

Proper Conservation Practices Will Prohibit Damage To Crops



GOOD CULTIVATION—Milton Evans demonstrated cultivation operations on soybeans planted in alternate strips with small grain . . .



... Sand blowing in the spring does not destroy Evans' young watermelons. Strips of small grain are planted between each row of melons . . .



... Cultivating watermelons planted between strips of rye left from small grain cover crop protects against wind erosion on the J. D. Peele farm.

Chowan County Soil Conservationist Samuel Cox reminds us if the coming spring is going to be like any part of the bad weather we have experienced thus far this winter, we should begin to think of measures that might be applied to insure against crop failures this spring.

Also think back to last spring to the blowing sand on a typical windy day in Chowan County. We all know what this wind and blowing sand can do to young unprotected growing crops.

Also the soil swept from fields is deposited in woods, roads, field ditches and even in our homes. The result is loss of soil fertility, ditch cleaning for farmers, increased maintenance cost for the highway department and extra cleaning for the housewife.

Many people had to plant all of their crops over at least once, while some had to replant certain crops over several times. This cost Chowan County farmers thousands and thousands of dollars. On cotton alone there was an estimated 70,000 acres in North Carolina destroyed directly by blowing sand.

Maybe the more important to us is the loss of truck crops destroyed. A portion of all type crops were destroyed. We know how to protect our crops against this hazard, but the question is—will we do it?

Lloyd C. Bunch, chairman of the Chowan Board of Soil and Water Conservation District supervisors, reports this problem is a growing concern in our county, particularly since we have about 10,000 acres of cropland in Chowan County which is sandy in nature and blows quite easily if not protected.

Milton Evans of the Rocky Hock Community has found that by leaving or planting alternate strips of small grain (oats or rye) in his watermelons and cantaloupes he can help insure against replanting. They also provide protection to the young plants during the wind season.

Evans has one such field where the strips are protecting the watermelons just coming up.

On the Peele Brothers' farm Lloyd Peele cultivates watermelons planted alternately between rows of small grain.

According to Evans, these small grain strips saved his crop this past spring while many of his neighbor's crops were destroyed. He thinks enough of this practice that he has applied it to other field crops such as soybeans and has taken advantage of the diverted acreage program at the same time.

Others have four rows of soybeans and four rows of small grain. Cox says this same system will work excellent with cotton and other crops. This might bring to the attention of those participating in the feed grain and cotton programs offered by the ASCS that by leaving as many as four rows, meets feed grain requirements.

At the same time it

Judge Privott Presides Here

Judge W. S. Privott Tuesday presided over a session of Chowan County District Court during which a variety of cases were heard.

Solicitor Wilton Walker prosecuted the docket and Judge Privott took the following action:

Raleigh L. C. Holley, allowing an unlicensed person to drive, 60 days, suspended upon payment of \$35 fine and costs.

Richard Elliott, driving drunk, four months, suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs.

Joseph McCloud, affray, 30 days, suspended upon payment of \$10 fine and costs.

Eddie Wayne Nixon, driving drunk, charges reduced to reckless driving, 30 days, suspended upon payment of \$35 fine and costs.

Charlie Copeland, non-support, previous orders cancelled.

William Edward Taylor, driving too fast for conditions, 30 days, suspended upon payment of \$10 fine and costs.

Bruce Wayne Benton, speeding, 10 days, suspended upon payment of \$15 fine and costs.

James Jackson, affray, 30 days, suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and costs.

Marvin Earl Bond, no operator's license, 90 days, suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and costs.

A nol pros was taken in cases against George Lee Cofield and Elton Holley.

Office Wisdom

As far as he is personally concerned, the Office Crab says an antique is a piece of furniture on which he has just made the final payment.

—The Detroit News.

meets the requirements for ACP cost-sharing for wind stripcropping, a new practice included in the ACP program for the first year in our county. These rows could be seeded or left to small grain in alternation with general field crops thus providing wind protection with little preparation or extra cost.

