

On the Firing Line With the Farmers

The New Agriculture in Scotland, the Banner County of the South, and the Garden Spot of the Agricultural Earth

THE FARMER GOSSIP

A farmer is judged by the farm he keeps.

Though scrub sties will die eventually, why not let it be now?

Turn hens out to pasture. They also are livestock.

Tickle the garden soil thoroughly and it will laugh with an abundant harvest.

Only farmers who are rich enough to afford to lose money can afford to plant a big cotton acreage.

Another way for farmers to save money: Quit sending it away for meat, butter, eggs, and such like.

Make your farm and your farming up-to-date and progressive, and your boys will more likely want to stay on the farm.

The law of compensation always works. The more city population increases and farm population decreases the more need will there be for food produced on the farm.

"A garden is a beautiful book with the fingers of God, every flower and every leaf is a letter. You have only to learn them and enjoy them, and then go on reading and reading."

GARDEN NOTES

Prepare to cultivate your garden throughout the summer because once you let the garden go to weeds, you will become discouraged and more apt to neglect it.

Prepare to dust the Irish potatoes with arsenate of lead for the control of the Colorado beetle, or potato bug. The dust, or spray should be applied just as soon as the young bugs appear on the leaves.

Dust cabbage plants with arsenate of lead for the control of cabbage worms. This may be more efficiently applied when the dew is on the plants in the early morning.

If a cabbage plant is cut down by a cut worm, dig around the plant in a circle three or four inches in diameter and find the worm and destroy it before setting out another plant.

This out the beets and carrots, allowing the plants to stand from one to three inches apart in the row. Also thin out celery, allowing the plants to stand one inch apart in the row.

If lettuce is grown from seed thin out the plants so as to allow them to be 8 to 12 inches apart in the row. Use thinners for transplanting and supplementing a broken stand.

Allow two plants of squash, cucumber and melons to remain in each hill. The thinning should be done as soon as the plants have formed the third leaf.

Plant corn every ten days for a succession of harvesting crops. Plant lima beans now if they have not already been planted. The South-burbonian is one of the most dependable running varieties.

Plant cabbage and collard seed in late May for transplanting in July and August.

SWAY THE BOOSTERS

It will cost about \$1.50 to feed each male in the poultry flock until next year, and since the males are of no value to the flock until next breeding season, it is natural to see why feed them for eight months without returns, especially when new blood is needed to help build up the flock?

You can purchase new cockerels from any reliable breeder and save the feed money and time in raising them, and new cockerels will mean better baby chicks and a larger percentage raised next year, according to poultry specialists.

Infertile eggs will keep better during the hot summer days, and they have a better market value than the fertile eggs. After a fertile egg germinates and the blood rings begin to form, the eggs are not good for human food. "Bast" the rooster and produce infertile eggs should be the slogan for May.

TIMELY TIPS ON INSECT PESTS

As cotton comes up, there are one thousand and one beetles that threaten the boll weevil. Avoid confusion. If in doubt send specimens to the

Entomology Division, Clemson College, advises Prof. A. F. Conradi, entomologist.

Do not assume that the weevil has been killed out. It has not. Do not draw hasty conclusions about results from sweetened poison or traps last year. Remember the dry weather was the big thing in making the crop, not you.

Where can you secure the best arsenate of lime or calcium arsenate? I do not know. There is a likelihood of no small quantity of low grade materials. Make the seller guarantee compliance with state law.

How many weevils? Our record will not be available before July 1 to 15. Of course opinions are as many as flies in July. You can have opinions made to order on any day.

Dust calcium arsenate one part and hydrated lime nine parts on plants where the Mexican bean beetle appears.

For the striped beetle in the garden use Bordeaux-arsenate or a two per cent nicotine dust.

Where the first or second sprays could not be properly applied or if the curculionid is still present, use arsenate of lead in the third spray.

For making sprays use only the best grade of rock lime. When this cannot be obtained use hydrated or builders' lime one-third more by weight.

For plants, use on fruit trees or in the garden or anywhere else ask for information card No. 18.

HENS DOESN'T COME IN FERTILIZER BAGS

One thing that cannot be bought in a fertilizer bag is hens. The velvet bean produces the greatest amount of material per acre for plowing under and producing humus in the soil.

Many farmers in North Carolina failed to save velvet bean seed last fall. This spring they find a shortage of seed, and some few farmers are contemplating using cowpans in place of the beans.

Every acre of corn in North Carolina should have velvet beans planted along with the corn. This enables the farmer to get a crop of corn and improve the soil at the same time.

Every farmer who does not have his velvet bean seed for spring planting should make every effort to secure them at once, as the seed supply may soon be exhausted.

HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK

By Marian Swain

Dear Agent: In writing this letter I wish to thank you for your strong cooperation in building up the farm poultry on our farms.

Now I want to ask that you put a little extra steam on at once to save the March and April hatched pullets up to the number that each farmer or club member should keep. All the publicity you can give to this very important item will be none too much.

We want to go into winter quarters with from two-thirds to three-fourths of all flocks to be March and April pullets. The matured pullet is what we must have if we want fall and winter eggs. There is no way to jog by this. When we put it over we will be able to have somewhat near enough new laid eggs to supply the people of our state and in time perhaps shut out the cold storage product.

