

Cotton Damage From Insects Down In 1952

Even Then Loss In Nation Is Estimated at \$289,768,000

Insect damage to cotton in 1952 was \$100 million less than in 1951 and lowest since 1948, the National Cotton Council reports in a new estimate of pest losses throughout the Cotton Belt.

Value of cotton and cottonseed lost to all insects amounted to \$289,768,000, according to the Council estimate based on final crop production figures of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, USDA.

Damage by Years
This compares with \$391,955,000 in 1951; \$907,884,000 in 1950; \$617,874,000 in 1949; and \$202,264,000 in 1948.

Pests reduced the full yield an average of 6.7 per cent as compared with 9.4 per cent in 1951. Percentage of yield reductions in previous years were: 1950—26.9; 1949—17.5 1948—6.6 per cent.

Last year in the 16 major cotton producing states, an estimated 927,000 bales of cotton and approximately 574,300 tons of cottonseed were claimed by the boll weevil, the pink bollworm, and other pests.

State Losses
Dollar losses in cotton and cottonseed by states were: Missouri, \$1,926,000; Virginia, \$488,000; North Carolina, \$14,830,000; South Carolina, \$16,488,000; Georgia, \$17,740,000; Florida, \$863,000; Tennessee, \$4,991,000; Alabama, \$18,936,000; Mississippi, \$24,212,000; Arkansas, \$28,222,000; Louisiana, \$13,795,000; Oklahoma, \$10,956,000; Texas, \$100,932,000; New Mexico, \$2,978,000; Arizona, \$11,057,000; and California, \$21,714,000.

The Cotton Council attributed the lower losses of 1952 to hot, dry weather which reduced insect buildups during the growing season and to more thorough control programs by cotton growers.

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EASY-TO-PREPARE HOT WEATHER DISHES

Preparing adequate meals for steaming Summer days is a problem faced by most housewives. If you want to provide nourishing food the family will enjoy during the hot weather, follow Amy Alden's recipes in the August 9th issue of

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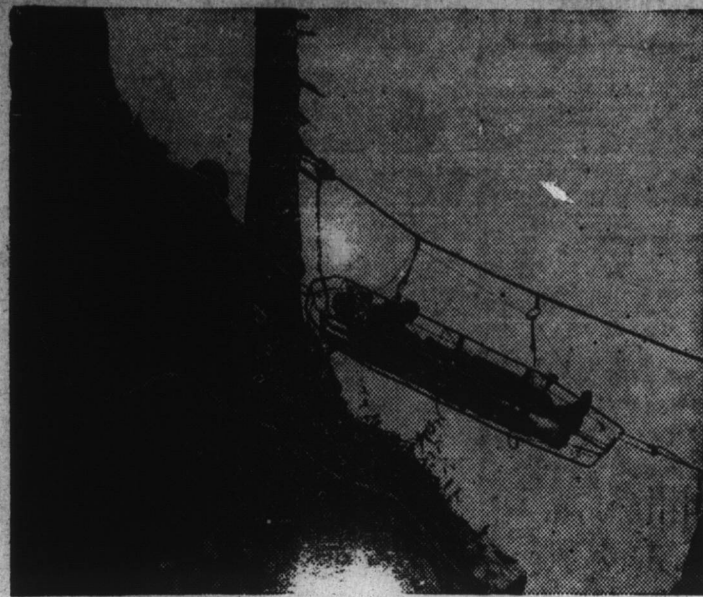
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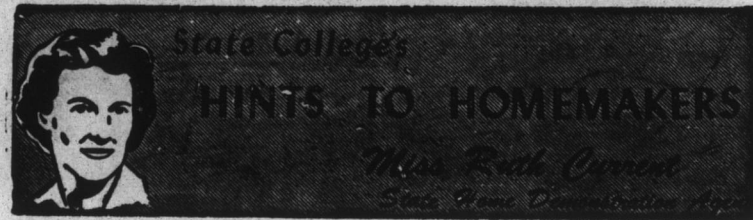
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Cheese adds flavor and nutritive value to so many different foods. However, some cooks have trouble with recipes containing cheese. To avoid most troubles when cooking with cheese, Virginia Wilson, extension nutritionist, reminds home cooks to keep heat low or moderate. High heat or cooking too long makes cheese tough, stringy, or leathery. Also, too much heat may cause mixture of cheese, eggs, and milk to curdle.