A two and one-half foot wide strip of rye in the truck sled row should protect four rows of tobacco. Tobacco sled rows and skip row cotton could follow similar patterns which could in the end result, prevent replanting and save on operating expenses which at the present time

ASCS News

By H. O. WEST

1968 Feed Grain Program
The 1968 feed grain program began Monday, February 5, and will continue through March 15, 1968.

There will be no 1968 feed grain price support payment for soybeans planted in lieu of feed grains on permitted acreage. All small grains on diverted acreage must be destroyed by May 31, 1968.

Advance payments are available to producers who enroll in the 1968 feed grain program. The amount of the advance payments will be 50 per cent of the diversion payments to be earned. No advance payments are authorized on the price support payments for feed grains.

Acreage diverted under the 1968 feed grain program cannot be grazed between the period April 30 and October 1, 1968.

1968 Cotton Program

Advance payments are authorized for producers who participate in the 1968 cotton program. The amount of the advance payment will be 50 per cent of the diversion payments to be earned. No advance payments are authorized on the price support payments for cotton. In order to participate in the 1968 cotton program, producers must sign up during the period February 5 through March 15, 1968 and meet provisions of the program. Producers on small farms do not have to reduce acreage below the farm allotment or divert any acreage to receive program payments.

Reminders

April 1—Final date to lease and transfer tobacco and peanut acreage.

March 22—Final date to release cotton acreage that will not be planted in 1968.

Report change in farm operations as soon as possible.

No withdrawals from cotton or feed grain programs after certification. If producer withdraws from one program, he must withdraw from all diversion programs.

Diverted acreage under the cotton and feed grain program must be of average productivity for growing these crops.

is putting a real "squeeze" on every farmer in the country. After the crops are up, established and the wind season is over, the small grain strips can be

easily destroyed by disking. Bunch of the district and Cox of the Soil Conservation Service, one or group in combatting this problem. Time and money could be saved if one would realize the need and plan for this necessary conservation measure.

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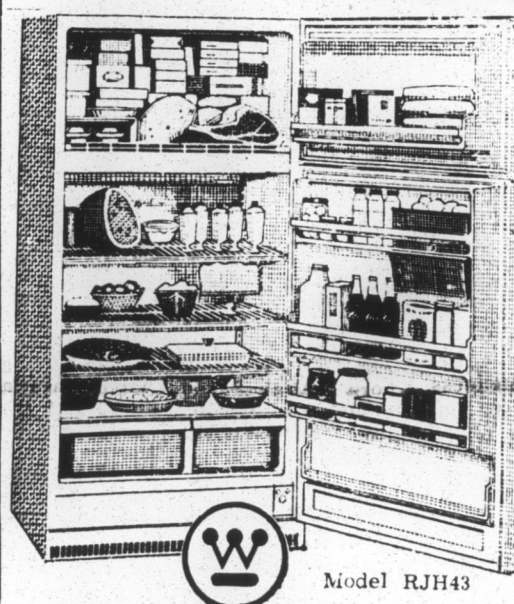
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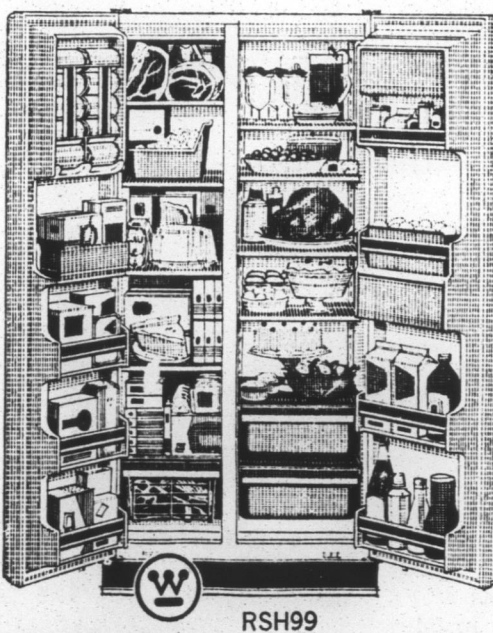
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