

PRESSING WORK FOR TOBACCO GROWERS.

Don't Plant Until a Good Seed-Bed Has Been Made --How To Prepare Land and Set Out Plants.

The principal task now before the tobacco growers is the preparation of their land. This paper has published too many articles upon good preparation for any one not to know the importance of this work. Indeed it is half of the cultivation of any crop, especially tobacco. Get the soil in good working condition before the plants are set and many hours of hard work in the hot sun will be saved. If the soil is once thoroughly pulverized, it will remain so during the whole season and you will find that all extra time spent in preparing the land will not only be a great saving of labor in cultivation but will also help to obtain a good stand at the first planting.

The first thing to be done towards preparing land for tobacco is to clear the field of all stumps, roots, and other things that make the soil rough and hard to cultivate. Another reason for doing this is, it will help you get rid of the flea-bugs that are so troublesome while the plant is young. Grass will always grow around an old stump or rock pile. In these bunches of grass the flea-bugs make their home and breeding place, therefore the object in clearing a field is not only to aid in cultivation and preparation but also to rid yourself of the pests that cause the tobacco growers so much trouble and worry.

It is now too late to break tobacco land very deep. I believe in deep plowing even for tobacco provided it is done in time. After April the first no tobacco land should be broken to a depth exceeding ten inches. Plow the land close so as to break any sod that it may contain. If the field to be planted in tobacco was seeded in rye last year, now is the time to turn it under. When turned under at this time it will decay and the sod crumble by the time you are ready to complete the preparation. When rye is turned under, it is always better to follow the plow with a cutaway harrow. You will find that this implement breaks up the sod better than either reworking with a single plow or harrowing with a plain disk harrow, and should neither of these be used, some implement should be used to pulverize the soil. Follow a second cultivation by running a spike tooth harrow over the land to give it the finishing touch.

Tobacco land should be in just as good condition as that used for seeding grass. A great many people are very particular about preparing the land for grass, yet they neglect the field for tobacco. The soil should be thoroughly pulverized as far possible, free from all stumps, roots and rocks. The tobacco plant is just as delicate as grass seed and will not thrive on a rough piece of land. Another reason for thorough preparation is the fact that this land will absorb moisture instead of holding it on the surface. It is the surface water that drowns out the tobacco plant.

Next comes the laying-off of the rows, and particular pains must be taken in this work, since it will have a very decided effect upon the crop. If you get the rows too wide, your tobacco will not cure bright; if the rows are not properly drained they will not catch the rain water and either drown out the plant by holding it or wash gullies in the land by turning it straight down the hills. The rows should be laid off with a single shovel plow with a four or six inch hoe upon same; 1 1-2 to three

feet apart depending upon the fertility of the land; not over three inches deep; and run so as to catch the surface water and allow it gradually to descend to some drainage system. In these rows drill your fertilizer. A great time and labor saver is a regular fertilizer drill, which can be drawn by one horse and operated by one man and has a large hopper holding 100 pounds or more of fertilizer. This will also help to regulate the amount of fertilizer put down and from that standpoint, it appeals to me as being economy over hand sowing.

I have found from experience as well as from observation that 90 per cent of the tobacco growers in the bright belt are not using fertilizer enough. I fully realize their object, a leaf that is light in weight and bright in color. Light fertilization does not always lead to this end. Many times have I been into the warehouses and seen piles of small green leaves known as green tips. The cause of this was lack of fertilizer under the tobacco. Use a higher grade fertilizer and put down enough of it to give the top leaves an opportunity to get their full growth. No definite formula can be given for fertilization on account of the great number of varieties of both tobacco and soil. As an average, I would advise the use of from 600 to 800 pounds of high-grade tobacco fertilizer, analyzing 8-3-3. I consider this a safe quantity for bright tobacco. Of course, on very rich land it might be advisable to cut the quantity down, or where an exceeding light leaf is desired.

There are two methods of covering the fertilizer, the first by throwing up what is called "a list", meaning throwing one furrow from each side of the row. I can see very little difference between the two. Where only two furrows are used some labor is saved and the plants are set nearer the fertilizer, which really makes this method a better than "bedding." The final preparation comes in making the hills. This is rather a peculiar name for the work since instead of pulling the soil up into hill, the "bed" or "list" should be cut down several inches in order to set the plants near the fertilizer and thereby giving an earlier start in growth. The distance at which these hills should be made will depend upon the distance of the rows, the amount of fertilization, and the grade of tobacco desired. If the land has been heavily, fertilized the hills should be made close together, about 2 1-2 feet, with the light fertilization, set the hills from three to 3 1-2 feet apart. — R. R. SLATE, in The Progressive Farm.

Forcing Tobacco Plants.

Perhaps there are some farmers who may get ready to plant their tobacco before the plants are large enough to set out. If so, they can very easily remedy this by forcing the plants with nitrate of soda. This should be applied when the plants are perfectly dry. If necessary give two applications, allowing about one week's time between the two. Judging from what I have seen and heard, however, I do think that much nitrate of soda will be used this year. The farmers of this section report unusually well grown plants and in some cases there is danger of the plants becoming overgrown before planting time.

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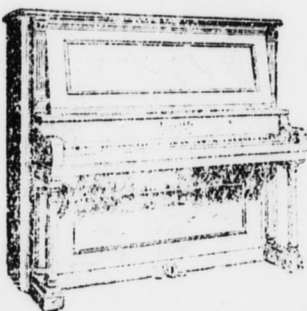


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State of North Carolina,
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In the Superior Court.
Spring Term, 1913.

Frances Lawson, Plaintiff, against Robert Lawson, Defendant.

Notice to non-resident defendant.
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It is ordered by the court that service of summons be made herein by publication as the law directs, and that notice of this action be published for four successive weeks in the Danbury Reporter, a newspaper published in the town of Danbury, N. C., notifying the said defendant, Robert Lawson, to appear at the next term of the Superior Court for the county of Stokes to be held at the court house in the town of Danbury, N. C., on the tenth Monday after the first Monday in March, 1913, and answer or demur to the complaint now on file in this cause; and let the said defendant take notice that if he fails to appear and answer or demur to said complaint within the said term of the court, the relief demanded in the complaint will be granted.

This the 4th day of April, 1913.
M. T. CHILTON,
Clerk Superior Court, Stokes county, N. C.
N. O. PETREE, Atty. for Plff.

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