

Tips Given Sheep Producers Shearing, Wool Handling

Farmers and 4-H Club members from Buncombe, Transylvania, Henderson, Jackson, and Haywood counties attended the district sheep-shearing demonstration held here last Monday at the Edwin Fincher farm on the Asheville Road.

The shearing of sheep was demonstrated by E. R. Warren of the Sunbeam Corp., Chicago, a national authority on the subject. Farmers and 4-H members also were given the opportunity to shear sheep, under the supervision of Mr. Warren.

Those attending the meeting also heard talks on sheep management from A. V. Allen and Pete Patterson, animal husbandry specialists from N. C. State College.

The specialists advised sheep producers to remove fleece in one piece and spread it on the floor, with the outside up. All tags and foreign material should then be removed before bundling.

The speakers especially urged farmers to be sure that sheep are entirely dry before attempting to shear them.

They explained that fleece should first be folded and then rolled so that shoulder wool is on the outside of the roll.

In tying wool, they emphasized, only paper twine should be used.

Wool can be bagged in clean burlap bags, or if a farmer has 25 or more sheep, he might find it advantageous to use large wool bags, they added.

The specialists pointed out that after shearing, sheep should be treated for ticks and lice by dipping, spraying, or dusting. They added that producers should con-

21,000,000 U.S. Women Now Have Outside Jobs

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Family economists are saying that women are snowed under by paper work. The reason, of course, is that more women worked last year than ever before. At the high point of the year 21 million women had jobs away from home. Wives—particularly in younger families—are in charge of family accounts and paying household bills.

And so it goes. Women are owners or partners in business firms, and are responsible for commercial as well as personal record keeping. There is a lot of part-time farming, and the farmer's wife often shoulders the job of keeping the farm records. Over eight million women head their own households—just imagine the amount of paper work it takes to run this many households. For that matter, a good many women own their own homes, which adds to their record keeping and paper-work chores.

To top it off, who has not been approached by those indefatigable women volunteers, who comprise the lifeblood of our great voluntary organizations? They help set up fund drives. Campaign materials in hand, they knock on countless doors seeking contributions for community chests, for the fight against heart disease, polio, cancer, tuberculosis and other diseases. But that's only part of the job—they must keep an accurate record of the money they receive.

Yes, it's paper work for women but more, information and help with money management, pension plans, insurance, taxes, and general family accounts that we face every day.

North Carolina's irrigated acres have increased from 2,083 in 1949 to 25,423 in 1954.

The production of hatching eggs in North Carolina during the 1954-55 season had a potential value of around 15 1/2 million dollars.

The 673 cattle sold at the fat cattle sale recently in Statesville was the largest fat sale in North Carolina history.

The national allotment for the commercial corn growing area has been set at 43,280,543 acres for the 1956 crop year.

sult their farm agents in regard to the insecticides to be used.

The State College speakers advised shearing of sheep as soon as time will permit, commenting that shorn ewes graze better, milk better, and consequently produce heavier lambs.

It was also announced at the meeting that the annual WNC wool pool will be held again this year at Asheville in June.

Plant Food Goes Further If Used by These Rules



Unless You Know Your Soil is Not Acid, Apply Plant Food in Trenches At Both Sides of Vegetable Garden Row.

Few suburban gardens have soil so rich that no added plant food is required. But with modern knowledge of plant requirements, and the improved plant foods now available, fertility need not be a problem.

Any porous top soil into which a small amount of organic matter or compost can be spaded each spring can be made rich by adding to it an adequate amount of commercial plant food.

Four to six pounds of balanced plant food mixture to each 100 square feet of garden area will be sufficient in most cases. To give an extra finish to the crop, do not hesitate to use more, applied as maturity approaches. If during the season plants show signs of deficiency, this should be corrected.

Deficiency symptoms include the following: When leaves turn light green or yellow, but do not fall off, nitrogen is lacking. When leaf margins brown, especially the lower leaves, potash is needed. Plants stunted in growth probably need more phosphorus. The point is being stressed that well-fed crops do not reduce the amount of humus in the soil, since more humus is produced by the roots of plants than by their tops. A heavy crop, fed by any sort of plant food, will leave more humus than it found.

The heaviest application of plant food should be made at the beginning of the season, and here commercial plant food has a distinct advantage. It is available to plants at low temperatures and will stimulate growth during the cool weather.

Organic plant food has to be broken down by bacteria before the plants can use it, and this requires a temperature of at least 70 degrees.

To get the most out of plant food, the following methods of application are recommended by researchers:

1. On soils which are acid, testing below pH 6, plant food should be concentrated in bands or pockets, not touching plant roots but within easy reach.

2. On sweet soils, testing above pH 6, spade plant food thoroughly into the soil, evenly and deeply.

To apply the first method stretch the line to mark the row in which seeds are to be planted. Then, not less than two inches away on either side, make a furrow four inches deep. Pour plant food into each furrow at the rate of one pound (or pint) for 50 feet, and cover it with earth. Then make the drill in which seed are to be sown and proceed with planting as usual.

