

Cryolite Becomes Valuable

Insecticide For Farm Use

War-Time Scarcity Of Other Insecticides Brings Cryolite To Fore As Partial Substitute

One of the new war time insecticides which is being recommended for many insects this year is cryolite. Since rotenone is very scarce and its use restricted by the War Production Board, cryolite has been recommended as a partial substitute for this material and for controlling other insects.

Cryolite is a fluorine compound and comes from sources: The natural cryolite is mined in Greenland; the synthetic cryolite is produced in the manufacture of aluminum. Cryolite is plentiful this year; approximately twice as much is available for insecticide uses as last.

Cryolite is recommended very highly for control of Mexican bean beetle on limas and may be used on snap beans before the pods set. Cryolite dust applications on tomatoes is effective in controlling tomato fruit and horn worms and flea beetles.

Cryolite is recommended for spotted and striped cucumber beetles on cantaloupe, cucumber and squash; it is the best control known for the pickle worm which enters the fruits of these vegetables late in the season. Cryolite is also effective in controlling tobacco horn worms and flea beetles. It is also effective in controlling cabbage worms and leaf eating insects on egg plant. Cryolite kills insects as a stomach poison. The material is slightly poisonous and leafy vegetables which have been sprayed or dusted should be washed before eaten. There is comparatively little danger in any of these poisonous residues on the leaves because of the small amount of the material present. As a matter of fact, small amounts of the fluorine compound, such as the cryolite, may actually be beneficial to human health. One of the first symptoms of over dosing of cryolite is the mottling of teeth but in smaller amounts it apparently strengthens and hardens teeth. Do not be afraid to eat vegetables which have been dusted with this material as the human capacity is not sufficient to enable one to consume sufficient amounts of vegetables to receive a fatal dose of this poison.

For details of methods of using cryolite on vegetable crops refer to Extension War Series Circular No. 13, "Vegetable Insect Control Guide."

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Great Britain To Get More Tobacco

Producers Will Benefit From Increased Amount Tobacco Going To British

DANVILLE, VA. — Announcement to the local tobacco trade that Great Britain's manufacturers have been granted a five per cent increase in raw tobacco was greeted here today with satisfaction.

It was taken to mean that a sizeable increase in the demand for old belt leaf will be in evidence during the coming tobacco auction season and a life in the lend-lease allocation to England.

At the same time it is learned that Sir Alexander Maxwell, Britain's tobacco comptroller has resigned his post this indicating that there is now in sight a gradual movement towards normality in British leaf stocks with the end of the war in Europe. Maxwell is well known on several southern markets as result of visits during official missions to this country.

Stocks of leaf have been lower during the past four years in England than in any other time since the tobacco industry was established it is said.

A heightened program of purchases under the commodities credit corporation is expected to lend a healthier tone to the auction sales because of increased competition in certain types of leaf used in the English cigarette.

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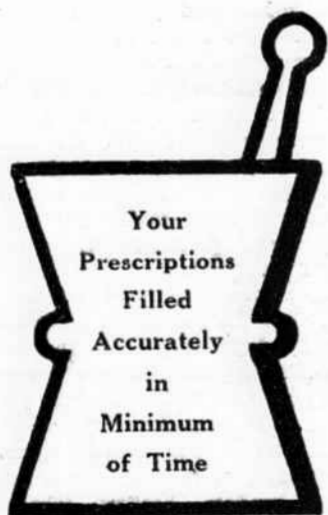
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