

Timely Farm Questions

Answered at State College

Question: How can I increase egg production in my poultry flock?

Answer: Many poultrymen are getting higher production by feeding only a small amount of grain in the morning and the remainder at night. The morning grain is fed in a clean litter from four to six inches deep and consists of about one pound of grain for each 100 hens. The afternoon feeding is put in troughs. The practice of feeding grain at different intervals of the day, especially during the winter months, increases the activity of the birds, overcomes idleness, and indirectly increases feed consumption. The combination of these tends to give an increase in egg production.

Question: Where can I secure plans for building a modern dairy barn?

Answer: Plans for building dairy barns that have been approved by the dairy specialists at State College are mailed free upon request to the Agricultural Editor at State College. However we suggest that you get in touch with your county farm agent who will be glad to recommend the proper plan and give other information in regard to the building. In requesting plans always specify the number of animals to be housed and whether a feed loft is desired. Plans for other farm buildings may also be had from the same address.

Question: When should seed peanuts be selected for planting next year?

Answer: Planting seed should be handpicked both before and after shelling. Remove all badly mildewed pods and damaged kernels and store the seed peanuts in a dry place. Poor stands are often due to planting seed of low vitality and if there is any question as to the quality of the selected seed it is advisable to have them tested for germination. Where the peanuts are still in the field it might also be well to cover the stacks with canvas hay caps to prevent weather damage.

NEW COTTON PROGRAM TO BE MORE FLEXIBLE

The new 1936-39 cotton program, to be administered through cotton adjustment associations in each county, will be more flexible than the old program, according to Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College.

The Associations, composed of growers, will be in a position to adapt the program to local conditions and the requirements of individual growers, he said.

The associations will be organized in the next few weeks. All contracting cotton growers will be eligible for membership.

Under the new contracts, growers may adjust their 1936 crops by an amount equal to 30 to 45 per cent of their base acreage, and receive adjustment payments accordingly.

The rate of the payments will be five cents a pound on the average production of the land retired from cotton cultivation. The entire amount of the payment each year will be made at one time.

Payments to landlords and tenants will be divided thus: 37 1/2 per cent to the person furnishing the land, 12 1/2 per cent to the person furnishing workstock and equipment, and the remaining 50 per cent distributed in the same proportion that the cotton or its proceeds is divided.

A grower may terminate his contract at the end of any contract year during the 1936-39 period.

Landlords signing contracts will be required to keep on their farms the same number of tenants they had in 1935.

Acreage withdrawn from cotton cultivation may be used for soil-improvement or erosion-preventing crops, pasture, fallow, forest trees, food and feed crops for home consumption, or any other purpose the Secretary of Agriculture may prescribe.

The new four-year contracts will be offered the growers shortly, Dean Schaub said.

CREDIT ASSOCIATIONS SAVE FARMERS' MONEY

Production credit association loans, bearing a low rate of interest, have enabled many North Carolina farmers to save money during the past year.

The interest on these loans is five per cent a year, said Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College, who pointed out that buying on long-term credit often adds from 10 to 40 per cent of the cost of the goods.

The production credit associations were established to provide loans at low cost to farmers who run short of cash and would otherwise have to finance their farming operations at high interest rates. The associations are farmer-owned and controlled.

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For example, a farmer may borrow \$1,000. In the spring he may receive an advance of \$300 on which he will pay interest for nine months. Three months later he may receive another \$300 on which interest is to be paid for six months. The remaining \$400, received at harvest time, would bear interest for only one month.

In this way the total interest would amount to \$20.41, as compared with \$38.50 he would pay if the entire loan had been issued in one installment to bear interest for nine months.

E. F. Warner, secretary-treasurer of the Raleigh Production credit association, pointed out that his association loaned \$270,000 to approximately 1,000 farmers in 1935. Practically all the loans have been paid back, he reported.

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\$3,000,000 PAID TO NORTH CAROLINA FARMERS

The Agricultural Adjustment Administration poured almost \$3,000,000 into the pockets of North Carolina farmers during the months of July, August, and September.

Rental and benefit payments to farmers cooperating in the crop adjustment programs accounted for \$2,578,086.79 of the total, said Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College.

The largest sum went to tobacco growers, who received \$1,443,792.83. Cotton growers got \$997,218.76, corn-hog producers \$128,642.57, and wheat growers \$8,432.63.

In addition, cotton growers who placed surplus tax-exemption certificates in the national pool received \$1,361.73 from the sale of these certificates to other growers.

The \$437,904.53 in administrative expenses went largely to pay committeemen, farmers who help administer the programs locally, Dean Schaub pointed out.

The rental and benefit payments are still flowing to the farmers, he added, but the amount for October and November have not been tabulated to date.

The payments are made from funds raised by processing taxes on the commodities covered by the various adjustment programs. Benefit payments on all crops in this county for July, August, and September were \$48,979.88.

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