

Tobacco Plant Situation Critical In Chowan County

Tobacco Specialist In County For Inspection Last Week

The tobacco plant situation in Chowan County is quite critical on many farms, according to County Agent C. W. Overman. R. R. Bennett, tobacco specialist from State College, visited several plant beds last week with the county agent. Mr. Bennett concluded that the poor stand of plants is very largely due to the lack of sufficient moisture and from midge larva damage. There appears to be no difference in stand of plants in the same beds where a part of the bed was treated with wood chemicals last fall and the area left untreated. On the same farm where some plants are in dry areas and other plants in more moist areas the moist beds have a fair stand of plants.

Mr. Bennett believes that proper location of plant beds and the establishment of a sufficient water system to furnish a water supply for irrigating the beds as well as for spraying is a must. The specialist and the county agent discussed plans for bed location so as to provide an adequate water supply and to allow rotation of plant bed areas. The county agent will be glad to outline these plans and render necessary assistance to any tobacco growers who call on him.

Mr. Bennett has traveled pretty well over the North Carolina tobacco area. At the present time about the only areas with any possibility of surplus plants is in the southern part of the state around Lumberton and Whiteville. Mr. Bennett and the county agent agree that in bringing plants in from other areas it is very possible and very likely that growers will bring in disease and implant them in their soils. This is a hazard faced and the question is whether it is better to take this chance or to go without sufficient plants to set the crop on the farm this year. Plants in the lower North Carolina area may be available around May 1 and growers can make contacts then if they so desire. Mr. Bennett is trying to keep a complete check in the tobacco areas for surplus plants and will keep the County Agent advised where a source of plants appears.

The tobacco committee and the program planning executive committee with Mr. Bennett met on Thursday night and worked out an outline long-range program for tobacco producers in Chowan County. One member of the committee expressed himself as being very much benefitted by this meeting and that he feels the program outlined for tobacco will be most worthwhile to those growers who will study and follow the recommendations.

On visits to several tobacco beds last week blue mold was found to be appearing. This is a sad situation with tobacco plants being scarce as they are. Unless growers concentrate

their efforts on thorough spraying of beds every three days quite a number of the plants we now have may be lost.

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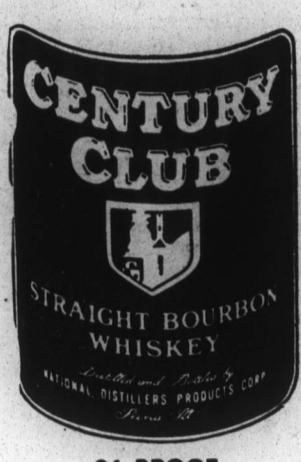
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