

## Our Farm Department

Devoted to the Interest of Those Who Till the Soil

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### Cutting and Curing Soy Beans.

The soy bean should be cut for forage as soon as the bottom beans begin to turn yellow. At this stage the pods will be nearly grown and your beans must not be cut later than this as the pods will crack open and the beans shatter out if cut too late. Thomas A. Williams, assistant agronomist at Washington, says considering palatability and digestibility, as well as chemical composition, that probably the best forage will be obtained by cutting just as soon as the pods are forming. But if cut at this stage you do not have any grain, so I usually wait until the bottom beans begin to turn yellow; but it will not do to wait any longer, as they will shed very quickly.

A fifteen fingered cradle is a very good thing to cut with but a dump or piling reaper is the best thing I have found. I cut one or two rows, which ever conditions suits best. I had rather cut on a cloudy than a fair day but I have to cut when my beans get ready, so I cut anytime when there is not water on them. When I start to cutting I put three or four hands to picking up and shocking, letting each one get an arm full at the same time and all putting the tops of the beans together as they stand them down on the ground, taking pains to place them together nicely, and as they put them on the ground bear the butts in but not enough so but what you will leave a hole in the middle of your shock large enough for a small hen's nest.

A little practice and you can make the shocks as fast as you can pick the beans up and stand them down. Shock them before the leaves wilt if possible. When you get them shocked your work is done; you need not put any topping on them. The leaves will wilt down and make a water tight cover. Let them stand until they are thoroughly cured out, then stack or house. I have let them stay in the shocks until the outside leaves would be weather beaten off, then on the inside they would be nice, green and sweet.

Do not take them up until thoroughly cured if you do they will mould. When I stack, I put them them two lengths around the pole with the butts out. A long handle pitchfork is a very good thing to throw them up with. It is better to top your stack with fodder, wheat straw or hay for when the stack stands as much as a year they will damage on top.

I make the platform of my stacks high enough so cats can get under them to keep rats and mice from destroying them. Now what feed crop can you save and house so easily and quickly considering the amount of feed as this? Then no forage that I have tried is as good.

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### Farmers Becoming Independent.

News from all sections of the state shows that the cotton planters held back more cotton of last season's crop than ever before. Union county farmers, we are told, have sold over four thousand bales since July 4th. In Pitt county there were given in by tax listers eleven hundred bales against three hundred the year before. The Scottish Chief states that cotton is coming in at a rapid rate; that there were nearly one hundred bales sold in

Maxton from wagons the week before and that much more than double that amount was expected the coming week. Very little of this cotton last mentioned was of the new crop. It was principally old cotton which the farmers had refused to sell last spring for six and seven cents a pound and for which they are now getting over ten cents.

From other sections come similar reports.

The fact that the farmers were able to hold back so much cotton shows conclusively that they are, as a class, in better financial condition than they have been for a long time. This is the first year in many that they have been able to extend the cotton market through the entire year. Heretofore the pressing demands of landlords and creditors have forced them to put their cotton on the market as fast as they could have it picked and ginned. They were at the mercy of the men to whom they owed money as rent or for supplies. The past year many of them became independent of these creditors. If they will be judicious and economical for the next year or so they will become still more independent and will soon be able to make the receipts of one crop pay the expenses of raising the next, instead of, as in the past, mortgaging the entire crop before it is planted and feeling at the end of the year that they have been fortunate if they have made enough to satisfy the demands of landlords and furnishers of supplies and can start the next crop without carrying over a debt from the last year and making it an additional lien on the crop to be raised. When the farmers can thus become independent they will soon begin to add each year to their savings. This will result in fewer tenant farmers and more owners of small profitable farms.—Wilmington Messenger.

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### Value of Cotton Seed.

The price for cotton seed is fixed largely by the current price of the oil, so far as the oil mills are concerned. The mill people regard the oil in the seed as the main by-product, because the price of the oil crushed from a ton of seed is nearly twice as great as the price paid for the meal, and nearly four times the value of the hulls, and seven times as valuable as the amount of lint secured. Hence we find that the price of the seed as fixed by the mills is regulated by the price of oil.

