

Farm Questions And Answers

QUESTION: I'm building a new house and have several trees which I'll have to fill in around when I'm grading. How can I protect them?

ANSWER: Filling in around a tree is risky. Some trees—dogwood and maple among them—are injured by as little as two or three inches of heavy soil filled in over their root system. Before filling, provide aeration by placing a connecting system of drain tile over the root area. Write John Harris at State College for a diagram that shows how to protect trees when filling.

QUESTION: Part of my tobacco was destroyed by hail. Can I receive payment under the new Soil Bank acreage reserve plan for taking part of my tobacco out of production?

ANSWER: Yes, if you have complied with other provisions of the Soil Bank law.

QUESTION: Is there any way to prevent the heavy loss of vitamin A from alfalfa when it is converted into a dry meal or stored?

ANSWER: Scientists report that the loss of carotene (vitamin A) from alfalfa meal can be cut in half by simply treating the meal with a fat or oil.

QUESTION: Do shade trees ever need to be fertilized?

ANSWER: Yes. Since the natural accumulation of decaying leaves normally found in the forest is usually lacking under yard trees, fertilizer needs to be supplied to keep enough of the necessary elements in the soil.

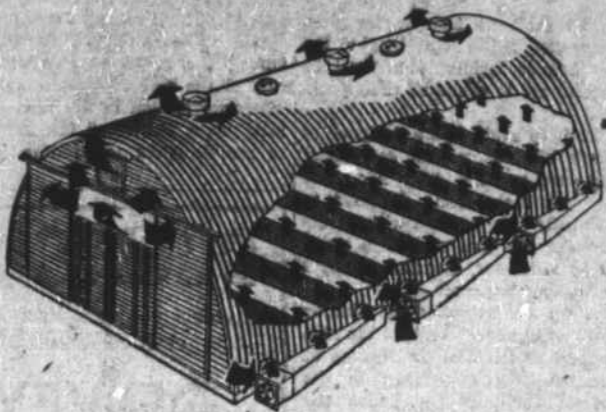
QUESTION: Should you treat crop-afflicted chickens?

ANSWER: Some specialists say that since the chicken is a low-priced product, it's best to put them in the pot rather than try to cure them. The birds are perfectly safe for food if marketed while still in good flesh.

QUESTION: How much does an irrigation system cost?

ANSWER: The cost of an irrigation system for an individual farm varies with the size and type of equipment needed, the distance the water must be pumped, and the characteristics of the fields and crops to be irrigated.

Dries And Stores Grain —In One Operation



Cutaway diagram of new Quonset grain-dryer-storage building illustrates the flow of unheated drying air through the entire grain mass. For cooling, the fans are reversed. Grain is handled only once, keeps spoilage-free indefinitely.

A Quonset grain-dryer-storage building, which promises to revolutionize present methods of harvesting, drying and storing small grains and shelled-corn, has been developed and successfully field-tested by the Starn-Steel Corporation, a unit of National Steel Corporation. The installation employs unheated air which is forced through the grain by semi-pressure fans. Moisture-content of the grain is brought down to safe storage level within a matter of days; the fans can then be reversed to cool the grain and provide spoilage-free storage indefinitely.

The new Quonset dryer-storage building solves the problems faced by the increasing number of farmers who are harvesting early to avoid expensive field losses. And it is priced within the average farmer's range. In comparison with other methods of drying and storing grain, the complete Quonset system costs 15% less. There is no fuel to buy. Its one operating cost—electricity for its fans—is almost 50% less than that of heated air-systems.

The labor-saving value of the new system is by itself outstanding. As Ernest Ham, who is using it on his farm near Saronville, Nebraska, puts it: "What I like best about this new set-up is that it condenses your work to the point where one man can nearly do it all."

Hints For Homemakers

EFFECTIVE CITIZENSHIP
Effective Citizenship Means Doing—A good citizen keeps herself well informed through listening and reading.

She participates in and encourages discussions of public questions in clubs, study groups, etc.

She votes regularly both in primary and in general elections.

She participates actively in the work of a political party or of non-partisan groups interested in good government.

She is scrupulous in her respect for the law and conformity with democratic regulations.

She practices good citizenship in family living and transmits to her children, by example and training, the ideals and values of democratic citizenship.

She cooperates sympathetically with all community agencies, including the church and the school, in their efforts to provide training

for better citizenship. This "Chapter of Good Citizenship" comes from the Woman's Foundation.

CARE OF CANNED MILK—Before opening a can of evaporated milk, as with any canned foods, wipe the top with a clean, damp cloth to remove any possible dust.

An opened can of evaporated milk should be given the same care in the home as pasteurized milk, that is, it should be kept in the coldest part of the refrigerator.

Its keeping time depends upon the temperature of storage, but it is recommended that the contents be consumed within four or five days.

HOME CARE OF CHEESE—Cottage cheese as delivered to store or home is at its best in flavor and texture when received. Cottage cheese will absorb odors of other foods and should be kept tightly covered. Creamed cottage

cheese, with its sweet delicate flavor, should be used soon after purchasing to insure maximum flavor quality, preferably within three or four days.

Cheese that has become dry—especially Cheddar, Swiss and Italian varieties—may be grated and kept in a covered container in the refrigerator. Use within a few

days to avoid change in flavor which results from exposure to air. U. S. economy held steady pace in May and early June.

Reports from North Carolina producers as of June 1 indicate that the production from the state's 2,300 acres of late spring cabbage will amount to about 15,000 tons.

Production of cucumbers for fresh market in North Carolina during 1956 is estimated at 385,000 bushels, based on reports from growers as of June 1.



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