Soil-Building Crops Are On The Increase

North Carolina farmers who cooperated in the soil conservation program last year increased their acreage of soif-conserving crops by 550,000 acres, according to E. Y. Floyd, of State college.

After tabulating figures compiled from the work sheets covering the cooperating farms, the State AAA office announced that 1,800,000 acres of conserving crops mainly legumes, were seeded last year as a direct result of the program or in connection with it.

An even larger acreage is being seeded this year as farmers take advantage of the opportunity to build up their soil, check erosion, and balance their farming operations while earning payments from the government, Floyd stated.

He also pointed out that last year some 550,000 acres of cotton land were diverted into conserving to the growth of legumes, grasses, crops; 200,000 acres of tobacco land and 40,000 acres of peanut land were also diverted.

By diverting cash crop acreage and carrying out soil-building practices, North Carolina farmers earned \$12,403,903 in 1936. Similar rates of payment are offered again this year, Floyd added.

In 1936, more than 127,000 work sheets were signed, covering 14,-500,000 acres of farm land. Of this acreage, 5,750,000 acres were considered crop land.

With additional work sheets signed this year, it is expected that 150,000 of more work sheets will be in force for the 1937 program, Floyd pointed out.

The deadline for signing a work sheet is June 12. However, farmers who had worksheets last year will not need to sign again.

State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

Q. Do you have a bulletin describing the different agricultural areas of North Carolina and listing the crops adapted to each area?

A. Yes. Write to the agricultural editor for a copy of extension circular No. 208, "Agricultural Program for North Carolina." This bulletin lists the crops adapted to a given section, gives the fertilizer applications recommended, the varictics showing highest returns, and the system of rotation recommended. It is a valuable bulletin to have on hand.

Q. Is ground limestone needed on permanent pastures?

A. Recent farm management demonstrations throughout the piedmont and mountain sections of North Carolina indicate that it is absolutely necessary to have ground limestone applied to the permanent pasture for the grasses and clovers to make best growth. This same thing must be true also in eastern

Uncle Jim Says



When a gully gets so big you can't do anything else with it, you can always plant a few trees to stop erosion.

generally on their fields devoted forage crops and the like.

Q. When is the best time to caponize cockerels?

A. Cockerels may be caponized at any time of the year if the birds are of the proper age to permit a successful operation. From a commercial standpoint, cockerels are caponized about the first of July which makes them ready for the market next Easter. Use vigorous cockerels of about two pounds in weight and be sure to have ample grazing crops provided for them. It is best to consult with the county farm agent before venturing too far into the capon busi-

Broadway

By EFFIE WILSON

Mrs. Evans and daughter, Mary, of Riverton, N. J., were at the home of Andy Wilson Thursday.

Wade and Agnes McKinney and Lily Cabe, of Turtle Pond, made a business trip to Highlands Saturday.

Dr. Neville, of Dillard, Ga., was in this community last week visiting the sick.

Tom Wilson was visiting relatives at Sealy Saturday night.

John Brown was a business vis itor in Highlands Saturday.

The farmers are busy planting and working their crops. We are having fine growing weather, nice showers and hot sunshine.

Lake Emory

By MRS. J. R. BERRY RAINFALL FOR MAY BELOW NORMAL

It is learned from the cooperative observer that rainfall for Franklin area was 2.71 inches for May. The record for May, 1936, shows only Carolina particularly where the soil 0.78 inches. For the past two years is acid. North Carolina farmers May has shown a heavy deficiency have never used enough limestone in rainfall. The normal should be

over four inches,

Clarence Moses, formerly of Elliiav, now of Gastonia, was through our town Friday, Mr., Moses expressed his intention to subscribe for The Press to keep in touch with the old home county.

Mrs. Z. D. Buchanan has been very sick for the past week, but is improving now.

Misses Betty Snyder and Elizabeth Thompson returned to their homes at Ridgecrest after spending several days with relatives at Ashe-

Mrs. Virgil Ford, of Clayton, spent the past Friday with her sister, Mrs. Jess Thompson.

Mr. Arthur Jacobs, who is employed by the Bell Telephone Co., at Morganton, spent the week-end with Mrs. Jacobs' mother, Mrs. Z. D. Buchanan,

Pauline Reid, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Reid, has returned home from Durland Bell school.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Sheffield, of Rainbow Springs, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Downs. Mr. Sheffield is leaving this week for West Virginia where he will be employed by the Ritter Lumber company.

CAT HAS PRIVATE BELL

Arkansas City, Kas.-Fritzie, a has learned how to get what he wants. He simply rings a bell near the door whenever he's hungry, wants to go out of the house or demands attention in ceneral.

Customer (after being shaved, cut in several places and patched up with paper)-"Here's a quarter, barber and keep the change; your versatility is amazing-you're barber, butcher, and paper hanger all in one."

Tillamook, Ore. - John Burns, who has roped steers and ridden cat owned by Miss Lucille Rucker, bucking horses most of his life without suffering even a scratch, is hobbling about on crutches,

John received a lusty kick on the shin from a cow approaching its turn to be slaughtered.

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King-"All right, guard, I'll show them that I know enough to get out of the reign."



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