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Tips Given On Housing Of Pullets

By THOMAS B. MORRIS

Ask 12 different poultry raisers when they house their pullets, and you will probably get a dozen different answers.

Of course, there is usually the problem as to what to do with the old hens. If the hens are laying well, should they be kept until production slows down before selling them and making room for the pullets?

Perhaps the ideal time to house pullets is when they are well developed and a few days before the flock starts to lay.

Bad habits such as laying on the floor are hard to break, and it can be costly. Therefore, it is a good practice to have the pullets housed by the time they start to lay.

Ready-to-lay pullets are friendly and easy to handle if you treat them gently. Rough handling can injure and upset the birds so



WITHOUT BREAKING his back or the upper leaves from his tobacco, W. C. Hundley rides his low-slung invention through a field, gathering the lower leaves of the plants.

Kentuckian's Gadget Saves Time On Priming Tobacco

By PAUL BECK

PERRYVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A young tobacco farmer's backbreaking job ended when he designed a machine that lets him sit down and work.

Of simple construction, the machine invented by W. C. Hundley, 27, creeps along at about a mile an hour between rows of tobacco. It is steered with the feet.

Hundley, astride a mowing-machine type saddle seat, merely yanks off the lower leaves of tobacco from the stalks on each side as the machine moves between them. These leaves then are stored to cure.

This process is called priming, or the removing of ripe lower leaves which otherwise would be wasted because they dry up and drop off. Priming permits the top leaves to ripen and tends to improve the quality of the leaf later cut and cured.

Not only does the \$150 machine save his sacroiliac, says Hundley, but it also should increase his yield from 500-700 pounds per acre.

"Everyone knows," says Hundley, "that you can't walk through tobacco without breaking off the upper leaves. But with this machine and its low-slung design, it's a cinch."

For years, farmers have been forced to crawl on hands and knees to do the priming, he adds. "I hope my machine will end this back-breaking chore."

Staff members of the Agricultural Marketing Service announce that fluid milk and cream sales to consumers by North Carolina distributors were up approximately eight per cent over the first six months of 1955 and right at 20 per cent above sales for 1954.

Dehorn at about 5 days by applying a thin coating of the paste over each horn button. Keep the calf in an isolated pen and out of wet weather for at least one day following treatment. Ask for it by name... Purina Dehorning Paste.

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THE EXPERIENCE BEHIND 50,000,000 TONS OF CHOWS IS IMPORTANT TO YOU. Last April Purina made its 50 millionth ton of Chows. That's far more than any other feed manufacturer has produced.

Of course, we are happy to have had a part in the distribution of those 50 million tons because we know they helped many of our local folks produce meat, milk and eggs on a highly efficient basis.

That brings us to our point... the important thing about those 50 million tons is the knowledge and "know-how" Purina accumulated through their manufacture. No other feed organization has such broad experience in animal nutrition.

This note is especially for the commercial egg producers in our area. Grading, candling and handling of your eggs often results in a 4 to 8c premium per dozen. Why not go after this extra money?

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5 Points Hazelwood

Francis Cites Need For Expanding Apple Production In This County Haywood Apples

By PINK FRANCIS Haywood Apple Grower

Haywood County has long been known as an apple producing county, and comments have been received from far and wide in regard to the quality of some of the apples produced here.

Many of you folks have been hearing about the recent work that has been done in regard to planning and developing a long-range agricultural program for the purpose of increasing farm income in Haywood County.

In studying our present situation, we found that at the present time we have 74 commercial orchards in Haywood County. We considered a commercial orchard as an orchard with 100 trees (or more). We have 1,260 acres in orchards, with a total of 79,400 trees.

We also found that our total production in 1954 was 287,000 bushels, giving us a gross income of about \$468,000. After studying our situation, the group working on the apple production program came up with a program designed to increase our gross income from apples from the present \$468,000 to \$1,500,000 by 1966.

We also know that at the present time we have a number of potential orchards in the county that are not returning maximum production. By renovating several of these orchards, we should receive a substantial increase in our income, and do this within a short period of time.

