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FISHING LINES NEARLY A MILE LONG ARE USED BY FISHERMEN OF MADAGA, PORTUGAL TO CATCH "ESPADAS" THAT SWIM 4,000 FEET BELOW!

INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH HAS DEVELOPED A NEW TYPE GLASS TO WHICH ES OF NAIRS TO BE GIVEN

FOR DEFENSE—INDUSTRY HAS INCREASED ITS SMOKELESS POWDER PRODUCTION RATE 1000 PER CENT IN A SINGLE YEAR!

GROWTH OF THE U.S. AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY HAS BEEN TENFOLD IN THE FIRST 30 MONTHS, COMPARED TO SEVENFOLD INCREASE IN SHIPBUILDING DURING THE ENTIRE WORLD WAR

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT A BEE TO MAKE A POUND OF HONEY BY ITSELF WOULD HAVE TO VISIT 62,000 FLOWERS, AND MAKE 2,750,000 TRIPS!

Farm Price of Cotton Is Not Retail Price Factor

The improved farm prices of cotton in the past several months may not be considered determining factors in the relatively increased prices of finished cotton goods says E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer at State College.

"Rather," Floyd reports, "the increased SPREAD of profit to the cotton manufacturer has been tagged as responsible for the rapid increase in the price of cotton products."

"While the farm price of cotton was moving up three cents a pound between June, 1940, and June, 1941 mill margins for cotton manufacture were moving up 11 cents a pound. Last May, when a consumer bought an ordinary dollar cotton shirt, he paid less than nine cents to the farmer who spent a whole year in producing the cotton that went to make the shirt—less than the laundry price for washing the garment once."

This year, for the first time in the history of the nation's oldest "money crop," the farmer has a government guaranteed price for cotton under the AAA plan program. The guaranteed price to the farmer, with loans at 85 percent of the parity price, is 13.43 cents a pound for 1941 cotton, Floyd says.

The same labor employed in cotton manufacturing plants produced 110.7 percent more cotton goods in March of this year than for the average month in 1940, Floyd adds.

"On the basis of the consumer cost of the finished cotton article in March of this year, the farm price of the lint used would have been 19 cents a pound, whereas, it was actually several cents a pound lower."

"So, it is easy to see, the AAA leader concludes, "that the farm price of cotton is not pushing up the retail cost."

More Growers Turn To Barley For Feed

Barley, often referred to as "winter corn" is becoming increasingly popular as a feed grain among North Carolina farmers, says E. C. Blair, extension agronomist of N. C. State College.

This is especially true in areas where it is desirable to substitute soil-conserving for row crops and where it is necessary at the same time to maintain the supply of feed grains.

The two bearded strains of barley, Davidson and Randolph, which were released to farmers on a trial basis in 1938, have shown up exceptionally well. At the Piedmont Branch near Statesville relatively high yields have been secured.

During a nine year test, these two strains outyielded Tennessee Winter, the standard bearded barley in the region, with average yields as follows: Tennessee Winter 33.8 bushels to the acre; Randolph 38 bushels; and Davidson, 40.6 bushels. This represents a percentage increase for Davidson of 20.8.

Blair said the first hooded strains of barley distributed in the fall of last year, Hooded selected 23, named Iredell, has produced more grain than has Tennessee No. 6 Hood in seven of the nine years it has been in nursery trials. On the basis of average yields, Iredell has outyielded Tenn. No. 6 33.4 bushels to 28.8. The new selection will be used primarily as a forage barley.

In addition to their yielding ability, another reason for the growing popularity of two of these barleys is their resistance to smut. Iredell and Davidson have been found highly resistant to brown loose smut collected locally, as well as to several races of black loose and covered smut.

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Most Cabarrus County poultrymen keeping demonstration flock records will have more pullets to put in their laying houses this fall reports W. H. Williams, assistant farm agent.

Corn projects conducted by Martin County 4-H Club boys will probably make record yields this year, reports A. L. Eagles, assistant farm agent of the N. C. State College Extension Service.

Better Chicks Mean More Eggs In Basket

Here's a tip from C. J. Maupin, extension poultryman of N. C. State College, to the poultry grower interested in increasing his egg production: Buy only certified chicks sired by pedigreed cockerels.

The grower following this advice would boost his average flock production by 25 or more eggs per hen annually. Then, too, the general use of such chicks in maintaining the laying flock, together with good feeding, care, and management, would provide several billion additional eggs a year for national defense needs.

To qualify for U. S. Record of Performance rating under the National Poultry Improvement Plan, cockerels must be from hens laying more than 200 eggs a year. The NPIP is cooperative effort to improve poultry flocks.

Because the sire and dam are equally responsible for the level of production in the offspring, Maupin predicts ROP cockerels, or males of equally good pedigree, used in the average poultry flock, would raise the State's average annual production of 85 eggs per hen to 110 or more.

This increase, the specialist explained, is midway between average farm flock production and the production of pullet flocks from which hens are selected to produce ROP cockerels.

One way to make certain that chicks purchased are sired by N. C. ROP males is to get them from Certified or Verified hatcheries. County agents have available lists containing the names of these approved hatcheries.

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