

Pays Farmer Good Profits Proper Care Of Sheep

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State College reports they received farm flock records this year from fourteen counties. Out of these records four farmers reported a gross income of over \$30,000 per ewe and all four sold over a 150% lamb crop. The best record in the State was from a Watauga County farmer who sold a 191% lamb crop to average \$38.15 per ewe kept. These figures tell a simple story—the lambs you save now will pay you well in a few

months. The suggestions below may help you to save more lambs—and ewes.

1. Pregnancy disease results from an improper diet. There is plenty of feed this year and no ewe should have to go hungry.
2. A good ration to feed before lambing is: Corn, oats, barley, wheat bran (or a mixture of any of these) ½ lb. per ewe per day. Top quality legume hay 3 lbs. per ewe per day.
3. A good ration to feed after lambing is: Corn, oats, barley, wheat bran (or a mixture of any of

Teen-Ager in Cell



UNDER arrest in a Burbank, Calif., jail, Jack Reginald Lemon, 18, is charged with assault with intent to kill policeman William Catlin. The officer stopped Lemon for a traffic violation and found an automatic revolver in the car. According to charges, the youth seized the gun which was discharged during a struggle. (International)

State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

QUESTION: How can I determine if a crop is deficient in nitrogen?
ANSWER: The plants are stunted and spindly with pale green color in early stages. Then bottom leaves begin to turn yellow at tips. Yellowing proceeds down the center or midrib of the leaf, leaving outside portion green.

QUESTION: When should you topdress pastures?
ANSWER: Topdress pastures with fertilizer while the grasses and legumes are dormant, immediately after cutting for hay or silage, or after they have been grazed. This prevents burning or excessive damage to the vegetative portions of the plant. Topdressing in fall, winter, or before growth begins in the spring keeps injury to pasture plants to a minimum.

QUESTION: When should you market hogs?
ANSWER: Farmers should "top out" their market hogs by each week, selling the hogs that have reached 200 pounds of weight. This will help avoid heavy, market-breaking runs, and will reduce the extra lard problem that comes with the heavyweight market hog.

Of Algeria's 21 ports, eight have an annual traffic of more than 200,000 tons.

ALERT FOR FLOOD AT YUBA CITY



NAVAL RESERVISTS Richard Rhodes (left) and John Farrell keep watch on top of a levee along the Feather River near Yuba City, Calif., as torrential rains brought the water level near the top of the barrier. Fears were expressed that the levee may fail because it was thrown up with mud and other readily available material following last month's flood break through. (International Soundphoto)

Many Income Tax Laws Apply Only To Farmers

Farmers, like other taxpayers, need to know the filing requirements, forms to use in filing taxes, and information necessary to compute the correct tax as required by law. Since farmers do not have taxes withheld from their income like most wage-earners, and do not know what the exact profit from their farm business will be until the end of the year, they have a few problems other taxpayers don't have. There are parts of the Federal income tax which apply specifically to farmers.

Because of the extension of Social Security to farmers in 1955, many farm people will also be filing returns to determine their future levels of coverage under Social Security. The accounting system and records serving as the basis of the Federal income tax return must also be used to compute self-employment tax for Social Security purposes.

No one type of record book is prescribed by the Internal Revenue Service. The books used, however, should systematically reflect the income, deductions, credits, and other matters required to be shown on the returns. Good records can mean dollars in income tax savings, social security benefits, and management of the farm business. Any citizen or resident of the United States, regardless of age, having a gross income of \$600 or more during the taxable year is required to file a Federal income tax return, even though no tax is due. The only exception: persons 65 years of age and over, who are not required to file unless their gross income is \$1,200 or more.

Farmers (persons securing at least two-thirds of their gross income from farming) may (1) file their returns and pay any tax due on or before February 15 or (2) file an estimate of their tax and pay this amount by January 15; then file their return and pay any balance due by April 15.

Farmers in North Carolina mail their returns to the "District Director of Internal Revenue," Greensboro, North Carolina. Several publications containing detailed provisions of the income tax law and the Social Security program are available at local offices of the Internal Revenue Service.

time rolls around you will be well repaid for this trouble. We should always try to sell 100 pounds of lamb for every ewe we have. This means that every ewe must do her part — the suggestions below may help you when shifting lambs to another ewe. It can be done if you have enough patience.

- (a) Feed ewes well—a ewe will accept a lamb easier, if she has plenty of milk for him.
- (b) Place ewe and lamb in a lambing pen and hold the ewe for the lamb to nurse several times a day.
- (c) A dog tied in the next pen will help the ewe make up her mind sooner.
- (d) Ewes recognize lambs by smell, so smearing some of the ewes' milk on the nose and rump of the lamb may work.
- (e) A variation of the above method is to smear diluted sheep dip or kerosene on the ewes' nose as well as on the lamb.
- (f) Many people skin the dead lamb and tie the pelt over the lamb they want the mother to take.
- (g) If none of the above work, move the ewe and lamb to a different part of the farm where no other sheep can be seen or heard.

In 1956 let's resolve to do a better job with our own sheep and at the same time interest others in keeping sheep. There is strength and profit in numbers.

indexed reference states the special filing provisions for farmers and shows sample returns. "How Social Security Covers Farmers," which describes the conditions of coverage of self-employed farm operators, hired farm workers, and farm employers. It tells what they need to do in light of changes in the Social Security law and benefits possible under the Old Age and Survivor's Insurance program. "Tarheel Farm Economist," which in the November and January issue discusses various aspects of Social Security and taxes paid by farmers. This publication, released by the Department of Agricultural Economics at N. C. State College, is available through county agents. U. S. Coast Guardsmen man 27 light ships in U. S. waters.

Postage Trouble

ABERDEEN, Wash. (AP)—Newspapermen chucked over a piece of mail that reached the Aberdeen Daily World after having been returned to the sender. It bore the bold, red-lettered stamp: "Returned for Postage." It was from the National Federation of Post Office Clerks.

Oyster Men Look Ahead

MONASKON, Va. (AP)—Virginia's Commission of Fisheries had some encouraging news for Rappahannock river oystermen whose crops were almost wiped out by fresh water from 1955 hurricanes. A record crop of baby oysters—known as spat—should rebuild the industry in the damaged area.



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