

MATTERS of INTEREST to FARMERS

Warning Given On Imported Cattle

As is the case with most Atlantic Seaboard States, North Carolina imports a great many beef cattle from the surplus producing states of the mid-west, and not infrequently an attempt is made by unscrupulous individuals to divert these slaughter animals into breeding-stock channels in violation of N. C. State Laws, revealed Dr. William Moore, Chief Veterinarian for the Department of Agriculture, recently.

"We must be continually on guard," stated Dr. Moore, "against any such practices, not only because North Carolina is the first and only state in the Union to become modified accredited Bang's Disease free, but also because of a comparatively new disease called anaplasmosis, which as yet has no practical remedy although research has been aimed at this accomplishment since its isolation in the laboratory ten years ago."

Dr. Moore explained that anaplasmosis in cattle is transmitted by biting insects and while the death toll from the disease is usually not high, any animal that does recover from its effects becomes a carrier of anaplasmosis for life.

The usual results of the disease in cattle, said Dr. Moore, affects their general health, attacks the red corpuscles of the blood and brings on anemia and a run-down condition quite similar in some respects to the effect of the dread cattle tick.

Beef cattle breeding stock imported into North Carolina for the three years 1943-45 totaled 1,691, while dairy cattle breeding stock during the same period totaled 4,787 animals, revealed Dr. Moore. At the same time, slaughter animal importations increased from 1,216 in 1944 to 9,751 last year, all of which had to be watched closely by Department of Agriculture Veterinarian Division inspectors to forestall any diversion of

these slaughter animals into the State's Bang's accredited herds. It has cost the State, and the Federal Government cooperating, well over a million dollars to arrive at our present enviable position in the matter of livestock sanitation, Dr. Moore revealed.

"While it is true," Dr. Moore said, "that meat animals have been and continue to be in unprecedented demand, diversion of these slaughter animals is being tried constantly. The main reason being that slaughter stock does not occasion the expense of examination and certification as does breeding stock."

Another angle that crops up, Dr. Moore pointed out, is the one illustrated by the following example. Not long ago 22 bulls were consigned from stockyards in Kansas City to Fort Mills, South Carolina. Although the shipper originally had intended to ship them to Charlotte, he had been informed that no slaughter house approved by the Department of Agriculture Veterinary Division was functioning in that city.

TIMELY FARM QUESTIONS

Answered at State College

Question: When should I put my pullets in the laying house?

Answer: Prof. Roy Dearstyne of State College says that during the extremely hot weather it is best to keep the pullets on range until ten per cent production is reached, unless the laying house is cool and well ventilated. He also suggests that the laying house and all equipment be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before the move is made. The house should also be well lit and ample feeding space and water containers be provided. For several days it may be necessary to visit the house in the evening and place the pullets on the roosts.

Question: When is the best time to plant oats?

Answer: Oats and barley in the Piedmont should be planted between October 1 and 25 for best yields; in the Mountains, September 20 to October 10; and in the Coastal Plain, October 10 to 30. Experiments at Stateville show an average gain of 33.4 more bushels of oats per acre

Support Prices For Flu-Cured Tobacco

The Flu-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation, a grower organization obtained through the joint efforts of the Farm Bureau, the Grange, and other farm groups, with headquarters in Raleigh, will provide support prices for flu-cured tobacco over the entire belt.

The objective of the corporation is to make it possible for tobacco growers to obtain government loans, whenever it is to their advantage to do so. This tobacco, unlike many other agricultural commodities, cannot be packed and placed in an acceptable condition for loans by individual farmers. The corporation provides this service.

Grower members place their tobacco on the auction floor in the regular manner. If the price bid is not greater than the government loan rate, the tobacco may be marketed for the corporation, with the farmer obtaining the loan rate from the warehouseman.

If the tobacco is later sold at a net gain, any additional amount above the government loan rate and operating expenses will be distributed pro rata to the organized growers. If the tobacco cannot be sold for a net gain, there will be no liability on the part of the grower, since the loan is "non-recourse."

To obtain the government loans on his tobacco, the farmer is required to become a member of the Stabilization Corporation, and membership requires the purchase of at least one share of common stock at \$5 per share.

Full information about the new corporation will be distributed at an early date through the County AAA offices, the county agent's office of the State College Extension Service, tobacco warehouses, and farm organizations.