"And," suggests Miss Wilson, "add cheese to other ingredients in very small bits rather than in one large piece. When broken up, cheese blends more evenly and quickly with other foods and does not form a solid lump or curd when the fat melts."

Grating is the easiest way to break up hard or dry cheese. Soft cheese may be shaved thin, flaked with a fork, pressed through a sieve, or run through a food chopper.

Fish and onion odors can be removed from cutlery and dishes by adding a little household ammonia or vinegar to the warm dish water.

To clean glass, use a brush and soapy water to which a few drops of household ammonia have been added. Stains may be removed from china

teapots by soaking them overnight in hot soda water, then rubbing them with a cloth moistened in vinegar and dipped in salt.

To heat dishes for use on the dinner table, dip them in hot water—placing them in the oven often cracks or discolors them.

Parents should teach children how to correctly plug and unplug electrical appliances:

1. Stress the importance of keeping fingers away from plug and keeping hands and feet away from water

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when handling electrical equipment. 2. Children will learn quickly and be careful and work efficiently if careful instructions are given.

3. Don't turn over the job of operating electrical appliances to children—such as washing machine, wringer, ironer, etc.—until you are sure that the training job is well taken care of. This training that a mother gives her growing children will carry over in their own homes some day. This is one way to build self-reliance and a feeling of success in children. Place confidence in them; it helps young people more than one can ever realize.

The first step in renovating a hat is a thorough cleaning job, finds Julia McIver, Extension clothing specialist at State College.

This job can be done with one of the many cleaning fluids found on the market. Since they are inflammable and explosive, the specialist urges that all dry cleaning be done out-of-doors and entirely away from fire and heat.

Hats that have been cleaned must be allowed to dry thoroughly out-of-doors before blocking. "Several hours are required for the cleaning solution to evaporate," warns Miss McIver.

Basic Dress Should Be Always Kept In Mind

"The basic dress is a good thing to keep in mind," says Julia McIver, N. C. State College Agricultural extension specialist in clothing. And showing that they've learned the value and versatility of the basic outfit are many of the 4-H Club girls who came to Raleigh last week to participate in the State 4-H Dress Revue. Many of these girls had learned to make as many as three or four completely different outfits around one basic dress.

Miss McIver suggests that you keep in mind that a few garments, well chosen and of good quality, make up a much more satisfactory wardrobe than many cheap garments.

A good basic dress for each season of the year can be the core of your wardrobe. Learn to accessorize effectively, to dress your basic dresses "up or down" as the occasion demands.

Miss McIver defines a "basic dress" as one of good material, conservative in cut and color which may be easily varied to suit most any occasion by your choice of accessories. Knowing your most flattering and becoming colors is an important factor in selecting a basic dress and building your wardrobe. The woman with the limited income should choose staple colors for her carry-over garments like suits and coats, advises Miss McIver.

Don't expect your wardrobe plan to

become workable in one season, says Miss McIver. It will take several seasons—maybe a year or two to get your wardrobe well under way.

The wardrobe plan will enable you to have appropriate clothes for every occasion. It will also help to stretch the clothing dollar!

Kitchen Koment

Save yourself time in entertaining by using French bread from the bakery instead of taking extra time for baking your own rolls. Use the bakery French loaf to make garlic bread for a special treat on your menu. Cut the loaf into thick slices, but do not cut entirely through into the crust. Mash a clove or garlic into three or four tablespoons of margarine. Spread this garlic margarine between the slices of bread and pop the loaf into the oven until hot and crisp.

Before you wash a garment, check to see if there are any stains. Remove the stains before laundering, because often washing can set stains permanently.

To keep your towels soft and fluffy, always rinse at least three times during laundering. Inadequate rins-

ing often makes terry towels feel rough.

Hanging ironed shirts on hangers instead of folding and pressing them will save time and make shirts wear longer.

For a delicious quick luncheon dish, try piling slices of hardcooked eggs on slices of margarine toast. Then top with canned drained asparagus tips and a cheese sauce.

Croutons, little bread cubes fried in margarine until crisp, make any soup taste better.

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