### MANURIAL VALUE OF SEED.

Let us look for a moment at the value of the actual plant food in 66 bushels, or one ton, of cotton seed and see if the farmer can afford, from a fertilizing standpoint, to part with his seed at even \$12 per ton. We find that a ton of cotton seed contains 62 pounds of nitrogen, 26 pounds of phosphoric acid and 24 pounds of potash. These fertilizing ingredients are worth at the lowest estimate \$12 60. That is what they would cost at wholesale spot cash prices in commercial fertilizers. In addition to the actual plant food as named, cotton seed contains a large amount of organic vegetable matter which, when it rots, will make humus and materially add to the natural fertility of soil. All soil is made from decaying vegetable or animal matter, and it is for that reason that commercial fertilizers will not enrich the soil. Now suppose we add \$2.50 additional to the ton

to cover the value of the organic matter in the ton and \$1 more for hauling and delivering to the mill—we find very clearly that we cannot afford to sell a ton of cotton seed for less than \$16 per ton without sustaining an actual loss, and will then receive no profit. And yet we have not taken into account the value of the oil to the mill, which should be considered. No farmer, then, can afford to part with a ton of seed for less than \$16 per ton, because its manurial value at home is fully worth \$16. Then if the mills are not willing to pay at least \$16 per ton or 25 cents per bushel, then keep the seed at home.

### EXCHANGING SEED FOR MEAL.

The most economical and profitable method of handling seed with the mills is on a basis of exchange. That is, exchange the seed for so much meal. Give a ton of seed for not less than 1,600 to 1,800 pounds of good, clean meal. Don't take dark meal, showing a heavy filler of hulls ground in with the meal, but make the mill owners agree in writing to furnish you clean, bright meal. With the meal you can then prepare to make your guano at home. If you have too much meal, a part of it can be easily sold and the money received invested in acid phosphate and potash to make up your home mixture.

My earnest desire now is to call your attention to the value of your cotton seed as a fertilizer, and to the further fact that if the seed are held back from the market they will command higher prices and will enable the farmers to make better and more satisfactory exchanges for meal. I want to also impress upon your minds as fully as I can that the solution of high-priced low-grade guanos, in which hundreds of pounds of artificial fillers are used that are worthless, lies in the proper handling of the cotton seed. Exchange the seed for meal, and buy the right quantities of acid phosphate and potash, and make your own guano at home. Without going into the value of a ton of seed to the mills at this time, suffice it to say that \$16 per ton is the lowest figure a farmer can afford to take for his seed, and if he wants a profit, then not less than \$18 to \$20 per ton.

When the mills open the market at bids from \$10 to \$12 per ton, simply refuse to accept the offer and hold for better prices. If the mills refuse to pay more, then let the mills close down and let the seed go back to enrich the land where nature intended for them to go. It is time the farmers were waking up on the sale of their products and having a voice in the price at which they are sold in the markets of the country.—Harvie Jordan.

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### A Sad Coincidence

By one of those unexplainable coincidences, an Observer reporter got hold of a piece of news day before yesterday in regard to divorce proceedings instituted by our esteemed townsman, S. A. Phillips, Esq., against his young wife with whom he has not lived in 18 months, when, on the very same day at Durn, the young woman in question was buried, having died the day before. Thus what was sought at the hands of an earthly court, was, in the twinkling of an eye, enacted by the great Spiritual court.—Fayetteville Observer Sth.

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### IN JAIL WITHOUT BAIL.

The Coroner's Jury Find that Thos. H. Nall Came to His Death From Blows by the Four Asylum Attendants.

As a result of an autopsy held on the body of Thos. H. Nall and a final taking of the testimony before the jury which for several days has been investigating the case, J. C. King, L. R. High, Jack Peel and W. F. Durham, attendants at the State Hospital for the insane are in Wake county jail, charged with having beaten to death a patient under their charge who was attempting to make his escape.

The arrest of the four men was made about seven o'clock at the hospital by deputy Sheriffs Walters and Stell. The men made no resistance and the officers state seemed surprised that a warrant should have been issued against them. They would not talk of the case in any aspect but quietly accompanied the officers to Raleigh and later summoned S. G. Ryan, Esq., to confer with them as their defense.

The verdict and warrant of the jury operates as a commitment without bail and the only course open to the defendants before they answer to the charge at the September term of court is to petition in habeas corpus proceedings. It is yet too early to state what course they may be expected to take.

The body which had been previously exhumed near Pittsboro had been brought to Raleigh and the formal post-mortem conducted here yesterday.

The warrant, which incorporates the verdict of the jury, was given to sheriff at about six o'clock in the afternoon and immediate steps were taken to have it served.

The defendants are all young men, J. C. King being a son of John L. King, living near Rogers store, in Oak Grove township; W. F. Durham, a son of I. R. Durham, of St. Mary's Township; Jack Peele, residence in Goldsboro and L. R. High, formerly of Wilson.—News and Observer.

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