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QUESTION: How soon should lambs be given a grain ration?
ANSWER: Lambs will begin to nibble at hay and grain when they are about two weeks old and should be provided with a good grain mixture from that time until they are ready for market. A good grain ration may be prepared by mixing equal parts by weight, of corn, oats, and wheat bran. The lambs should be kept growing and should have all the feed they will consume, but the trough should be cleaned of all refused feed and trash each day. This will eliminate the possibility of disease from sour feed and foreign matter.

QUESTION: What is the best variety of lespedeza to seed for hay?
ANSWER: Tests conducted in different localities of the State show that the Kobe and Tennessee 76 are the heaviest hay producing varieties. These 22 tests give the Kobe variety an average production of 2,868 pounds and the Tennessee 76 an average of 2,806 pounds. The Common variety was third with an average production of 2,342 lbs. There is little difference between the first two varieties except that the stems and leaves of the Kobe are coarser than either the Tennessee 76 or the Common. The point to be considered would be the cost of the seed and the availability.

QUESTION: How much artificial light should be put in my laying houses?
ANSWER: This depends, of course upon the size of the houses, but where electric lights are used, two 40 watt bulbs should be provided for each 400 square ft. of floor space. The bulbs should be placed in the center of the house ten feet apart and six ft. above the floor. A reflector, sixteen inches in diameter and four inches deep should be used with each light bulb so as to reflect the light to the entire house. When lights are used it is also necessary to increase the grain and mash ration in order to control body weight and allow for the increased egg production. Be sure that the birds go to roost with their crops full of grain as it is important that the body weight be maintained at all times.

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POULTRY SELECTION IS IMPORTANT TASK

SELECTING THE BREED AND VARIETY IS ONE OF IMPORTANT DECISIONS.

North Carolina poultrymen are expected to start approximately 20,000,000 baby chicks this year, according to T. T. Brown, extension poultryman at State College.

Selecting the breed and variety is one of the important decisions which the grower must make. If he wishes to market his birds as meat, he will raise one of the heavier breeds, such as Barred Rocks. Then he can use utility birds, such as Rhode Island Reds, which are good for both egg production and meat.

In a broadcast on the Carolina Farm Features program Friday, January 29, Mr. Brown will give advice on the selection of breeds and varieties. Through this broadcast, he hopes to help growers determine the exact type of poultry which they would like to raise during 1937 if they are not satisfied with their present breed.

The schedule in full for the week of January 25-30 follows: Monday, L. I. Case, "Selling Market Lambs"; Tuesday, L. P. Watson, "Let's Grow Our Own Plants"; Wednesday, Robin M. Williams, "The Future of Farm Tenancy in North Carolina"; Thursday, Home Demonstration Department; Friday, T. T. Brown, "Selecting the Proper Breed and Variety of Poultry"; and Saturday, Forestry Department.

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SEED MAY BE SOWN IN SHALLOW BOXES LATTER PART OF JANUARY

A cold frame will help gardeners get an early start with their early vegetables, said H. R. Niswonger, extension horticulturist at State College.

Seed may be sown in shallow boxes in the house, and after the plants come up they may be transplanted to a cold frame to harden before they are set out in the open garden or field.

Niswonger said cabbage, cauliflower, lettuce, tomato, pepper, eggplant, and other such vegetables may be started this way.

The seed may be sown in the shallow boxes the latter part of January or early in February, he continued.

A cold frame resembles a tobacco seed bed, he said, although the two are not exactly alike.

The wooden frame enclosing the bed should be 15 to 18 inches high along the back and 8 to 10 inches high along the front side. For the average home garden the bed should be 6 feet wide and 24 feet long.

Wires or wooden slats placed across the top of the bed will help hold the cover cloth off the plants. The cloth may be second-hand sash or bleached muslin. Muslin saturated with linseed oil will hold warmth in the bed and shed rain water.

The cold frame should be located in a sunny place, facing the south. Six inches of good loam soil mixed with garden manure should be placed within the frame.

Plants may be transferred from the seed boxes to the frame when they have developed two leaves. Set them two to four inches apart. They may be transplanted to the garden when they begin to crowd or when all danger of frost or freezing is past.

Ventilation should be provided even on cold days. As the weather gets warmer, the cover should be rolled back a little more each day to harden the young plants. They should be watered on mornings when the temperature is rising.

HUTSON WILL ADDRESS CERTIFIED SEED SHOW

BEEN ASKED TO DISCUSS DETAILS 1937 SOIL CONSERVATION PROGRAM

J. B. Hutson, director of the AAA east central region, has accepted an invitation to address the seed exposition and third annual conference of the N. C. Crop Improvement Association, to be held in Goldsboro, February 9 and 10.

He has been asked to discuss details of the 1937 soil-conservation program, said A. D. Stuart, extension seed specialist at State College, who is helping arrange for the exposition.


D. S. Weaver, extension agricultural engineer at the college, is scheduled to speak on rural electrification, Stuart added. Both talks will be delivered Wednesday morning, February 10.

Radio station WPTF, Raleigh, will broadcast part of Wednesday's program from 12:30 to 1:30 p. m. This will include a short address by W. Kerr Scott, State Commissioner of Agriculture, and the announcement of 4-H and vocational student winners in the seed-judging contests.

Tuesday's program will center on the work of the Crop Improvement Association in encouraging

...will be delivered Tuesday by A. D. Stuart, extension agricultural engineer at State College, D. C. Dr. E. Y. Wilcox, director of the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station; and E. Y. Floyd, tobacco specialist at State College. Farmers of the State are invited to enter exhibits of certified and visit the TIMES office.

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