'Soil Stewardship Week' Observance Set May 6-12

Haywood County will join the rest of the nation in observing Soil Stewardship Sunday on May 6 and Soil Stewardship Week May 6-12.

Many ministers will base their May 6 texts on man's obligation to the soil, according to Earl Garrett, Soil Conservation Service director in North Carolina.

Gov. Luther Hodges has endorsed the observance with a statement which reads as follows:

"Productive soil is man's most priceless heritage. It is the one tangible asset without which neither plants, animals or man could survive. We are dependent on it for food, clothing and many of the raw products of industry. Down through the centuries man has upset the natural balance of nature's soil-building and conserving processes.

"With no intention to damage the soil, man has used the ax, the plow and fire, in his efforts to produce essential food and raiment for himself. Unknowingly he set in motion the process of erosion, which has ruined millions of acres of once fertile soil. At one time, America was wasting her soil resources at a faster rate than any other nation, but now we are learning to conserve them and at the same time produce abundantly.

"Working through the Soil Conservation Districts, which include every acre in the one hundred

counties of the State, North Carolina farmers are moving steadily toward the kind of soil stewardship which provides security for both its people and its land.

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SPICE AND HERB SALTS

Salt is as old as history itself and has always been valued as a seasoning agent. Members of primitive families were traded to slavery in order to get salt. In the Bible, salt is referred to on numerous occasions. It was so important during ancient times that early Roman soldiers were given a daily payment of salt, which was known as salarium. Now the word has come to mean salary.

Salt is essential in the diet. It stimulates the appetite and aids digestion. In places where people work in extreme heat, extra intake of salt helps to combat fatigue.

Today, in addition to table salt, spice and herb salts are carefully blended and packaged for easy purchase and convenient use. Celery Salt, Garlic Salt and Onion Salt may be used in all foods in which the dried or fresh ingredients can be used. However, when adding any of these salts be sure to diminish the amount of regular salt. Try using these salts in place of regular salt for sandwiches, salads, sauces, soup, spaghetti, egg and cheese dishes, meats and fish, vegetables, tomato juice, etc. It's the quick and easy trick for the gourmet touch.

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Mix Seasoning Salt to taste with cream or cottage cheese. It's a delicious dip for crackers or potato chips.

Sprinkle canned biscuit with Seasoning Salt and a few caraway seeds. Roll in half or roll up before baking, for fancy, salty hot bread.

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Farmers Advised Against Burning Off Of Fields

There's not only "Smoke on the Mountain", there's plenty of it on the Coastal Plain these days, according to Jim Andersen, State College extension forestry specialist.

The smoke Andersen refers to is in North Carolina's precious woodland—some of which is going up in a blaze each day. Much of this waste is caused by farmers who have the mistaken notion that it's a good idea to burn-off fields of tobacco, corn, or cotton stalks.

It's a pretty costly way to clear a field. The farmer who does this not only stands a chance of ruining his and his neighbor's woods, he loses the equivalent of one-half ton of complete fertilizer for every acre of stalks he burns, Andersen emphasizes.

The boll weevil won't be wiped out by the burning. But there's a good chance your woods might be

We hope to direct the attention of all our people to the importance of the soil and the necessity of maintaining its fertility to the end that we in the present and the unborn generations of the future may enjoy an abundant life.

Roosters Have No Place In Modern Poultry Flock

Ninevah Baptist Has Study Course

The Training Union of the Ninevah Church, has completed a study course. The Rev. Otto Parham and Mrs. Parham of Allens Creek, were the teachers of the adult and junior classes. Mrs. Hazel Kelly taught the intermediates. The average attendance was 38.

Pfc. James T. Kelly of the U. S. Army, who has been stationed in Nu-Ulm, Germany, is spending a 30-day furlough with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kelly. He is to return to Germany the 6th of May.

Milk production on farms in North Carolina during October was estimated at 141 million pounds, a record for the month.

Apparently many small poultry flock owners still believe that they need a few roosters to keep their hens company.

But, as much of a shock as this may be to the males, those hens will perform just as well without any love life, according to R. S. Dearstyne of the State College poultry science department.


On a commercial scale, in fact, it's almost a universal practice to exclude males from the flock throughout the entire year. Dearstyne says that the production of infertile eggs has much to commend it as far as the quality of eggs is concerned. The same goes for the large flock or small.

He points out the poultry industry is making a constant effort to increase the consumption of eggs and one egg in a carton showing embryonic development may well take a family of consumers off the egg market.

Dearstyne emphasizes that the small flock owner who markets some eggs will make a real contribution to the "quality egg cause," if he will eliminate the males from his flock.

Reports from North Carolina swine producers indicate that 180,000 sows have been or will be bred for spring farrowing.

