

# North Carolina Farm Owners Can Grow Trees Fast, Cheap

There's an encouraging future for Tar Heel tree planters when they can grow pine pupwood in one-third the time and at one-half the initial cost of their Canadian competitors.

And North Carolina woodland owners can do just that, says W. M. Stanton, forestry management specialist for the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service.

To prove his point, Stanton made the following comparison between the tree planting program of the State of North Carolina and the Province of Ontario in Canada:

In Ontario the government grows eight million young trees each year. They are mostly jack, Scotch, red

and white pines.

The seedlings are made available to farmers and landowners at a below-cost charge of one cent each. They are 12 to 18 inches high when sold, and three to four years old.

By contrast the State of North Carolina produces 100 million seedlings each year. Ninety per cent of

the seedlings need only one growing season before planting. They are sold for less than one-half cent each.

"What makes the comparison interesting," Stanton concluded, "is that one of the end products of the plantings—pine pulp—is in direct competition on the world market."

## Dairymen Should Check Cost Of Proteins, Need for Them

It's that time of year again. Dairymen are changing from pasture to barn feeding. And in many cases they'll find that producing milk is more expensive—they're making less money per 100 pounds of milk produced.

It doesn't have to be that way every year. But it takes a good job of selecting your grain mixture in accordance with the quality of hay you're feeding, says R. L. Wynn, Negro dairy specialist for the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service.

Wynn says you should determine the amount of protein needed in concentrates and then get it from the cheapest source.

Dairymen will find it necessary to feed some grain. In an effort to bring the protein level of the grain up to take care of the roughage deficiency, some type of protein supplement is usually purchased to go into the concentrate mixture.

When buying protein for dairy

cattle, the price per pound of protein is the most important thing to consider. The bacteria in the cow's rumen can break down protein in low-cost feed just as well as in expensive feeds.

To find the price that you are paying per pound for protein, first divide the cost per 100 pounds of feed by the percentage of protein content stated on the label. The price of protein in cottonseed meal and soybean meal right now is running approximately the same—about 9 to 10 cents per pound on most markets. Linseed meal is about 15 cents per pound.

There are some commercial protein supplements on the market containing 32 to 34 per cent protein. These supplements are being offered to farmers at between \$5 and \$7.50 per 100 pounds. That is about 15 to 22 cents per pound of protein, compared with approximately 10 cents in soybean and cottonseed meal.

## Homemaker's Corner

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INVITATION TO A DELICIOUS DESSERT

milk. Simmer until mixture coats a spoon, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat. Stir in rice. Chill till slightly thickened. Fold in flavoring and whipped evaporated milk. Fill a 6-cup mold with rice mixture making 2 layers of crushed macaroons (reserve a few for top). Chill until set. Unmold and sprinkle top with remaining macaroon crumbs. Yield: about 10 servings.

One of the most pleasing ways to start an evening, both for hostess and guest, is with dessert and coffee. The hostess will delight that all her preparation can be done well in advance and that there's no strain on even the most limited budget. And any guest will enjoy being invited to indulge in a truly delicious and dramatic dessert such as this Rice Macaroon Cream, a high, white and handsome mold alternating layers of rice and macaroon crumbs.

Special joy of the Rice Macaroon Cream is that it can be prepared in the morning or even the day before, ready to slip out of the mold shortly before guests arrive. The rice gives it a hearty goodness and interesting texture popular with young and old alike. And because rice needs no pot watching, all the rest of the ingredients may be made ready for combining while the rice cooks. Though a fancy mold is ideal, the interesting layered effect of the rice and macaroon crumbs is attractive even when molded in a simple mixing bowl or casserole.

Just before you're ready to unmold the Rice Macaroon Cream onto a pretty serving plate, put the coffee on to brew. Then you'll be ready to serve an appreciative audience upon arrival.

**Rice Macaroon Cream**  
2 tablespoons unflavored gelatin  
2 eggs, slightly beaten  
2/3 cup sugar  
1-1/3 cups evaporated milk  
3 cups cooked rice  
2 teaspoons almond flavoring  
2 cup evaporated milk, whipped  
2 4-1/2 ounce packages macaroons (2 dozen) toasted and crushed  
Soften gelatin in 1/4 cup cold water. Mix in eggs, sugar and

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**GARDEN TIME**  
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If you lost some of your dahlias during the periods of excessive rainfall last summer, you're not alone. Many were lost. They cannot survive a wet soil for extended periods.

It is best to dig and store the clumps after frost has killed the tops and before freezing weather. Otherwise, you are taking a chance even in Eastern North Carolina. Carefully lift the clumps, when the soil is in good condition for digging, cover with peat moss and store in a location well-protected from freezing.

If you saved poinsettia plants last Christmas and grew them outside during the summer, they should be brought in the house before frost. Remember that the poinsettia is a short-day plant and should not be exposed to additional light at night.

The Christmas cactus is also a short-day plant and normally blooms in the short days of winter. For this reason it should not receive any more light than that provided by the winter season daylight.

Amaryllis plants should be dried out in order to give them a rest period. I grew one outside last summer and have placed it in the basement. I will not water it again until

it is time to bring it into bloom. Early January is a good time to begin watering if you want the plants to bloom in February or early March. It is important that the plant have a rest (dry) period of at least four weeks.

Falling leaves can be a complete nuisance, especially if you have planted grass seed in your lawn. They should be carefully removed, when dry, otherwise they will smother the young seedlings.

In most homes the leafy, or succulent plants, are more satisfactory than the flowering plants because they are less sensitive to temperature and humidity changes.

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