

### Early Planting For Large Grain Yields

Early planting of small grains is one of the most important factors in production, say Extension Agronomists at State College.

With the same land rent, same seed, same fertilizer, and same labor—a delay of about one month in the planting of oats will, on the average, cut yields about one-half.

On many farms time of planting small grains is a farm management problem and until this is worked out, relatively small yields of grain per acre will continue. What about the farmer who says that he cannot plant his small grain until he has finished harvesting cotton? Well, the crop is planted entirely too late for maximum yields.

Here's what happened at Statesville over a period of three years with oats; planting on October 1 gave 61.2 bushels per acre, while planting on November 15 gave 26.4 bushels. All other conditions than date of seeding were exactly the same.

The differences in favor of early planting for wheat and barley were not as large as for oats but still they were considerable and a real factor in determining profits.

Wheat planted on October 15 produced 7.1 more bushels per acre than that planted on November 15. In seeding wheat, it must be remembered that the crop should not be seeded ahead of the Hessian fly-free date.

The yield of barley was increased by approximately one-half by October 1 seeding as compared with November 15 seeding. The gain was 13.6 bushels per acre in favor of early seeding.

tobacco belt. "With the present prices of tobacco and the enormous loss where barns are burned, it seems advisable for us to attempt to get as complete information as possible covering the situation this year.

"We should study types of barns, what kinds of equipment are being used, how the furnaces were constructed and by whom, what was the cause of the fire, how did it occur, and other such factors. We should do everything possible to prevent such large losses as we have experienced this year."

#### CHOICE OF JOB

A farmer was trucking a load of livestock to the market and had a blowout just as he was passing the state insane asylum grounds. As he repaired the tire, two inmates watched him from the other side of the road fence.

"Are you a farmer?" one called to him.

The farmer replied that he was, without looking up from his work.

"Have you ever been crazy?" asked the second inmate.

At that the farmer turned around to face his questioner. "Not that I know of," said he.

"Well," and the second inmate nudged the first, "you better try it, 'cause it's a sight easier than farmin'."

Canning meat in the home is a safe and profitable practice for spreading the meat supply throughout the year, say specialists in food conservation at State College.

### Uncle Sam Says



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### Tobacco Barn Fire Losses Are Studied

Any farmer who lost a tobacco barn by fire this year should report this fact to his county agent or AAA committeeman because a study is being made into the cause of the unusually large number of fires experienced during the past season.

They would like to make a detailed report on the loss, with such information as the type of barn, furnace construction, fuel and heating equipment, how the furnace was constructed, and what caused the fire, if this can be determined.

When all of these reports have been received by the State College Extension Service, they will be thoroughly studied and plans may be worked out to "greatly reduce these losses in the future.

"It is very important that we have all of this information," Director I. O. Schaub said, when he sent a letter to the county agents telling them of the plans for the survey of the entire



Two of the most outstanding demonstrations during the recent 4-H Course at State College were the dairy production demonstration, upper left, and the dairy foods demonstration, upper right. Teams from all sections of North Carolina competed in these events. At lower left, club members are studying the handling and grading of eggs under the direction of Poultry Specialist T. T. Brown. Note the orderly plan of registration and room assignment, lower right.

#### 4-H MEMBERS MEET

### CHOSE FLOWER NAMES

Sapphira Ann, the colored washlady, was very proud of her children, of which she had "raised eight head," as she put it, and all of them were girls. When she was asked one day to give the names of her children, she explained that she had chosen flower names for all of them.

Then she proceeded: "De oldest one is named Gladiola, de nex' one is Pansy, de third one is Heliotrope, de fourth one is Violet, de fifth one is Daisy, de sixth is Petunia, de seventh is Morning Glory, an' de las' one is Artificial."

### STATE COLLEGE ANSWERS TIMELY FARM QUESTIONS

**QUESTION:** What is inflation?

**ANSWER:** When 21 1/2 pounds of bacon at the store cost as much money as the farmer received for a 250-pound hog six years ago, that's inflation. The Farm Management Department of the Extension Service at State College says that now is a good time to pay up all debts and retire mortgages. It's a dangerous time to buy land on a credit or to make any other long-time commitments. Change the old saying, "In time of peace, prepare for war" to read, "In time of inflation, prepare for deflation."

**QUESTION:** Can you give me information on weed and disease control in the tobacco permanent plant bed?

**ANSWER:** The State College Extension Service has just published a small pamphlet, Folder No. 70, that gives this information. It recommends the use of cyanamid and uramon and gives full instructions for its use. The chemicals must be applied 90 days before the bed is sown, or some time in October. Farmers with stiff clay soils in the Piedmont and dark, organic soils in Eastern Carolina should test the plan before attempting to put it into effect on a wide scale. Just write the Agricultural Editor, State College, Raleigh, for a free copy of the folder.