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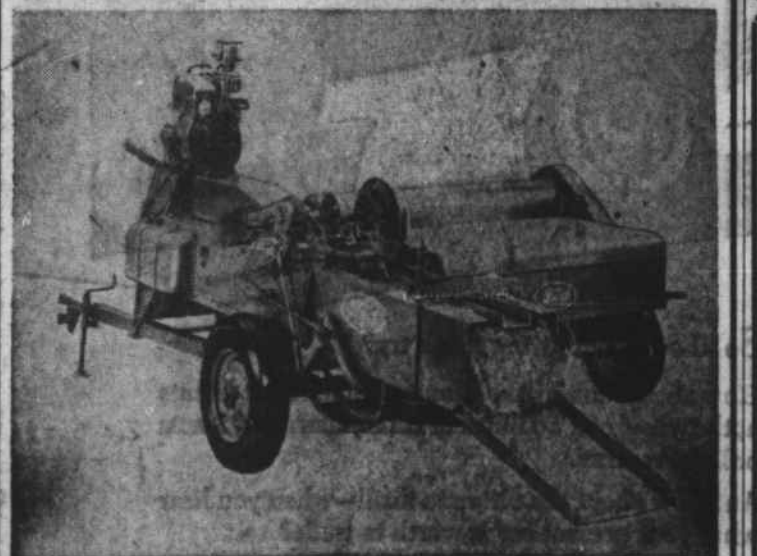


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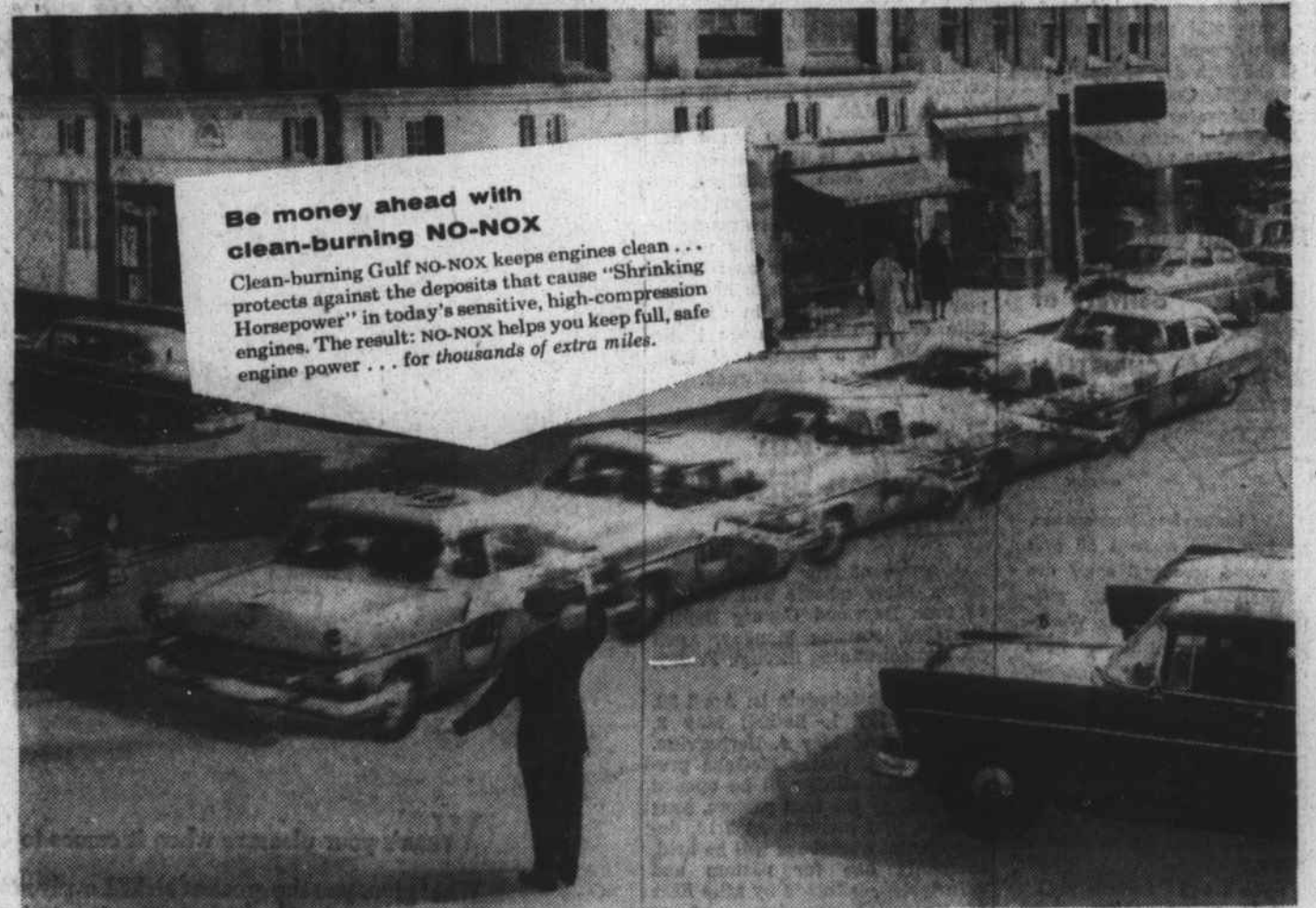


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