AGRICULTURE:

Tips for catching-up and manicuring the summer garden

and zennia seeds. They are handy for transplanting in bare places in the late summer



 Abelias are too often sheared into giant balls. Tsk, tsk. Leave them alone and they will flower longer if you just clip branches individually when they get out of

•Fertilize and mulch lily-ofthe-valley. Apply ½ cup 5-10-10 to each square yard.

*Treat metal lawn furniture with a rust-resistant compound and paint.

.Stake lilies and chyrsanthemums against the

 Pinch chrysanthemums back before July 1 for bushiness and better flower production.

·Make sure azaleas are mulched against heat and wind. Pruning must be finished by July

*Plant some sempervivums, or hens and chickens, in a strawberry jar. Give them a sunny location and gritty soil. Write Rocknoll Nursery, 9210 U. S. 50, Hillsboro, Ohio, 45133 for a catalog. Enclose 40-cents.

 Examine hollyhocks for rust and apply a fungicide containing ferbam and zineb.

*Asparagus should not be cut

who did sign up had already

reduced their production prior to

the program. In the rest of the

Southeast the sign-up was higher

than in any part of the country.

This, plus high feed costs and low

milk prices, is expected to cause

tight milk supplies in the

Southeast by the fall of this year.

Dairy Support Program

stipulates that all producers,

effective May 1, be assessed 15-

cents per hundredweight for a

national dairy promotion

program. Any dairyman

contributing to another qualified

promotion program can review

up to 10-cents per hundredweight

as credit toward the 15-cent

assessment. This means an extra

five-cents deducted from the

dairyman's cash flow, but

hopefully the promotion program

will be successful in increasing

The dairy program, which is

due to expire next year, was

supported primarily by large

midwest dairy cooperatives

whose members stand to gain

from the \$10.00 program at the

expense of dairy farmers in

North Carolina and the

consumption.

Southeast.

Another part of the National

much longer. Dress the bed well with a balanced fertilizer and mulch thoroughly.

Brown patches in the lawn should be treated with a fungicide such as Daconil 2787, Fersan 1991 and Tersan LSR. You are expected to be able to ask for these at your local nursery without referring to

Brown patches can be reduced

watering and withholding nitrogen.

•Webworms live in silk lined tunnels near the surface of grass. Treat with Diazinon, such as Spectricide, Dursban, Prozol.

•Place artemesia on closet shelves for prevention of moth

•When stung by an insect, rub parsley on your skin. Put the

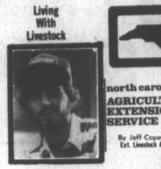
by frequent mowing, thorough juice of onions or savory leaves on bee stings.

•Enjoy wild flowers now blooming afield-Queen Anne's lace, blackberries, trumpet vines, silky asters, butterfly weed, and mullein, that fuzzy looking gray plant with spikes of yellow or white flowers. William Lanier Hunt notes that before the advent of modern cosmetics, young ladies, just as their beaux were about to arrive, used to rub the fuzzy and prickly leaves over their faces to give them col Sounds just like your typical adolescent masochist doesn't it?

·Finally, considering the weird weather over the last 12 months, a joint announcement has been made by Joe Folkes, Gordan Barnes, Allen Archer, Don Slater and Steve Baskerville: You may now remove snow tires.

Tips for more profitable livestock

For this week's column, a quick note or two regarding four types of livestock.



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Beef Cattle: Producers should consider planting a summer annual for supplemental grazing. Pearl millet is one good choice, without the worry of prussic acid poisoning, and it furnished grazing till frost. Reports of three cows/calves per acre on pearl is not uncommon during a favorable growing season.

If you have not planned for fly control this year it's not too late to try insecticide impregnated ear tags. Most county producers who try them are very satisfied.

Swine: Help for producers wanting to get better control on mange is now available. A new product available through your veterinarian can be used as an effective mange and louse control aid and also a wormer in one easy injection. Producers on spray programs for mites and lice will have better results if they use high pressure, being careful to cover the entire hog and spray on 10 to 14 day intervals.