Many counties are putting on cooperative car lot shipments of poultry and that is what we want and more of them. However, if you allow the above pullets to be shipped you know what will be the result. No fall and winter eggs. Many of you have contracted for new laid eggs the year round at good prices and of course we are all for more and in time hope to be able to have all the hotel, cafe and cafeteria trade. We do not want to fall down on those contracts but have more and more of them. If you fail to get your people to keep the March and April pullets, you, however, will be absolutely unable to fill your present contracts to any nothing of new ones. Failing in this we will be right back where we were with a very limited supply of high priced eggs.

We will, of course, have the usual heavy spring supply for a short time. That has always been the case and always will be. You do not hear so much kicking about the price of eggs for the last six weeks from the fellow who had lots of high priced eggs during October, November, December, January and February.

He then commenced to carefully cull out his old and low producing hens or his old roosters, and if he wished to have one hundred hens he is now about down to what he knows he should have, or twenty-five, these his very best ones for next year's brooder. He put these culled ones on the market before the flush of fryers and has gotten good prices for them, has the money, some of which he may need to buy some feed with in order to properly grow out his early pullets.

We saw an article in the News and Observer of April 15th in big head lines—Cheap Eggs is Alarming—and I suppose some folks got all fussed up about it and some will say over production. We will find that these hens on farms will soon be setting, carrying and raising chicks, broody and etc., and hot weather will soon be here and eggs will very soon get scarce and then up, up goes the price. Then about September and October out comes the 15-cent-a-dozen egg from cold storage and back to the people at 40 and 50 cents per dozen.

The fellow who now has only 25 hens, his best ones, carefully culled will just about produce enough good eggs for his home use and some to sell. He is feeding out his pullets, and not his old hens, to have them matured and ready to lay high priced eggs in competition with the cold storage eggs.

Only for his new laid eggs he will get from 5 cents to 10 cents more per dozen and be able to make good his part of a contract if his county has a poultry producers' association and he is a member of same. This places the 100-hen farmer, and those after all are the big producers on a safe business basis. He will not be hard hit at all and will be able to go right ahead and make his flock pay and pay big profits for the money and time invested. He also can put down 30 dozen or more eggs in Water Glass and this he should do by all means. It's sure, safe, and economic.

Call the old hens and old rooster. Sell the cockerels for fryers and all runty looking pullets but stick tight to the big, strong, March and April pullets up to the number you want. These are for your own use and are the money makers. Walks there is just no way to beat this pullet and by proper housing and feeding each will deliver the birds all carefully packed in a good shell box.

The thousands of Arabic coins which have been found on Swedish soil and which date back to the earliest days of civilization indicate that there was considerable trade between the south which wanted amber, and the north which wanted bronze.

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STATEMENT Northern Fire Insurance Company NEW YORK CITY. Condition December 31, 1923, as shown by statement filed. Amount of Capital paid up in cash \$1,000,000.00. Amount of Ledger Assets December 31st of previous year \$2,876,267.50. Income—From Policyholders \$1,786,237.96; Miscellaneous \$372,117.09; Total \$2,158,355.04. Disbursements—To Policyholders \$810,223.91; Miscellaneous \$353,996.76; Total \$1,164,220.67. Fire Risks—Written or renewed during year, \$283,623,510; In force, \$2,443,447.63. All Other Risks—Written or renewed during year, \$501,582; In force, \$6,434,667.00. ASSETS: Mortgage Loans on Real Estate \$ 67,000.00. Value of Bonds and Stocks \$3,310,740.55. Cash in Company's Office \$ 17,093.25. Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks not on interest \$ 27,329.06. Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks on interest \$ 139,202.59. Agents' balances, representing business written subsequent to October 1, 1923 \$ 268,289.52. Agents' balances, representing business written prior to October 1, 1923 \$ 4,875.00. Interest and Rents due and accrued \$ 30,919.51. All other assets, as detailed in statement \$ 6,522.39. Total \$3,872,478.07. Less Assets not admitted \$ 47,315.55. Total admitted Assets \$3,825,162.52. LIABILITIES: Net amount of unpaid losses and claims \$ 189,415.78. Unearned premiums \$1,714,250.93. Estimated amount payable for Federal, State, county and municipal taxes due or accrued \$ 25,000.00. All other liabilities, as detailed in statement \$ 3,660.99. Total amount of all Liabilities except Capital \$1,881,666.71. Capital actually paid up in cash \$1,000,000.00. Surplus over all liabilities \$ 943,495.81. Surplus as regards Policyholders \$1,943,495.81. Total Liabilities \$3,825,162.52. BUSINESS IN NORTH CAROLINA DURING 1923: Fire Risks written \$300,557; Premium Received \$ 3,765.15. Losses incurred—Fire \$7,500; Paid 7.50. President, Wm. Brewster; Secretary, James Marshall. Home Office, New York City. Attorney for service: STACEY W. WADE, Insurance Commissioner, Raleigh, N. C. STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, Raleigh, N. C., February 27, 1924. I, STACEY W. WADE, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Northern Fire Insurance Company, of New York City, filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company, on the 31st day of December, 1923. Witness my hand and official seal, the day and year above written. STACEY W. WADE, Insurance Commissioner.

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