**QUESTION:** It is true that 3 bushels of green sweet potatoes are equal to 1 bushel of corn in feeding value?

**ANSWER:** Yes. When you dehydrate 3 bushels of yams, you get the feed equivalent of one bushel of corn, according to J. Y. Lassiter, Extension horticulturist at State College. He predicts that there will be small processing plants in all the major sweet potato areas in the near future. The smallest of these plants can take care of the culls from 300 to 500 acres, and turn them into valuable feed for dairy cows and poultry. The vines can also be processed into hay, 1 1/2 tons of which is equivalent to 1 ton of alfalfa hay.

Towns and rural areas in many counties are cooperating in rat eradication campaigns. A rat killed is \$2.00 saved.

#### NOTICE OF RESALE

Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court in the ex-parte proceeding entitled, "In the matter of Annie Earlene Evans, and husband G. L. Evans, and Johnnie Edmond Edwards, Jr., a minor by J. M. Horton, next friend," the undersigned Commissioner will on Saturday, September 28th, 1946, at 12 o'clock Noon, at the Courthouse door in Greenville, North Carolina, offer for re-sale to the highest bidder for CASH, (bidding to begin at \$1680.00), the following described real estate:

Beginning at the intersection of Smith and Jefferson Streets and running in a Northerly direction 128 feet to Frank Lewis line; thence with said Frank Lewis line in a Westerly direction 180 feet to John Bell line, thence by a Southerly direction with the said John Bell's line 123 feet to Smith Street, thence in an Easterly direction with the said Smith Street 150 feet to the beginning. The same being the identical land conveyed to L. E. Fountain, by G. W. Jefferson, and others, by deed recorded March 17th, 1919, in Pitt County Registry. Being the identical tract of land conveyed by L. E. Fountain to J. A. Edwards, by deed dated September 15th, 1936, and recorded in Registry of Pitt County.

This the 12th day of September, 1946.

JOHN HILL PATLOR,  
Commissioner.

### Rod and Gun

For fishermen... A pick-up in good fishing news, after a slackening off early in the month, is the word for anglers this week.

A big boom is reported from Pisgah National Forest Reserve. Forest Ranger W. W. Huber announces that the 1946 season already has produced new records. Within two months of the opening, Huber said, 5,132 fishermen went into the streams of the area and took 23,112 fish. During the entire season last year, the totals were 5,092 fishermen and about 23,000 fish. Last year was the best since 1941, when 18,000 were hooked.

In Wake county, fishermen are doing well at Lake Johnson, Sunset Lake, and Beal Johnson's lake in the southern part of the county. A number of bass are being taken at Lake Johnson. Protector B. D. Perry says, and many crappie and white perch from the other two spots.

They can't get that smile off the face of Ben Perron of Morgantown—because he can't forget that 8-pound large mouth bass he took at the mouth of McCalliard's Creek. He used a plain fishing pole and a size three hook. Perron's was that section's second big catch of the year. The other was Lawrence Beach's nine-pound, six-ounce large mouth taken at Fox Den near McCalliard.

Protector Rufus E. Rateliff reports a spurt in Sherwood Forest, with most anglers catching their limit. Rainbows make up about half of the catch, he says.

Fishermen who have been going after rock in Scuppernon River are having good days, according to information from that section. Sportmen also are tuning in for word from Alligator River, where it's approaching the time for news that rock are striking too.

On the coast... They are still catching them big at Topsail. A Wilmington party including Wylie Baker, Bill Gullledge, H. F. Jones, and Louis Keith did very well with channel bass the other day. Largest of their catch of six was a 30-pounder caught by Baker.

Jack Cowie of Wilmington reports pier fishing is holding up, with catches of mullet, black drum, and blues being taken by local fishermen and tourists. Cowie also has a report from Tom Ames of Wrightsville that 61 blues were included in a catch by a party he took out to the rocks, and that mackerel are beginning to move in; word from George Clark that drum are beginning to hit Masonboro Sound; news of a catch of 123 sheephead one day at Fort Fisher; and a report from Capt. Victor P. Vance of Southport of a heavy catch of jumbo blues, many fine catches of amberjack, dolphin, and barracuda, by parties going to the Gulf Stream.

Beaufort reports the taking of the first tarpon of the season—by a menhaden boat. The five-foot, 85-pounder became fouled up in the purse seine of Joe Buttrey's boat, and the skipper was able to get it aboard. The tarpon was taken in the ocean off Salter Bath Village on Sassa Banks.

Nine amberjack averaging 30 pounds each and two dolphins were taken by Tom Fulton, J. R. Dewsett, Don Elliott, and Frank Yerke, all of Greensboro, and John C. Fulton of Winston-Salem while trolling in the Gulf Stream.

The more outrageous the prices the less usually is a focus.

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