Super sows are on every farm. She is the one who always weans off the biggest, fastest growing

pigs and returns to heat and breeds on time. They have them, but many farmers can not distinguish them from the other sows in a dry lot. Why not make it a point to identify your best sows and breed them to a white-line boar (i.e., chester white, yorkshire, landrace, etc.) to breed the rest of the sow herd; and produce fast gaining, growthy pigs. (This idea is much better than just going out to the feed floor and pulling the best doing gilts out, not knowing

anything else about them.) Sheep: Consider weaning lambs nursing ewes as soon as possible to promote the chance of having ewes breed back earlier. Early born lambs are when the money is in sheep. The 1984 Wool Pool for the Northeastern District will again be hosted by Perquimans County at Herford Supply Company on Thursday, June 21 from 8-11 a.m. The best grade of wool, (clear) is a fraction over 80-cents this year. Producers need to take steps to insure as marketable a product as possible. Avoid using plastic feed bags, staples and wire.

Poultry: When the weather gets really hot, there is a tendency to lower the curtains and leave them down until fall. And along comes a perfect nesting place for mice and moisture to accumulate. The moisture not only helps rot the curtain, but also provides a place for mosquitoes to breed.

Since it costs around four or five hundred dollars to replace a curtain on one side of a 400 ft. chicken house, a little time spent once a week raising and lowering curtains is time well spent.

The threat of avian influenza is

Virginia. This threat is important to everyone from the small backyard flock owners and especially to the grower contractors. Strict isolation of your flocks from anything that moves is a good rule. Wild fowl

still near North Carolina. A form

of this flu is infecting poultry in

Southwestern Pennsylvania, and

the Shenandoah Valley of

such as doves, pigeons, and ducks; dogs and cats; trucks, and even people can spread this and other diseases.

Thanks to the voters of Perguimans County who supported Rufus Edmisten in the Democratic primary. Your continued support in the November election will be appreciated.

A special thanks to those who telephoned and transported voters to the

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June is Dairy Month

BY JOHN SLEDGE N.C.Farm Bureau Federation June is Dairy Month, and throughout the Southeast the celebration will take place under the theme, "Milk's Got More!"

Since 1937 consumers have paid special tribute to dairy farm families during June for their unique contributions to our nation's health. Although milk production and promotion take place all year long, June has been designated as a special month-long salute to the people and industry who provide consumers with their daily needs of high quality, nutritious milk and milk products.

June Dairy Month in 1984 takes a special significance because of the continuing problem of surplus milk throughout the country.

Unfortunately, the "solution" to the problem has become part of the problem affecting the dairy industry in North Carolina and the Southeast. This so-called "solution" is the National Dairy Price Support Program enacted last year.

This legislation was opposed by a majority of dairy farmers in this state mainly because it still assesses all dairymen 50-cents per hundredweight on all production through March 1985. This assessment is being used to offset some of the USDA's cost of the program which pays \$10.00 per hundredweight to dairy farmers for not producing certain volumes of milk.

As it turned out, only 20 percent of dairymen, nationally, and 16 percent in North Carolina, signed up to participate in the diversion program which was designed to help eliminate the surplus milk problem. However, with such a small sign-up, the program will have relatively little impact on the surplus situation especially since many



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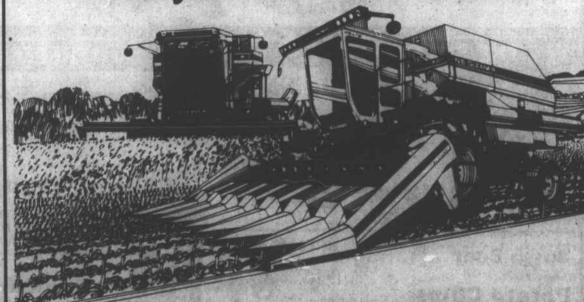


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