

## GARDEN TIME

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Except in the mountain areas this is not the proper time to plant lawn grasses. The young seedlings do not get well started before hot weather is upon them and burns them out. Bermuda and Centipede grasses are exceptions to the rule, and are best planted in April or May. Other grasses such as bluegrass, fescues and ryegrass should be planted in the fall. However, we may as well face the fact that as long as new homes are being completed during late spring and early summer we will also have new lawns planted during those difficult months.

A good lawn well kept is a beautiful thing and is an asset to any property. The hot weather months are the critical period in the maintenance of a lawn. It should be fertilized every five to six weeks throughout the growing season. If you haven't already done so, put on an application of good garden fertilizer such as a 6-8-6 or 8-8-8 at the rate of 20 pounds per 1,000 square feet. Water this in or apply it just before a rain. For the remainder of the season use about five pounds of nitrate of soda per 1,000 square feet at each application. This should be applied when the grass is dry and preferably just before a rain.

## Laying Flock Prospects Good

Prospects for profits from well managed laying flocks appear very good for next fall, according to C. P. Libeau, State College extension marketing specialist. Long-run competition in laying flocks point toward lower income per bird but also lower costs per hen and flock.

Watering is a very important operation. Soak the soil thoroughly at least once a week during dry weather rather than light sprinklings each day altho these light sprinklings will do a lot of good.

Frequent cutting is desirable but close cutting will do much harm to some of the better grasses such as bluegrass. Set the mower blades a little higher for these grasses.

If you have a good stand of grass and keep it well fertilized and mowed when necessary, weeds will not thrive in a lawn. If weeds become established, late spring is a good time to eliminate them with a spray of 2, 4-D. This spray will also kill wild onions. Use 2, 4-D with care because it will kill your shrubs and flowers as well as the weeds. Even the spray mist carried by the wind may cause a lot of damage to other plants. A sprayer that is used for 2, 4-D should not be used for other spray purposes.

of 1,000 hens or more over the next 12 years.  
Price outlook for future months may be used in making farm plans for higher incomes and profits. The present strength in egg prices in related to the expectation of a smaller supply of eggs next fall, he adds.

Libeau points to the fact that in the past five months, fewer pullets have been started than last year at the same period. Greatest reduction in potential layers for next fall has been in the surplus egg production states of the mid-west that send many eggs to North Carolina.

Farmers received an average of 23.7 cents per pound live weight for chickens (farm chickens and commercial broilers) in mid-February, compared with 22.4 cents a year earlier. Farm chickens averaged 18.8 cents and commercial broilers 25.2 cents, compared with

21.7 and 22.6 respectively, in mid-February last year. Farm turkey prices on February 15 averaged 28.1 cents a pound live weight, compared with 23.3 cents a year earlier. Since the February egg-feed, farm chicken-feed, and turkey-feed ratios were less favorable than a year ago, some producers will drop out. Farmers that go into production when others are getting out very often find themselves with higher profits.

## Trees Make Money From Poor Land

Trees can make money on land that wouldn't produce any other "money crop."

H. D. Godfrey of the State ASC Office is stressing the fact that trees can make money on land which now produces little or nothing. Land that isn't good enough to grow crops and will not grow enough grass to deserve the name of pasture can grow enough wood each year to bring considerable income to the owner of the land, according to Godfrey.

Godfrey cites the experience of a former who divided his 150-acre undeveloped woodlot into five 30-acre units. He harvests the wood on one of these units each year when there is little other work. His pulpwood thinnings from old stands for the first five years on each of the units have brought him nearly \$2,000. Each unit looks like it will bring even more at the end of the second five-year term.

Not only will these woodlot plantings pay in money, but they help in the conservation of soil and water. On steep or shallow land, they will help slow down the flow of water off the land and lead it into the ground, thus reducing erosion. The water is available for crop production or becomes a part of the underground water supply that maintains the flow of streams during dry weather and furnishes water for wells.

It is because trees are such useful crops in saving soil and water that their planting and growth is encouraged through the Agricultural Conservation Program. Godfrey points out. In North Carolina assistance is available to farmers to make tree plantings and to care for such plantings after they are made. Complete details about that assistance can be obtained from the County ASC Office.

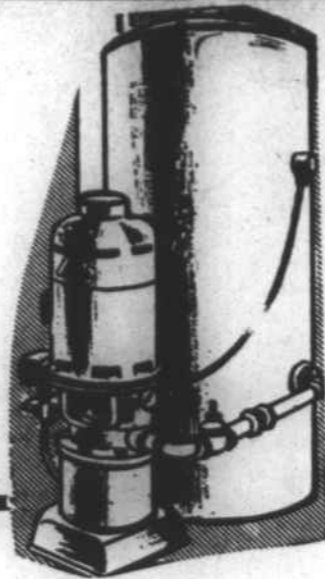
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