugar Mill, prepared with the assistance of the Queensland Sugar Research Association, showed a loss of $15,000 for the year ended 30th June 1935.

The loss was attributed to the low prices paid for sugar, which were below the cost of production, and to the high cost of labour and other expenses.

The revaluation of the mill's assets, which was carried out in accordance with the Australian Sugar Industry's revaluation plan, resulted in a book value of $200,000 for the mill.

BREEDING RIGHT TYPE

Argentina raises "Baby" Beef

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Importation of bulls regardless of coat has controlled Argentine cattle breeders to convert native cattle into the best herds in the world, says Colonel C. P. Butler, with the Deputy Director of Agriculture in South Australia, in an address to the primary producing countries of the Southern Hemisphere.

The address was given at a meeting of the British Empire Sugar Research Association, held at the Southern Hemisphere's annual conference in Australia.