

dition, and not affected with any contagious or infectious disease.

2. All stallions named by clubs for the purpose of securing Government assistance must be submitted to an examination by an authorized veterinary surgeon.

3. The secretary of the club shall forward to the Live Stock Branch, with the regular application, a list of its members, also a copy of the memorandum of agreement signed by both parties interested. This agreement shall not become binding until approved by the Live Stock Commissioner.

4. The minimum service fee shall be not less than twelve dollars, and the maximum shall not exceed twenty-five dollars.

5. All service fees shall be collected by the club.

6. Payment of service fees shall be made as follows: one-third of the service fee for each guaranteed mare shall be paid by the club to the stallion owner at the end of the service season.

7. The remaining two-thirds of each service fee shall be paid when the mare proves to be in foal. That is to say, the remaining two-thirds shall be paid for only such mares as prove to be in foal.

8. At the end of the service season the stallion owner shall furnish the Live Stock Branch with a sworn statement setting forth the number of mares bred to his horse and the name of the owner of each.

9. The Live Stock Branch shall pay the club an amount equal to 33 1/3 per cent. of the total amount paid to the stallion owner at the close of the service season on the actual number of mares bred but not exceeding the guaranteed number, on receipt of the stallion owner's statement and of a properly audited and sworn statement signed and declared by the president and secretary.

10. The Live Stock Branch shall pay the club a second grant equal to 33 1/3 per cent. of the amount paid to the stallion owner on the total number of mares that prove to be in foal, that is, 33 1/3 per cent. of two-thirds the service fee paid for each mare that proves to be in foal, on receipt of a properly audited and sworn statement signed and declared by the president and secretary of the club.

Advantages of Clubs

By co-operation districts have been able not only to obtain but retain the services of good stallions at a very reasonable service fee. Although this scheme has only been four years in operation one or two districts have kept the same stallion for the whole period. Others have had the same horse for three years. Many who have had the same horse for the last two years have again secured his services for the present season. In this way community breeding has been established and the systematic adherence to one breed made possible.

Stallion owners whose horses are hired to clubs are assured of a guaranteed number of mares and prompt payment of the service fees at a specified time. The payment of one-third the service fee at the end of the service season should give the stallion owner sufficient ready cash to, generally speaking, pay for the season's expenses.

One advantage which has been clearly demon-