Contracts for handling the loan tobacco have already been signed with warehouses, dealers, and with the Commodity Credit Corporation of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

and 13.6 more bushels of barley when the crops are seeded on October 1 as compared with November 15, with the fertilization the same in both cases. North Carolina farmers are making a special effort to seed all small grains at the right time. Oats and barley yields this year are almost one-third better than the 1945 average. The same is true of wheat.

Question: What are the best implements for cultivating corn?

Answer: Harrowing off corn with a turn plow 4 to 5 inches deep and close to the plant, destroys the surface roots of the corn. State College agronomists suggest shallow cultivation of the crop until the plants are 2 to 2 1/2 feet tall, and then no more cultivation. The best implements to use are weeders, spike-tooth section harrows, spring tooth harrows, the spike tooth cultivator, and other such implements for shallow cultivation.

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HOUSEHOLD HINTS

By Ruth Current, N. C. State College

Although there are many types of hair and scalp condition, certain hair grooming habits are helpful to anyone. Most important of all, and perhaps the most neglected, is a daily brushing. Five minutes at night, is all that is needed. Use a stiff brush to make long vigorous strokes. Don't be afraid of disturbing a wave or rearranging a part.

Brushing is important for several reasons. First, it helps to remove dirt and dust accumulated in the hair during the day. Second, it stimulates the nerves and glands. If the oil glands are underactive, the stimulation to greater activity helps to keep the hair from being too dry. If the glands are overactive and discharging too much oil, brushing helps to distribute the oil more evenly over the hair and prevents oil from becoming clogged at the roots.

To some persons, voice is a great asset—to others it is a definite handicap. But in most cases, an unpleasant speaking voice is the result of bad habits, such as speaking from the throat in a high, thin voice, rather than from the diaphragm. Effort spent in breathing control and in keeping the voice pitched low, will often bring all the improvement which is needed.

Another common mistake, especially for teen-ages, is the tendency to slur words together and to be lazy about enunciating properly. Speaking slowly, and being conscious of enunciating distinctly, is probably the only practice necessary for correction of this bad habit.

Many persons have a tendency to speak with a nasal quality which is very unpleasant to the ears. Just as in changing the pitch of the speaking tone, the best way to improve a nasal voice is to practice breathing from the diaphragm in order to bring the more natural voice out rich and full.

How To Succeed In Growing Alfalfa

In growing a specialized crop such as alfalfa, certain definite rules must be followed in starting the crop. A good stand is the first requirement. Agronomy specialists at State College say that now is the time to disk in that crop of lespedeza, soybeans, or cowpeas with a "bush and bog" harrow, leaving as much vegetation on the soil as possible. Your topsoil needs to be in good tilth with a firm seed bed below.

Fertilization is 700 pounds or more of 2-12-12 per acre, with enough borax in the mixture to give about 30 pounds per acre.

The best varieties to plant are Kansas common, Oklahoma common, or Utah common—about 25 pounds per acre. Inoculation is needed.

Time to plant is the latter part of August or the first part of September in the central and eastern sections of North Carolina. In the Mountains, the best seeding dates range from August 1 to 15.

Alfalfa requires additional lime on most soils. On soils that have not been limed in recent years, it will be best to make an application of about two tons per acre of dolomite limestone.

It is necessary for the crop to establish a good root system so as to live through the winter without loss of stand, and this calls for planting of the crop on time.

Experienced growers find that it is well to be prepared for planting considerably in advance of the seeding date. They like to plant in "turnip weather." With the soil carefully prepared well in advance, the grower waits until the weather man predicts general showers over the area. Then he rushes to seed his alfalfa so as to be prepared for the moisture when it arrives. Such planning helps to give good stands and put the crop on the road to success.

Safety rules say that no person should go into the water when tired, overheated, or immediately after eating. Another good safety rule is "Do not swim alone."

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After heavy rains the bottom of the pond where the children and others are to go swimming should be carefully examined to see that it is in good condition.

North Carolina papers are full of accounts of drownings under all kinds of conditions, especially on outings and over the week-end. National Safety Week was inaugurated to call the attention of the general public to all types of accidents and drowning is up towards the head of the list.

The principal evidences of world starvation today are high death rate among children and older people, increased incidence of disease and death from disease, and inability of an adult to do a day's work.

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Give Work Horses Rest, Water, Salt

Dr. C. D. Grinnells, veterinarian for the Agricultural Experiment Station at State College, says that fewer horses will be lost this summer to heat stroke, if owners will give the animals needed rest, a good supply of salt, plenty of green feeds and roughage rather than so much corn, and generous amounts of water.

