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INTERESTING NEW BOOKS

This isn't the "reading and relaxing" time of year for you folks on farms, but for those whose chief interest is agriculture—and who do have time to read—we'd suggest a peck at the "Midwest Farm Handbook," published by the staff of Iowa State College. These staffmen have collected and presented in this volume a lot of sound basic information in agricultural economics, agronomy, agricultural engineering, animal husbandry, poultry, dairy, horticulture, forestry, plant disease and insect controls, weed control, and several lesser subjects. This book is really a useable tool for the person who teaches, talks, tells or studies his agriculture.

Louis Bromfield, whose mind has developed as much as the soil on those wornout farms Bromfield bought down in Ohio, has a new book, "Out of the Earth," which is published by Harper's in New York. If you like the Bromfield style—as we do—you will enjoy this book about what he calls "the New Agriculture," and the amazing world which scientific research has discovered in the past few years. Bromfield believes "it is probable that we have learned more about agriculture and the soil in the past generation or less, than in all the history of the world."

Another Iowa State College publication which should be very usable up in North Dakota where farm management is becoming more and more of a profession, is "How to Make Your Farm Pay," a serious-minded text designed to help people with farm management problems. How to make out your farm plan and stick to it, how to decide legal, financial, personnel and cropping problems, all are attacked and met.

"Pigs: From Cave to Corn Belt," was written to entertain as well as instruct, by Charles W. Towner and Edward N. Wentworth. The University of Oklahoma Press, at Norman, is publisher. Much information is cleverly presented, and if you are building a livestock library you will want it.