

Many Farm Mishaps Caused By Animals

County Agent Says Good Turn To Check Farm Equipment

Maybe a horseshoe means good luck, but a horse is often the cause of accident or serious injury to a human being.

Horses are not considered dangerous. Yet records of the National Safety Council show they account for more accidents than any other farm animal.

This is pointed out by C. W. Overman, county agent for the State College Extension Service, who says all livestock should be handled kindly but with alertness, since even gentle animals may kick or strike when startled.

It's a good rule to speak to all animals as you approach them, says the county agent.

The so-called gentle bull is too often the one which acts at unexpected moments, goes someone to death, or inflicts serious injury. One of the principal rules with bulls is to handle them as little as possible.

With a well-constructed bull pen any bull can be cared for safely and with almost no handling. The gates and doors, as well as facilities for feeding, watering, and breeding, can be arranged so there is no need for the caretaker to expose himself to attack.

Bulls should be rung at an early age and worn or weakened rings should be replaced promptly. When it is necessary to lead a bull, always use a staff.

Mr. Overman suggests that this is a good time of year to check thoroughly all equipment to be used with horses and mules in the spring work and make necessary repairs. Since dry leather has low tensile strength, harness should be put in good condition by thoroughly cleaning with mild soap and warm water and oiling with good harness oil. Special attention should also be given to neck-yokes, tongues, single-trees and double-trees and eveners.



Question—Is it practical for a flue-cured tobacco grower to raise aromatic tobacco too?

Answer—No. The labor demands for these two types of tobacco both reach their peak at the same time—during the harvest time. For this reason it is not considered practical for flue-cured growers to add aromatic tobacco to their operations.

However, there are many farmers in the Piedmont and western areas of North Carolina who do not have an allotment for producing flue-cured or burley and who need a supplemental cash income, or additional labor income, for their families. For many of these people, aromatic tobacco may be the answer.

Question—Are prices for forest products expected to remain good this year?

Answer—Indications are that the demand for forest products will continue strong in 1952 and prices are expected to remain near present levels.

Forestry specialists at State College say this is a good time for Tar Heel farmers to take advantage of

the high pulpwood demand by thinning old field stands and getting rid of cull trees.

Pine pulpwood stumpage averages \$3 per cord, whereas the price on delivery to the buying yard averages \$12. The difference is labor cost. Earn it by doing your own cutting and hauling.

If you haven't done so, order tree seedlings now for planting idle or cut-over land.

In selling raw timber, veneer, and hardwood, mark and measure each tree to be sold. Sell on written contract. Don't sacrifice growing timber.

OPS Questions

Q—How is it that OPS can control the prices of white (Irish) potatoes, but not those of other farm products?

A—Since many farm products are governed by the so-called parity law, OPS cannot regulate their prices until they reach 100 per cent of parity. Recently, potato prices attained 105 per

cent of parity; hence, OPS had the legal right to control them.

Q—Recently I had the same dress cleaned twice, once downtown and once in my neighborhood shopping center. I paid two different prices, yet each firm showed me its ceiling price list when I asked to see it. Please explain this.

A—Ceiling prices in dry cleaning establishments are based on each firm's charges during the base period, December 19, 1950-January 25, 1951. They may vary slightly from firm to firm.

Q—What are the "Capehart Amendment" adjustments of prices?

A—In July, 1951, Congress passed an amendment to the Defense Production Act of 1950 (sponsored by Senator Homer Capehart) which allows manufacturers, processors, and service firms to apply to OPS for new ceiling prices. The amendment allows these groups to add increased overhead costs since the outbreak of the Korean War, as well as more labor and materials costs than OPS originally allowed in figuring ceiling prices.

Q—Why aren't barbers and beauticians governed by ceiling prices?

A—The latest Congress exempted

from price controls the charges made by barbers and beauty salons.

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—Aristotle

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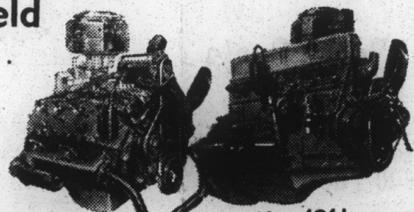


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