He points out that the horse loses much moisture and salt from the system after several days of hard work and this results in exhaustion. As the soldier is given salt tablets during the long march in hot weather, so the horse should have access to the salt box for several hours every day and night.

A minimum of corn and other starchy foods are needed by the horse during hot weather, according to Dr. Grinnells, who suggests pasturing and plenty of good roughage for the principal feeds.

During the long, hot days the horse needs plenty of water both internally and externally, and rest periods from time to time. When the horse is unharnessed, a bath with a sprinkling pot and a good rub down is advisable.

In the event that the animal does suffer a heat stroke, Dr. Grinnells suggests that it be carried to the shade immediately, bathed with cool water, and a call made for the veterinarian.

Old Swimming Hole A Dangerous Place

Now that North Carolina has more than sixteen hundred new fish ponds and many more places are available for swimming than formerly, more thought should be given to the danger of drowning, say the safety experts.

More than ninety per cent of the victims are non-swimmers and small children. Principal causes of drownings, according to the surveys, are lack of knowledge, insufficient skill, poor judgment, and just plain carelessness. "Either learn to swim or stay out of the water" is a good rule to follow.

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China Export Tobacco Market Still Open

Preliminary estimates place the 1946 crop of flu-cured tobacco in China at about 80 million pounds, according to a recent release from Foreign Crops and Markets, disclosed W. P. Hedrick, executive secretary of the N. C. Tobacco Advisory Council.

The leaf is expected to be of low quality, the release stated, owing to deterioration of seed, shortage of fertilizers, and lack of proper attention.

During the period 1935-39, production of flu-cured leaf in China averaged about 150,000,000 pounds. "This means," said Hedrick, "that China will need her usual amounts of flu-cured imports, which averaged 34,000,000 pounds before the war."

In the first three months of 1946, Hedrick stated, China imported from the U. S. 6,400,000 pounds of flu-cured tobacco. Total flu-cured tobacco exports from this county during this same period totaled 30 per cent greater volume than for the first three months of 1945.

Corn-Wheat Outlook Extremely Favorable

Record-breaking crops of both corn and wheat are indicated for 1946, D. S. Coltrane, Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture, disclosed recently referring to a special mid-month Bureau of Agricultural Economics release.

From July 1 to July 15, national corn prospects improved about 146 million bushels and all wheat about 42 million bushels. This gives a total estimated production of 3,437,976,000 bushels of corn and 1,132,075,000 bushels of wheat, as of July 15, 1946.

Conditions in most corn growing areas have ranged from favorable to ideal, both for filling of winter wheat as harvest moved northward and for development of spring wheat. The North Carolina wheat yield for

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of J. M. McLean, deceased, late of Harnett County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to file the same duly verified with the undersigned on or before the 29th day of June, 1947, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate settlement with the undersigned.

This 29th day of June, 1946.

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This 10th day of July, 1946.

HERBERT JAMES, Executor.

Dupree & Strickland, Atty's., Angier, N. C. 18-6p

NORTH CAROLINA, HARNETT COUNTY, IN THE SUPERIOR COURT MILDRED M. HARRISON, Plaintiff, vs. MORRIS HARRISON, Defendant.

NOTICE

The above named defendant, Morris Harrison, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Harnett County, North Carolina, by the plaintiff to secure an absolute divorce from the defendant upon the grounds that plaintiff and defendant have lived separate and apart for more than two (2) years, next preceding the bringing of this action; and the defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Harnett County, in the Court House in Lillington, North Carolina, within twenty (20) days after the 22nd day of August, 1946, and answer or demur to the Complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said Complaint.

This 24th day of July, 1946.

HOWARD GODWIN, Clerk Superior Court.

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NORTH CAROLINA, HARNETT COUNTY, IN THE SUPERIOR COURT TOMMY L. JOHNSON, Plaintiff, vs. EDWARD W. HELWIG, Defendant.

NOTICE

EDWARD W. HELWIG, the defendant above named, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Harnett County, in which action the plaintiff is seeking to recover damages by him incurred as a result of damage to his automobile, which damage arose from an accident between the automobile of the plaintiff and the automobile of the defendant caused by the carelessness and gross negligence of the defendant in operating his automobile, and without any fault or negligence on the part of the plaintiff.

Said defendant will take further notice that he is required to appear at the office of the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court of Harnett County, on or before the 10 day of September, 1946, and answer or demur to the complaint, or plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief therein demanded.

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