

Southern Stem Rot Cuts Peanut Yield

One of the things peanut farmers worry about most is southern stem rot, a serious disease that causes trouble every year. A State College plant pathologist says losses due to this fungus disease can often be reduced by following a few simple practices and treatments.

J. C. Wells of the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service at State College, says southern stem rot is favored by warm weather, thus it causes the greatest injury during the summer. It is caused by a fungus that lives in the soil on roots, stems and leaves of the previous year's crop. This fungus attacks the plants through the root system or the stems just above or below the soil level. Symptoms of the disease are root decay, a light brown rot at the base of the stem frequently killing the stem and foliage, and the decay of pods. During wet periods a cottony fungus growth forms on the dead areas around the base of the plant. Later small, hard yellow or light brown colored bodies resembling mustard seed form on the infected stems and on the soil surrounding them. These bodies function as "seed" in carrying the fungus from year to year.

Factors influencing outbreaks of this disease are not understood. Both the cropping history of the field and cultivation practices during the late summer, as well as climatic factors, appear to influence the severity of the disease. Outbreaks are usually worse following excessive hilling or bedding of the plants by cultivation and where there is a accumulation of shattered leaves around the base of the plant.

Losses can often be minimized by crop rotations (using such crops as small grain, corn and cotton); dusting to control leaf-spot disease to prevent the accumulation of shattered leaves around the base of the plant; and flat cultivation to prevent soil from being piled up on the plants. Chemical control with terracolor plus landplaster has proven satisfactory. The terracolor-landplaster mixture, applied at the rate of 400 pounds per acre the first week in July, resulted in increased yield in nine out of eleven tests.

FAMILY REUNION
The family of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Williams, Route 2, Edenton, held a reunion Sunday, July 7. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Guy Williams, Route 2, Edenton; Patrolman David Williams and Denna Roberts, Edenton; Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Williams and children, Plymouth; Mr. and Mrs. John Brabble and children of Colebrook, N. H.; T-Sgt. and Mrs. Allen Trepp and children of Havelock, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Williams of Black Creek, N. C.; Mr.

Home-Grown Tossed Salad Smooth Pitch for Hostess



Loose-heading lettuce matures in sixty days

You don't know what a good tossed salad is until nature has pitched you one from your own back yard.

That's an honored opinion among gourmet gardeners and it also is a tip-off on how a small growing area can be put to its widest possible use.

The largest yield for the space occupied is given by the vegetables whose leaves are eaten. The variety of salad leaves which you grow can seldom be matched in the market when you serve them garden fresh, your guests and family will give you top honors as a salad specialist.

Lettuces of course head the list. Salad chefs prefer varieties which make tender green leaves, rather than the tight bleached heads. The green also is a sign of high vitamin content. There are many excellent varieties of leaf and loose-heading lettuce, including the cos or romaine type which has top rating for salad use. There are few parts of the country where tight-heading lettuce can be matured.

Several short rows sown at intervals of two weeks or more are better than long rows which may lose quality before they are used. Figure on one foot of row to serve four people and make each sowing long enough to last two weeks.

All lettuce varieties go to seed in hot weather. The best salad leaves to take their place are endives of two types, one broad leaved and one curly. Broad leaved endive makes large, tight heads, bleached at the base. Curly leaves are narrow in loose heads. A crop from either will retain good quality for six weeks.

Endive improves in flavor when touched by frost and can be harvested until frozen hard. Lettuce can be sown about Aug. 1 for Fall crop. Even tight heading lettuce

and Mrs. Bobby Williams, Mrs. Tommy Heath and son of Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Williams and daughter of Greenville.

There are over 1,000 textile plants in North Carolina, spinning, weaving and knitting every type of fiber known to man for use in thousands of end products.

can be grown in the Fall. Excellent salad leaves for Fall are those of Chinese cabbage, which matures in 70 days from seeding in late July. The leaves are tender and crisp, with a delicate cabbage flavor, and are delicious raw or cooked.

Of many garden herbs used in salads, sweet basil is most popular. Plants can be started from seed sown now and the leaves can be used all season in salads or to flavor soups, stews and fish.

To combine with green leaves, cucumbers, tomatoes, onions and chives are popular. Chives are easily grown by dividing a typical bunch sold in markets and planting each stem with its roots intact. Set them about six inches apart and you can soon cut the tubular leaves to add a delicate onion flavor to the salad. Such a planting will last for years.

Cucumbers and tomatoes can be grown on a trellis or picket fence, taking no more ground space than a row of lettuce. Green onions grown from sets and small globe radishes from seed will give you the first harvest of the season if you plant them now. In three weeks of favorable weather you can serve this appetizing combination.

Your own vine ripened tomatoes have a flavor which is never equaled by those picked before they ripen. No vegetable excels them in vitamin content and nutritive qualities.

One of the tenderest vegetables, tomato plants can nevertheless be grown with good results from seed sown directly in the garden.

Two varieties should always be grown, one early and one late. An early hybrid variety will give a heavy yield in midsummer for salad use. Heavier yields lasting until late fall are given by plants which take longer to mature.

—Pierre Charron

Negro Home Demonstration News

By MRS. ONNIE S. CHARLTON, Negro Home Demonstration Agent

Hints For Keeping An Orderly Home During Rush Periods

We are in the midst of the farming season, and there are so many things to do. Do you think this old adage is true? "Man works from sun to sun; woman's work is never done."

We are really up against it, because we do so many things. We help with the farm work. We wash, iron, prepare and serve food. We attend to the baby. We try to do a little sewing, some try to attend club meetings while others fall by the wayside and say "I just don't have time." It all adds up that we work approximately twelve to fifteen hours a day. We never finish. We just stop and go to bed.

Try not to let your house work get away from you, because it keeps you nervous, upset, and takes something away from your personality. It will make you feel mighty good to leave the house, go out to help on the farm, and return at the end of the day and find your house clean and order-

ly. For that reason, call the family together tonight and discuss your problems with them and ask what can each member of the family do to make the work easier. Work out a simple plan with them. Let each person contribute his share in helping to make housekeeping duties easier and at the same time help to keep the house clean and orderly, especially during the busy farming season.

Plan something for everyone to do and have confidence that they will do their share of the work. Ask each member of the family to hang his own clothes and put away shoes, hats, books, papers, magazines, and any other articles that have been used before the room gets a scattered appearance. (Ask an older person to take care of the smaller ones). Ask each person to make his own bed before he goes to work. Ask each one to keep the floor clean and dust once a week.

Plan nutritious meals for the family, and save time by cooking agent's office Saturday, July 13

two meals at the same time. Plan to do your laundry work once a week instead of once a month, it will be easier on you and your washing machine. Scrape, stack, wash dishes, scald and allow them to drain dry. Sewing and mending may be done by the 4-H Club girl or during the slack season.

As a rule it is not necessary for every member of the family to be out on the farm at the same time. Generally one person is in charge of doing all household tasks while the farm jobs are being done by others. A family exchange system may be worked out where the housekeeper would exchange places with the person doing farm jobs for, perhaps, a week or two. When different jobs are changed about, no job will become too tiresome.

You may know of other simple short cuts which you can put into practice, but above all, try to keep your house clean and orderly during the farming season.

All 4-H Club girls who are carrying the Enriched Corn Meal Breadmaking Project are asked to meet at the home family, and save time by cooking agent's office Saturday, July 13

at 2:00 P. M. Bring with you a sample of your enriched corn bread or muffin. We will have a lesson on how to score our product.

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