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Farm Review and Forecast

Keep Tab On Farm Costs, Raise Own Food Supply

Keeping close tab on money spent running a farm and farm home and getting a large part of the family food from the farm itself are marks of efficient farming.

RAISE a square

MEAL around HOME

WEEKLY TIPS FROM AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE NORTH CAROLINA STATE COLLEGE

There are two main causes of milk off-flavors in the spring season; wild onion and pasture flavors.

- 1. Inspect pasture regularly for wild onions. 2. If possible, do not graze milking herd on pasture where onions grow.

Farmer Won't Just Let Nature Take Its Course

James Murrell of Pollockville, Route 1, is through with "just letting nature take its course."

This year he followed gassing practices recommended by his extension agent and it took one person only about 1 1/2 hours to remove the weeds from around the edges of the boards.

Burrell's plants were much larger this year too, even though he seeded his bed two weeks later than

Curb Wilt By Using Hormones

By ROBERT SCHMIDT

Anyone who tries to grow tomatoes in the South is concerned with the problem of wilt. There are two kinds of wilt which commonly affect tomatoes—fusarium and bacterial wilt—two different organisms which are quite common in garden soils of this state.

Fusarium wilt can be effectively combated by the use of wilt resistant varieties such as Homestead, Southland, Jefferson and other new introductions.

There are at present no varieties available which are resistant to bacterial wilt. That is why, when you plant a variety recommended to you as wilt resistant, the plants may all die of wilt.

It is a well-known fact that the early tomato blossoms or blossom clusters often fail to set fruits.

It has been found that applications of certain plant hormones to the blossoms will cause fruits to set. In many cases these fruits are seedless or almost seedless.

These hormones are available at any seed store under trade names such as "Blossom Sets," "Sure Set" and "Fruitone". They should be used according to the directions given by the manufacturer.

QUESTION: How can I control honeysuckle and poison ivy?

ANSWER: Control is expensive when undertaken with 2,4-D. If spraying is done with a tractor-mounted sprayer, one-half pound of 2,4-D amine salt per acre of infested area will do an effective job.

QUESTION: What can I do to keep fungi from attacking grain sorghum seed?

ANSWER: Seed-borne or soil-borne fungi can be combated by treating the seed with an effective fungicide such as Ceresan M, New Improved Ceresan, Arasan, Arasan SFX, or Panogen.

usual, Murrell says from now on he'll gas his plant bed.

Soil Conservation Practices Varied For Individual Farms

By ROY BECK

Soil Conservation Service Conservation farming involves many different practices to fit particular soil and water problems.

Last month, lime, fertilizer and seed were put down on the hill. Then, a fence was built across the slope. This fence dead-ends upstream where the cattle can walk up hill on a more gentle slope to graze the main part of the pasture.

Frank Davis of Iron Duff is installing field drain tile through wet areas in his lower crop field. The first section of the tile system drained the low flat area.

Tile drainage often helps a farmer practice other conservation farming practices. C. R. Palmer and Alvin Palmer of Mauney Cove have worked together to drain their adjoining crop fields with drain tile.

State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

QUESTION: When should saw logs be cut?

ANSWER: Hold on to the saw timber, if possible, until it's mature. That way you get some high-quality lumber with "clear" logs.

QUESTION: How many chickens do I need to provide eggs for my family?

ANSWER: Five layers for each two persons. If you have good stock and manage it well, each layer should produce 180 or more eggs a year.

Ten Common Mistakes In Home Decor

Well-meaning housewives who attempt to decorate their own homes make many mistakes, says interior designer Henry End, member of the American Institute of Decorators and designers of hotel interiors.

- 1. Lack of coordination. 2. Confused ideas as to requirements. 3. Selection of items individually instead of considering the final effect of the room.

When the family cow freshens this spring, take her calf away in a day or two and teach it to eat from a bucket.

- 6. Changing their minds in the middle of the plan. 7. Failure to consider maintenance problems in selection of fabrics. 8. Trying to impress the neighbors instead of pleasing themselves.



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