

### State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

Q. What is being done to straighten out hog prices?

A. Farmers have asked that support prices on hogs be established to include weights of 160 to 200 pounds as well as the present weights of 200 to 270 pounds, says H. L. Meacham, marketing specialist. Growers claim that Baltimore, one of their main markets, prefers light weight hogs, which are now being heavily discounted. They cannot understand this situation because experience shows that much feed can be saved by feeding animals to lower weights. The price on 200 to 270 pound hogs has recently dropped 20 cents per hundred weight. On the other hand, lighter weight hogs have been penalized as much as \$1.55 per hundred weight. North Carolina farmers have also asked that the penalty on soft and oily hogs be reduced.

Q. I have been getting my cured meat too salty. How can I do to get just the right amount of salt?

A. Ellis Vestal, swine specialist suggests that you use a mixture of 8 pounds of salt, 3 pounds of sugar, and 3 ounces of saltpeter per 100 pounds of meat. It should be cured for four to six weeks, depending on the size of the pieces to be cured. He also suggests that cuts be made smooth, as rough and ragged cuts cannot be properly wrapped for future storage and skipper prevention. Growers who wish information on butchering, cutting and curing pork should write for a free copy of Extension Circular No. 262 to the Agricultural Editor, State

### Soil Preparation Prime Factor In Kudzu Cultivation

Farmers who have been most successful in establishing kudzu have found that thorough land preparation well in advance of planting helpful to get good stands, says J. C. Hutchison, assistant soil conservationist of the Pee Dee-Cape Fear soil conservation district.

Land prepared in the winter was well settled when the plants were set, out, an important factor in getting good results with this fast-growing plant.

In preparing land the conservationist recommends plowing deep furrows 25 feet apart and applying one to two tons of manure and 200 pounds of superphosphate per acre in the furrows. Then throw additional furrows to the row to form a broad, flat bed, approximately 10 feet wide, and allow to settle until planting time.

If the beds have not settled sufficiently by planting time, it will be necessary to harrow, roll, or otherwise firm the ground to produce a firm bed. Plants set out in loose, fresh soil, often dry out and die.

With an ever increasing emphasis on the production of feed crops, the demand for kudzu planting stock is very large. The supply of plants are limited therefore it is important to take every precaution to see that plants set out in the spring survive.

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Q. Where can I get some help in determining what trees should be cut for pulpwood?

A. See your county agent. If your problem requires the services of a forester, he will give advice. Cutting pulpwood at this time is a very real contribution to the war effort.

## AMERICAN HEROES

BY LEFF



On the far side of a knoll exposed to enemy guns in the Solomons, one of Pfc. Rondell Lyons' comrades was wounded. Marine Private Lyons brought him in. Another man was hit. Lyons brought him, too, to safety. The injured men were thirsty. But all canteens were empty, and the Japs had the only water hole covered. Lyons went out in the face of continuous Jap fire and brought back water for his comrades. For this he wears the Silver Star. He risked his life for his fellows. The least we can do is buy more War Bonds for them.

U. S. Treasury Department

### Treat And Re-Gin Your Cotton Seed For Best Planting

Cotton growers, who wish to improve their chances of getting a full stand of cotton next spring, should plan to treat their seed with cerasan and have them re-ginned, or delinted, recommends C. L. McCaslan, State College Extension cotton gin specialist.

Farmers have found years of experience that the treatment of cotton seed allows them to plant the crop slightly earlier than usual, and that seed treatment gives them relatively better stands under adverse weather conditions. When all conditions are favorable for the germination of cotton seed, the good results of seed treatment are not so marked.

"With re-ginned cotton seed, there is not only quicker germination but also a gain in cotton linters, which are needed in the war effort. Many of the large cotton breeders are now having all of their seed delinted so that the growers who use them may get an earlier stand", McCaslan says.

Under boll weevil conditions, growers have realized that a good stand of early cotton plays a big part in the success of the crop. With a full crop of fruit set early in the season, boll weevil control measures pay larger than average dividends.

All materials for seed treatment and for insect control should be ordered as early as possible to avoid manpower and transportation difficulties. Early deliveries by distributors and dealers to consumers is also needed.

### Dehydrated Sweet Potatoes Now Go To Battle Areas

7.5 Pounds Will Serve One Hundred Men At A Meal.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 29.—The southeastern states, principally Georgia, Florida, Tennessee and Mississippi, are supplying the sweet potatoes for the Army's vast vegetable dehydration program, says reports at the Quartermasters Branch, Fourth Service Com-

mand.

In the comparatively short space of 18 months the Army's dehydrated vegetable purchases have caused that industry to expand from a few plants on the Pacific coast to some 200 plants located in nearly every state in the country and practically all their output is sold to the Army for shipment overseas, the report shows. Shipment of dehydrated foods, it is explained, saves valuable cargo space, tin and other packaging material.

Sweet potatoes, the south's principal contribution to the big program, are cut into strips, slices or 3.8-inch cubes to start through the dehydrating process and moisture of seven per cent is allowed in the finished product. A package of 7.5 pounds of dehydrated sweet potatoes will serve 100 soldiers. Producers sell through regular market channels to the dehydrating plants whose products are bought by the Army.

The dehydrated vegetables, Quartermaster officers declare, are rich in nutritional value and to make the servings tasty, special courses in their preparation are given students at the Army's bakers and cooks schools.

#### Eggs

The Shell Egg Advisory Committee has requested the War Production Board to speed the manufacture of 20 to 22 million fiber cases for shipping the record egg crop of 1944.

#### Proteins

It is reported that British interests are paying more for bone materials, tankage and other sources of proteins for feedstuffs in South America than U. S. interests can afford to pay under price ceilings.

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#### Cotton Seed

Cotton growers are planning to plant more reginned or delinted seed than usual next year in an effort to get better stands. Some of the seed breeders are reginning all of their seed.

Crop production in the United States in 1943 was 6 per cent less than in 1942 but nearly 5 per cent more

than in any previous season.

"Yes, sir, I believe that big wars often are caused by the smallest matters," ruminated Old Man Jones. "Why, just the other night my wife was working a cross-word puzzle, and she looked up at me and said, 'What is a female sheep?' and I replied, 'Ewe,' and there was another big war on."



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