

Of Interest to Farmers

Sleeping Sickness.

Farmers are urged to be on their guard against sleeping sickness among horses and mules. It is believed that biting insects carry the disease, says C. D. Grinnells of N. C. State College.

Terracing.

Roy D. Jones of Bullock figures that the \$200 he spent in terracing has increased the value of his farm by \$3,000.00, says W. B. Jones, assistant farm agent of Granville County.

State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

Q: How can I best control horn worms on my tobacco?

A: Spraying with arsenate of lead is the most satisfactory method of control. It may also be applied as a dust but most tobacco growers prefer to apply it as a spray by means of a horse-drawn sprayer. The spray is composed of from two to four pounds of arsenate of lead to fifty gallons of water, which will spray about one acre. Sometimes it is necessary to make two or three applications.

Q: What is the best soil type for sweet potatoes?

A: Sweet potatoes should be grown on sands or sandy loams, because these soils produce potatoes of the finest quality, says Dr. E. R. Collins, Extension Agronomy Specialist at N. C. State College. Heavy soils, dark soils, and rich garden soils produce potatoes of poor market quality. When the crop is grown on sandy soils it is less affected by diseases in storage, especially surface rot. In the new list of fertilizer grades, 3-9-9 at about 1,000 pounds per acre is recommended.

Q: How can I keep up egg production from my flock in hot weather?

A: R. S. Dearstyne, head of the Poultry Department at State College says to open up the laying house windows and ventilators on front and back as well as on the ends and keep the house cool. Feed a moist mash at noon, regularly, as soon as weather gets hot. Cull every week, removing all the birds that are out of production and those that go broody more than once.

State College Hints for Farm Homemakers

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If shoes are "tired" or stuffed with paper wads at night to preserve their shape, polished regularly to save the leather, and taken to the shoemaker for repair before they are "too far gone", they will not only last longer but also look far better.

Summer brings a word of warning on moth protection for winter woolens, coats, sweaters, suits, dresses, blankets, rugs and upholstery. This task should be carefully done before the moth begins to lay her eggs.

Good Care for Wool: Keep it clean. When wool gathers much soil, it is harder to bring back that spick-and-span look. Perspiration weakens wool. Grit cuts it. Spots are moth bait.

Give it the air. A gentle airing blows stale odors away and lifts matted nap. Sun baths root moths from wool but take care lest colors fade.

Mend it in time. Tiny holes deserve careful mending and are easier to hide than big holes. If a thin place is reinforced it may never break through.

Don't shock it. Wool can't stand sharp temperature changes. A plunge into hot water shrinks the fibers and mats them. Drying in cold blasts of air or by a hot stove shrinks and hardens the fabric. Once the comforting softness is gone, it's gone.

Protect it from pests. There are likely to be some clothes moths or carpet beetles in almost any home, at any time of the year. Keep them down and out.

When you take good care of wool things, you benefit three ways. The wool keeps its fresh, flaxy look. It holds its friendly warmth. It gives longer wear.

4-H Contest.

The National 4-H Leadership Contest will be held again this year and L. R. Harrill, State Club Leader at N. C. State College, asks all club members to take part in the contest.

PECTIN

Pectin, used by home jelly and jam makers, has doubled in output. It is also used by the confection, baking, and food dehydration industries, and in certain medicines.

Howard Baucom, a student at Pennsylvania State College of Optometry, Philadelphia, came home last week to attend the senior class graduating exercises at the Hoke High School, of which class his sister Gladys was a member. He returned to Philadelphia Friday night to resume his studies.

Beef Cattle Win Fight Against Bowl Weevils

At Enterprise, Alabama, cotton growers erected a monument to the boll weevil but here in North Carolina, E. L. Ward of Edenton has built a fine herd of commercial beef cattle on a practical basis which any grower can follow, says L. I. Case, Extension Animal Husbandry Specialist at N. C. State College.

About ten years ago, according to the beef cattle specialist, the boll weevil caused Ward such losses that he decided to alter his farming practices and put in some beef cattle. Ward bought a few scrub cows, costing from \$15.00 to \$25.00 per head, and mated them to a purebred Hertford bull. Soon his pasture was full of "White-faced" calves and each year he kept the best heifers for breeding.

Today Ward has 40 Hertford cows and 25 head of yearlings. He practices systematized breeding and his entire calf crop is dropped during the months of March and April. He grows a large acreage of temporary, grazing crops for both the winter and the summer, and this practice helps to keep his feed costs at a low level.

When Extension Specialists visited the Ward farm recently, they found the cows and calves grazing on oats and crimson clover and the yearlings were running on about 50 acres of crimson clover which was around four inches high. The cattle had access to all the hay they wanted and they were getting only a small amount of grain.

The cattle came through the winter in excellent condition and they have enough temporary grazing crops to carry them until the time when the permanent pastures are lush. Then, later on there will be lespedeza and soybeans for the cows when the pastures become short again. As Case says, "An abundance of feed is the secret of the beef cattle business."

Poultry.

On account of the feed shortage, Prof. Roy S. Dearstyne of N. C. State College urges that laying flocks be culled closely.

Combine.

Now is the time to take the combine out of storage and give it a pre-harvest check, says J. D. Bickle, Agricultural Engineering Extension Specialist at N. C. State College.

HOGS

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics has advised hog producers not to increase breeding for the 1943 fall pig crop more than 15 per cent over the number of fall pigs raised in 1942.

BROILERS

The War Food Administration has advised poultrymen not to make any further expansions in commercial broiler production. The nation's feed resources, particularly the proteins, must be conserved.

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