

**State College Hints
To Farm Homemakers**

If the homemaker who goes shopping for curtain fabrics is well acquainted with facts about shrinkage and colorfastness, she will get more for her money in value and in satisfaction, say textile specialists.

In deciding how much yardage she will need, the shopper should figure on at least 100 per cent fullness in width, if the curtains are not to be skimpy. In other words, for attractive curtains, specialists suggest that the fabric be twice as wide as the space to be covered.

Curtain buyers should also make allowance for lengthwise

shrinkage. If there is no label on the curtain or fabric stating whether it is pre-shrunk, the allowance should be generous—around three inches to the yard.

When selecting colored material, the buyer will do well to look for a label carrying specific information about colorfastness. Such labels as "colorfast to washing," or "colorfast to dry cleaning," are of course more helpful than "colorfast".

If she is looking for material in a store which will lend samples, the curtain shopper may find it wise to take home several lengths of fabrics and see whether they are suitable for a particular room or windows. Such extra time and effort may be well spent. The cost of curtaining modern-day



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**State College Answers
Timely Farm Questions**

Q. One of my fields has become badly infested with Bermuda grass and I find it hard to get rid of the pest. Should I try using chemicals or is there another way to control it?

A. Glenn C. Klingman, in charge of weed investigations, says one of the best methods is to use a heavy-growing dense shade crop such as thickly-sown, well fertilized small grain.

This should be followed the same season with a crop of thickly planted, well fertilized soybeans. As soon as one crop is removed,

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seed the field immediately to the next crop. Two years of shading should bring Bermuda grass under control.

Treatment with weed control chemicals is rather expensive for large areas. Small infested areas can be treated this way, but shade crops are more practical for the large infestations.

Q. Will the new insecticide TDE control tobacco hornworms?

A. Yes. T. M. Dobrovsky, ex-

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tension entomologist at State college, says TDE is giving good control of both hornworms and budworms. The insect control specialist warns leaf growers that a new and heavy infestation of hornworms has appeared in the old belt and other tobacco areas.

Mr. Dobrovsky advised that 30 pounds of TDE be used for each

acre if applied as a 5 per cent dust. If the 10 per cent dust is used, apply 20 pounds per acre, depending on the size of plant. When wettable powder is used, two pounds of the 50 per cent TDE in 50 gallons of water is effective. Apply from 50 to 80 gallons of the spray per acre, depending on plant size.

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