

No More Kicking Cows For Wake Co. Farmer

"No more kicking cows for me," says R. J. Adams, Negro farmer of Route 2, Raleigh, who has a first-class milk cow developed from a purebred Jersey heifer bought from the A. and T. College herd at Greensboro three years ago.

Adams told W. C. Davenport, Negro farm agent in Wake for the State College Extension Service, that the animal is so gentle that she can be milked anywhere. For that reason he plans to keep her second offspring, a heifer calf, so he will have two good, gentle cows on the farm. The first calf, a male, was sold.

"I used to own cows that kicked like mules," the Wake farmer commented. "In fact I had to tie their legs with a rope, wire, or anything I could get in order to get a little milk. And if I wasn't careful they would almost kick that over."

The purebred is a 4-H Club project for R. J., Jr., but serves the family's needs so well that the father sold off his kicking cows. The Adamses are progressive marketers in the Juniper Level section of Wake County.

Farm Questions

How can poison ivy be killed? Many types of material are used to kill poison ivy. The most widely used are Ammate and 2, 4-D.

When using Ammate, dissolve three-quarters to one pound in a gallon of water and spray or sprinkle on the leaves. Repeat the application in August or September if necessary. If the vines are on trees, it's safest to remove the vines before spraying. The Ammate container should be washed thor-

oughly two or three times after use.

In most cases 2, 4-D gives excellent results. It is much cheaper than Ammate but takes longer to kill. One difficulty is that it may damage tomatoes, grapes, or nearby plants, although it doesn't damage grass. A separate sprayer should be bought for use with 2, 4-D alone.

Farm Facts

Cost of feed is one-half the total cost of producing milk.

Exports of apples from the United States and Canada totaled 7.8 million bushels in 1950 compared with 5.3 million in 1949.

The annual State Tamworth swine sale will be held at Lexington on October 26.

North Carolina farmers carried 83 million dollars worth of insurance on their tobacco crops in 1950 — more than ever before. Hail damage to tobacco during the season was more extensive than in any year since 1944.

The first week in the brooder house and the first week on range are the two periods of heaviest mortality in the turkey flock, according to poultry specialists at State College.

The price of the 1951 cotton crop will be supported at 90 per cent of parity. The tentative loan rate for middling 7-8-inch cotton has been set at 29.68 cents per pound.

No acreage allotments or marketing quotas will be in effect on 1952-crop wheat, the Secretary of Agriculture has announced.

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