We also recommend that the apple producers in the county give serious consideration to the production of more of the red sport varieties. We believe that if all our apple producers will give more thought to varieties, follow the latest recommendations in regard to spraying, and in general follow better orchard management practices such as fertilization, pruning, and



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general care of the orchard, that we have a definite possibility of selling more apples for better prices in Haywood County.

The recommendation has also been made that we give serious consideration to a local market with grading and packing facilities to help us with our marketing program. We must also standardize our pack and do more to advertise Haywood County apples.

Farmers, this is a long-range program—and we realize that it will take time to reach our goals; however, we must make a start and it is important that we start in the right direction. We believe that through the assistance of our Extension Service and through the cooperation of our farmers as well as business and professional people in the county, that we have the possibility of becoming the No. 1 Apple Producing County in North Carolina.

Part of the tobacco crop has been lost in the field in some of the eastern counties where burning space was insufficient to take care of current primings, say officials of the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service.

Grade A milk purchased from producers in North Carolina during the first six months of 1956 was at a record level compared with the same period for previous years, say members of the North Carolina Milk Commission.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Value. Includes Number of commercial orchards (74), Number acres in commercial orchards (1,260), Number trees all ages (79,400), etc.

Carver Is Head Of Farm Bureau Membership Drive

The Haywood County Farm Bureau, attempting to get support of local farmers for its annual fall membership program, will lay the groundwork for its 1957 legislative program this month.

Raymond Caldwell, of Iron Duff, said today that his organization will aim for a record membership enrollment in this year's campaign.

"A record-breaking drive will give us the basis for a successful legislative program in the forthcoming session of the General Assembly," he said.

Caldwell, a farmer and farm supply dealer who is serving his first year as Farm Bureau president, said the county farm organization's board of directors had named John M. Carver to head up the county-wide membership committee.

The board of directors named the following Farm Bureau leaders to the committee: G. C. Palmer of Crabtree; T. Hugh Rogers of Clyde; M. C. Nix of Bethel, and Mrs. O. L. Yates of Iron Duff.

Commenting on the Farm Bureau's legislative program, Caldwell said the Farm Bureau membership could "expect opposition in the legislature, mostly from special interest groups, to many of our Use the Want Ads for results."

Record Turkey Crop Indicated For State

North Carolina farmers are raising an estimated record 1,295,000 turkeys this year. A turkey crop of this size, if realized, would exceed the previous high record set in 1954 of 1,210,000.

The entire increase over last year comes from heavy breeds, since the indicated number of light breeds is also 23 per cent above last year.

Traditional beliefs and principles. "Whether intended or not, such opposition on matters of issue often times has a direct bearing and adverse effect upon farm income," the Farm Bureau leader said.

Commented Caldwell, "The point I want to make is this: It's usually pretty tough when you have to buck a lot of other interests to get beneficial farm legislation passed."

"But it would be a lot easier to write the kind of legislation we need with all farmers behind the program. Actually, we have reached only a small portion of our membership potential in the state. We've got a tremendous challenge to meet if we expect to raise the farm income up to its rightful level."

North Carolina Crop Conditions

CORN Statewide the reported condition of corn showed little change from the previous week. The crop in the mountains is reported as fair to good, with reports of fair condition predominating.

HAY CROPS The condition of current hay crops is reported as mostly fair to good. Here again dry weather in mountain counties has damaged alfalfa, lespedeza, and other hay crops, and the condition of hay.

APPLES The reported condition of apples is about the same as last week, with most reports indicating fair to good condition.

PASTURES Rainfall received during the week ended August 25 gave new life to pastures in some areas, and the improvement in the condition of pastures was reflected in reports for the current week. The condition of pastures statewide is still indicated as mostly fair; however, the percent of reports indicating poor condition decreased from the previous week.

Many home fires are due to overload or short circuits, often between the walls of the home.

NOTICE

APPLE GROWERS WE HAVE A NEW COLD STORAGE HOUSE WHICH HOLDS 9,000 BUSHELS, AND IT WILL BE OPEN BETWEEN SEPT. 15 AND 20. WE WILL HAVE ROOM FOR 2,000 TO 3,000 BUSHELS. THE CHARGE WILL BE 40c PER BUSH UP TO APRIL 15 TO MAY 1. WE ARE LOCATED ABOUT 16 MILES WEST OF WAYNESVILLE.

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