

State College Experts Look At 1959 Tobacco Situation

In recent weeks North Carolina tobacco growers have shown increasing concern for the future of their crop. Anxious to supply the demands of all segments of the tobacco trade, more and more farmers are re-examining varieties that are available for 1959.

Some farmers are finding themselves in a tough spot, however. They want to grow an "old-line" variety of tobacco, but in many cases certain diseases in their soil make this impossible.

For the growers who find themselves in this predicament, Roy

Bennett, tobacco specialist for the N. C. Agriculture Extension Service, raises the following point for consideration:

Why not plant part of the crop in a disease-resistant variety which has "old-line" characteristics, and part of the crop in a disease resistant variety which does not have "old-line" characteristics?

This would be particularly feasible, Bennett said, where a tobacco farm is tended by two or more tenants, or where a farmer has tobacco in two or more tracts.

Disease resistant varieties that are similar in many respects to the so-called "old-line" varieties are Coker 156, S. C. 58, Oxford 1-181, Vesta 5, and Buyers' Choice. The leaf type of N.C. 73 is similar to some of the "old-line" varieties.

Plant pathologists report that Coker 156, S. C. 58 and N. C. 73 have high levels of resistance to Black Shank. Oxford 1-181 is moderately resistant to Black Shank, while Vesta 5 and Buyers' Choice have low levels of Black Shank resistance. In addition, N. C. 73 has moderate resistance to Fusarium Wilt.

In some cases, where a suitable long rotation has been practiced and Black Shank is not too much of a problem, a variety with low level of resistance may be used. However, in the Black Shank "hot spots," a highly resistant variety, such as Coker 156, S. C. 58 and N.

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C. 73 would be required. The group of tobaccos listed by Bennett as having some of the "old-line" characteristics all have fairly pointed leaves, with considerable body. The chemical composition of these tobaccos is generally within the usable range, and their flavor and aroma ranges from medium to

full. As far as yields are concerned, Coker 156, S. C. 58, Buyers' Choice and N. C. 73 fall in the moderate yield range. Vesta 5 is a medium-high yielder, while Oxford 1-181 is a low yielder.

For any farmer planning to switch to a new or different variety for 1959, Bennett has a word of caution:

"Go slow," he said, "on any new variety. Learn how to handle it, and know that the new variety has good acceptability in the trade before going all out."

ROMANTIC APPEAL GONE

Budapest — Sailing on the Danube is hardly as romantic as the songs would have you believe—if you set out from Communist Romania.

Under a new government decree, anything traveling on the river outside of a regular passenger boat must give the Ministry of Interior 30 days' advance notice of a planned trip and list all aboard and intended stops.

CARRIED AWAY

People with too vivid an imagination are more dangerous than those with a little learning.

1959 Recommendations for Fertilizers Are Now Ready

The N. C. Agricultural Extension Service has published its fertilizer recommendations for 1959 crops.

Copies of the recommendations may be obtained from county agents, or by writing to the Division of Agricultural Information at N. C. State college.

With one exception, the 1959 recommendations are the same as the recommendations for 1958 crops. The exception reads as follows: "For soils fumigated to control nematodes, the fertilizer for flue-cured tobacco should contain at least 25 per cent of the total nitrogen in the nitrate form."

In previous years, it was believed that one form of nitrogen was good as another for tobacco. However, recent studies have shown that, where land has been fumigated, flue-cured tobacco needed at least one-fourth of its nitrogen in nitrate form.

By applying a portion of the nitrogen in nitrate form, scientists for the N. C. Agriculture Experiment Station have been able to increase tobacco yields by 10 to 20 per cent.

The fertilizer recommendations for 1959 cover about every crop grown in North Carolina. They also include lawns and ornamentals.

Soil tests are the best way to find out what fertilizer is needed. If

soil test results are not available, however, then the Extension recommendations are the next best thing a farmer can use.

The Extension recommendations are based on years of study of average crop conditions.

SPACE AGE

Malibu, Calif.—Sheriff's officers here logged something new in the way of travel hazards recently; a collision involving a horse and an airplane.

Robert Goodyear, 49, glided in for a landing in an open field after his light plane ran out of gas. A horse galloped into the craft's path and they collided.

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