

Farmers Demanding Better Seed Stock

Tar Heel farmers are demanding more certified seed with each passing season.

J. C. Rice, director of the N. C. Crop Improvement association, reports that each year growers of certified small grain seed exhaust their available seed supply.

During the past season, an additional 1,000 acres of certified small grain were planted to help meet the increasing demand. There were increases in the certified acres of wheat and barley, while the amount of oats decreased because of the adverse weather.

Rice says North Carolina farmers will have approximately 65,000 bushels of Atlas 66 wheat certified

and available for planting this fall.

Know The Weather

By E. H. SIMS

What is an occluded front? What causes them to form?

An occluded front is almost always formed when a cold front (which travels up to 35 mph or sometimes even faster) overtakes the slower-moving warm front.

The cold moist mass pushes the warm, often moist, air upward and there is a mixing process which may confuse the observer on the ground and even the professional in his forecasting office.

A characteristic of an occluded front is heavy rain and often strong winds. Often, however, the cold front which overtakes the cold front which overtakes the warm will speed up the eastward movement of weather and clearing will come sooner than had the warm front passed overhead in a normal manner.

There will also be 20,000 bushels of the Anderson variety available. The N. C. Crop Improvement association certifies only two varieties of barley: Colonial 2 and Davie. During the past season 1,000 acres of these varieties have been inspected for certification.

Rice reminds farmers that both of these varieties are susceptible to smut, but by planting certified seed they are assured of a minimum of smut damage.

Due to adverse weather, the production of certified oats dropped from 3,500 to 2,600 acres. About 2,000 of these acres were planted in Victorgrain 48-93, the leading oats variety.

The farmers will still have about 100,000 bushels of certified seed of Victorgrain 48-93 for seeding this fall, Rice said.

Demands for certified rye seed caused the production of N. C. Abruzzi rye to increase from 200 to 400 acres.

Example is more forcible than precept. People look at me six days a week to see what I mean on the seventh.

— Richard Cecil

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Select a slack time during the summer months to get your sweet potato storage house ready for curing and storing when harvest time comes. Used baskets and crates should be cleaned and disinfected as well as the walls and floor of the storage house. You may either spray or fumigate.

For houses that cannot be made air-tight, spraying with copper is best. Use one pound of copper sulfate (Bluestone) to 10 gallons of water. Spray the walls thoroughly and all containers, inside and outside. The containers may be dipped in the copper solution but spraying is less trouble.

Copper sulphate has a very decided corrosive effect on metal parts of the sprayer. Wash the sprayer thoroughly with lime water to neutralize this effect.

If your house can be made airtight, you can use either chloropicrin (tear gas) or sulphur for fumigation. Chloropicrin should be used at the rate of one-half pound for each one thousand cubic feet of space. Finely ground sulphur can be burned at the rate of one pound per one thousand cubic feet of space. The burning of sulphur may create a fire hazard, so take precautions.

When either fumigant is used, close the house for 24 hours and then air out well before entering.

A relatively high humidity must be maintained during fumigation in order to do an effective job. Thoroughly wet the floor and side walls 6 to 12 hours before fumigating.

Both chloropicrin and sulphur are very irritating to the respiratory passages and should not be breathed even in low concentrations. Be careful!

What about the growing crop? Since the weather has been so unusual this spring and summer, you

may run into a nitrogen deficiency if heavy and prolonged rains have been the rule in your community. Watch out for this.

If you observe a nitrogen deficiency, top dress with just enough nitrogen to overcome it. Better have your county agent look over the situation with you if you are in doubt. Nitrogen deficiency is most likely to occur in the lighter sandy soils.



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