



Question: What is the best weight hog to kill for family use?

Answer: About 240 pounds live weight, giving a carcass of about 180 pounds. This gives a ham of about 15 pounds cured weight.

Question: How long does a tree planting contract run under the Conservation Phase of the Soil Bank program?

Answer: At the present time the contract period is 10 years. An effort is being made to extend it to 15 years, but this has not as yet been authorized. If it is, farmers who have already signed 10-year contracts will have the privilege of changing them to 15, if they so desire.

Question: When house plants turn yellow, is this a sign that they need fertilizer?

Answer: It could be, but a lot of other factors might make them turn yellow. For example, it could be too much or too little water, insect or disease damage, not enough sunlight, and other causes.

Question: Should I plant Goldrush sweet potatoes?

Answer: The N. C. Extension Service recommends Goldrush and copper skin Goldrush only under two conditions. (1) If fusarium wilt is a serious problem, both are wilt resistant. (2) If a marketing outlet has been arranged for in advance of planting.

The skin color of the copper skin Goldrush is very similar to Porto Rico. Therefore it competes in the market place to a higher degree than does Goldrush. Goldrush has a russet-golden skin color, and the average homemaker immediately thinks that it is of the Jersey type. Therefore, it generally brings prices for Jersey type potatoes, which are considerably lower than for Goldrush.

Question: How do I get rid of cattle grubs?

Answer: Since the grubs are now close to the animal's back and will soon cause "bumps" to appear, treatment with rotenone dusts or

sprays will be most effective. These grubs emerge over a three-month period. Therefore, treatments will be needed every three or four weeks for at least three treatments.

Question: Which months are the best for hog killing?

Answer: December and January. The average temperature is more favorable, and losses due to high temperatures are less.

Question: Are there important differences in dairy feeds?

Answer: Yes. Look at the feed tag when buying feed and compare it with others. Although all feeds will not have the total energy value listed as total digestible nutrients (TDN) or terms of net energy, you will find the chemical analysis valuable for comparison of feed values. Give particular attention first to the fiber content of the feed, for the higher it is the lower the amount of available energy for milk production. The better feeds have six to eight per cent fiber content, whereas the cheaper mixtures may run as high as 12 to 15 per cent fiber. For every additional one per cent of fiber in the feed, the available energy drops around one and a half per cent, so watch the fiber.

Question: Should house plants be given fresh air?

Answer: Yes, but keep the plants out of drafts. Don't place them in front of fans or over radiators.

Question: What size sweet potatoes should farmers save for seed?

Answer: Save those roots one and a half inches in diameter or larger, preferably U. S. No. 1 size or larger. Smooth Jumbos are also excellent. The use of slips for bedding purposes is a very poor practice. They make small, weak plants.

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Question: What varieties of Irish potatoes are recommended for commercial production in Eastern North Carolina?

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Answer: These small spiders are called clover mites, and they are moving from the lawn or somewhere close by to your house. These pests can best be controlled by treating an area 10 feet wide around the base of your house with insecticides such as malathion or aramite. The mites inside the



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house will soon die. However, any of the household sprays will kill these pests inside the house. The mites do not harm people or household furnishings.

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Answer: Many meats are too salty. This can be prevented by following a curing schedule. The information on how to do this is available through your county agent's office.

Question: What should I do to control scale insects on ornamental shrubs and trees?

Answer: Now that the plants are dormant is the best time to control these pests. Apply dormant sprays containing either liquid lime sulphur or oil. Remember, however, lime sulphur stains buildings or fences painted with any of the lead containing paints.

Question: Does anyone know how much land will be planted to trees under the Conservation Reserve phase of the Soil Bank program?

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