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Don't Be Charged With Non-Support



Save Food With Stove Top Drier

Driers for saving fruits and vegetables can be easily constructed on the farm and placed over the kitchen stove so as to make good use of the heat that would otherwise go to waste, says Norman C. Teter, assistant in agricultural engineering for the Agricultural Experiment Station at State College.

"The rack may be suspended from the ceiling or set on blocks on the stove top," says Teter. If a washboard bar is turned over the rack, sufficient tightness for a good supporting job can be obtained.

Teter recommends that trays for home drier be made of wood rather than any other material because wood trays have proven good for sulphuring fruit.

"Vegetables will not stick to these trays and their drying characteristics are as good as those of hardware cloth trays," says

Teter. "Also, the wood will not dissolve apples or sweet potatoes."

Much research work has been and is being done on electric home dehydrators. This newest type of home drier with many designs is now on the market. State College has designed and built a dehydration plant during the past year, with automatic temperature and humidity controls, and the study of dehydration problems is being continued.

Give Sheep Cu-Nic And Phenothiazine

Stomach and intestinal worms, the most serious handicaps to growing sheep in North Carolina, can be easily controlled by the use of phenothiazine and crnic if the grower will watch his flock and dose his sheep accordingly, says Leland Case, in charge of Extension animal husbandry at State College.

He recommends that all sheep, except lambs, be given doses of crnic at this time. Then, mix one part by weight of powdered phenothiazine with 12 parts of loose salt and keep this mixture in the salt box because the sheep at all times will add weather. Sheep should not receive salt alone in addition to this mixture. The salt box should be raised above the ground and should be protected from the weather.

"If any lambs become untidy during the summer and fall, they should be treated with crnic," says Case.

He also recommends that the entire flock be dosed with crnic about December 1 to make sure that all intestinal parasites are under control.

In preparing cu-nic, dissolve one ounce of copper sulphate (blue stone) in 3 quarts of water. Then add three-fourths of an ounce of a 40 per cent solution of nicotine sulphate (black leaf 40) to the solution. This will make enough to dose 25 mature sheep.

The county agent can advise as to the required dosage for various weights of lambs and for work animals.

More Vegetables Shipped From North Carolina

Raleigh, N. C., May 18th-- Of the 41,797 carlot shipments of fruits and vegetables made from North Carolina last year, 10,228 were of Irish potatoes, a release from the State Department of Agriculture Statistics division

shows. In second place was watermelons, with 427 cars. Others -- strawberries, 361; snap and lima beans, 207; cucumbers, 134; cantaloupes, 106; peppers, 28; peaches, 35 (as compared with 1,272 carlots in 1942); cabbage, 29; and green peas, 3.

Total carlot fruit and vegetable shipments in 1942 was 40,360; 1941, 7,358.

More Sheep To Arrive June 1st

Raleigh, N. C., May 18th-- J. W. Thompson, Wyoming dealer, has informed Commissioner of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott that the first 1944 shipment of Wyoming-bred yearling ewes would arrive in North Carolina about June 1. Scott said the first load would go to North Washington. He said the ewes will be about 18 months old and will be compared with 21,287 carlots of ewes imported last year.

State Taking Tests From New Station

Raleigh, N. C., May 18th-- First steps toward expanding soil projects to be carried out on the new 2,000 acre, Tidewater soil station in Washington County will be made next week with the collection of approximately 20 soil samples for subsequent study by soil testing technicians. It was announced by the State Department of Agriculture.

In an attempt to "take character" the soil before planting, tests will be taken from approximately 400 acres which will be devoted to various crop experiments, Department officials said.

Will Wage Fight Against Beetles

Raleigh, N. C., May 18th-- C. H. Brannon, head of the Entomology division of the State Department of Agriculture, announced recently that plans have been completed for a far-reaching program looking for the ultimate control of the Japanese beetle in North Carolina.

Brannon said that 8,000 traps will be placed throughout the State within the next six weeks, and added that the work will be carried on as a joint project of the Federal and State Departments of Agriculture.

The project, asserted Brannon, will begin in Wilmington within the next three weeks and will move westward as the season advances, the last traps being placed

at Blowing Rock on June 26. He said the traps will enable entomologists to determine the location of the beetles, and that subsequent soil treatment will be based on the quantity of beetles caught in the traps.

"Rural areas will not be trapped, because the Japanese beetle first builds up in the cities and towns. If trapping and soil treatment can be carried out effectively, a spread from urban areas to crop locations can be prevented," asserted Brannon.

He declared that "if our work continues on the present basis, we can soon look forward to the time when there will be no State quarantine, and a serious threat to North Carolina agriculture will have been controlled."

Marion Mischief Great Herd Bull

Good herd bulls, good boars, good rams and purebred cockerels are proving of great worth as N. Carolina continues its progress in building a better livestock and poultry industry.

Marion Mischief, a Hereford bull of Watauga County, is a good example of what an outstanding sire can mean in livestock development. County Agent H. M. Hamilton, Jr., State College Extension Service, cites the record of this great bull, now more than 10 years old and still a good sire, as proven by the calves fed out by 4-H boys and girls.

Beginning in 1936, this bull sired a calf that placed second in the Asheville Fat Stock Show. The next year two of his calves placed first and second in this show and three of his calves placed

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ed first in the "Get of Sire" class. Three outstanding baby beef calves of Marion Mischief placed first in the "Get of Sire" class at the Asheville and Raleigh shows in 1938. Other calves of his repeated at the shows at Asheville and the State Fair the following year and, in 1940, one of his calves won the Grand Championship at Hendersonville.

Then a new story began to unravel as a calf from the son of Marion Mischief walked off with the Grand Championship at both the Western Carolina Fat Stock Show and the State Fair in 1941.

This same son then sired calves that were grand champions at the Asheville show in 1942 and at Elkin in 1943.

"When traveling over Watauga County, you can find more good Herefords tracing to Marion Mischief than to any other bull and it all came about because the 4-H boys and girls proved that the calves of this bull were better than those of any other bull in North Carolina," Hamilton says.

Marsh Hen Is Found Inland

Raleigh, N. C., May 10th--State Museum officials said that an a-

lert Raleigh school boy recently found on this city's busiest thoroughfare at the intersection of Fayetteville and Martin streets--the marsh hen eve located in North Carolina.

Spencer Gregory, a member of the Raleigh Bird Club, was on his way to school when he saw a car hit the bird as it fluttered aimlessly about the street. Museum taxidermist has mounted the marsh hen for young Gregory's collection.

The demands for new frock coats and expansions in size reached such proportions that the War Food Administration has found it necessary to tighten requirements for these plants.

Twenty thousand tons of May production of ammonium nitrate have not been requested by the fertilizer industry and it is doubtful if June production will be taken, say Washington ports.

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