

This Week With Macon County Agents

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Marion Deal, Franklin, Route 4, gives the reason why the poultry industry in Macon County is growing. On May 11, 1950 he started 300 baby chicks; cost \$69.00. The last of September 237 pullets and 30 cockerels went into the laying house at a cost of \$424.85; or \$1.60 per bird. On the last of June total expense had been \$1,513.81. The total receipts were \$2,212.55, a net profit of \$693.74, or \$3.47 per bird. In addition to this, the birds on hand are worth \$182.00. There has been a total of 2,618 dozen hatching eggs sold or 165 eggs per bird.

Mr. Deal has a young flock of 565 birds that are 14 weeks old that will go into the laying house this fall.

Don Brown, a 4-H Club member in the Clarks Chapel community shows good returns on early cabbage. Don set 11,000 plants on one acre and harvested 15,831 pounds of cabbage. The labor cost for land preparation, setting, growing, and harvesting cabbage was \$60.20. The cost of plants, fertilizer, and dusting material was \$51.45 which made the total expense \$111.65. The 15,831 pounds of cabbage cut sold for \$241.02 or a net profit of \$129.37.

Don won a trip to Chicago last year in the Better Methods Electric contest.

Owen Ammons and Bill Crawford of Franklin, Route 4, have received their Western ewes that they ordered during late winter. Farmers who are interested in sheep should stop by and see them.

MRS. FORD DIES

It has been learned here of the death of Mrs. Helen F. Ford, a sister of Mrs. Flamen Ball, of Franklin and Babson Park, Fla., of pneumonia July 27.

Of the total acreage of trees planted in this country in 1950, 37 per cent was owned by private individuals and organizations. This 1950 total of 397,700 acres was an increase of 131,300 acres over the 1949 total.

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Officers presiding over the annual Farm and Home week, which got under way Monday on the campus of North Carolina State College are (L to R) W. A. Davis, farmers' convention president, Mrs. P. P. Gregory, N. C. federation of home demonstration clubs president, and F. S. Sloan, of Franklin, farmers federation convention secretary.

State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

Q. How can I keep the weeds from growing in the shallow water along the edge of my pond?

A. The simplest way is to have a steep bank on your pond. The water should be at least two feet deep along the banks. This not only holds the weeds in check but also keeps mosquitoes from breeding, and cuts down on the number of snakes you'll be bothered with.

Q. The weatherman's talk about "scattered showers" is getting to be a joke around our place. They're so scattered that we never see them. What do they mean by "scattered showers"?

A. Here's how the U. S. Weather Bureau defines the terms used in its forecasts. "Partly cloudy" means no rain is expected. "Risk of showers" means the chances of rain are about one in ten. "Widely scattered showers" means that from 15 to 30 per cent of the area will get rain. "Scattered showers" means from 30 to 45 per cent; "showers", 45 to 75 per cent; and "general showers", 75 to 100 per cent.

J. I've got quite a bit of garden seed left over from this year. Will it be safe for me to keep it and use it next spring?

A. No. Unless you plan to have the seed tested for germination just before you use it, it's not a good idea to hold seed

over. Some kinds of seed keep better than others, but hot weather is especially hard on seed. If you think you can save by holding seed over, be sure and store it in a cool place, then have it tested the following spring.

Q. In a flock of young pullets, how quickly should the change from growing mash to laying mash be made?

A. The change should be gradual, covering a period of 10 days to two weeks. For the first few days a mixture of 25 per cent laying mash and 75 per cent growing mash should be used; then equal parts of each, followed by a mixture of 75 per

cent laying mash and 25 per cent growing mash. The birds will then be ready for straight laying mash.

R. S. Dearstyne, head of the poultry department at State college, says it's also important at this time to cull the flock thoroughly. All birds that are seriously underdeveloped should

be culled, as well as those whose eyes show a pearly gray color. Most breeds have a bay-brown eye. When the eye ring is broken and infiltrations of gray material occur, ocular leukosis probably is present and such birds should be removed from the flock. The poultryman, says Mr. Dearstyne, should not aim to fill his house at any cost. Only birds having a chance of efficient performance should be kept.

Q. Moss is about to choke out the grass in shady places in my lawn. How can this be prevented?

A. John H. Harris, of State college, suggests you do three things: First, lime the soil. Second, fertilize heavily, especially with nitrogen. Use about 20 pounds of 6-8-6 per 1,000 square feet. Follow this in 30 days with five pounds of nitrate of soda or its equivalent. This fall repeat the 6-8-6 application. Third, prune the lower limbs from the trees or, if necessary, remove some of the trees to allow more sunlight to reach the ground.

The summer bloom isn't worth much to bees as a source of nectar. The denizens of the hive get a lot of pollen and not much nectar after spring is past.



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