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Timely Farm Questions

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QUESTION: Is it necessary to apply any fertilizer to vegetable crops after planting?

ANSWER: The quality of succulent vegetables is dependent upon rapid growth and it is often necessary to make a side application of quickly available nitrogen in order to maintain vigorous growth. The time of applying the side dressing will depend upon the vigor and maturity of the crop and upon seasonal conditions. The grower must use his own judgment as to when to apply the side dressing.

QUESTION: How soon after freshening should a cow be given a full ration?

ANSWER: It usually takes about three weeks for an animal to be brought to full feed, but this should be regulated by the physical condition of the cow. The first day after freshening the grain feed should be restricted to bran mash. The next four days, the cow should be given a mixture of wheat bran and ground oats, equal parts. The animal may then be started on the regular milking ration and gradually brought to full feed in three weeks. A reasonable amount of legume hay and a small amount of silage may be fed at all times.

QUESTION: What is the right amount of cotton seed to plant on one acre?

ANSWER: Do not use less than one and one-half bushels to the acre of seed that germinates 80 per cent or better. With a lower germination a higher rate of seed should be used. Where the seed have been treated with ethyl mercury chloride from four to five pecks of seed is sufficient. In all cases, the seed should be treated before planting to prevent damping-off diseases and the saving in planting seed will more than pay for the cost of treating. See your County Agent about this treatment.

YOUNGVILLE P. T. A. HOLDS MEETING

The Youngville Parent-Teacher Association will hold its final meeting for the current school year in the School Auditorium on Monday, April 8th, at 7:30 P. M. The chief item of business will be the election of officers for the coming year. The program will consist of a recital presenting the piano students of Miss Madge Hedrick; there will also be selections by the Toy Orchestra. All members are urged to attend, and the public is cordially invited; we think you will enjoy it.

American turkeys are evolving toward birds with larger breasts, providing more white meat, says the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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THE SHOWER MONTH

On The Farm and in The Home



When April rains began to fall And heavy clouds hung low all day. The Pigg tribe wasn't sore at all. In fact, all gave their glad Okay. Ia cleaned the house with care and then pesky dust blew back again.

Spring work is in full swing on the farm, and April ushers in one of the busiest months of the agricultural calendar. As reminders, State College specialists offer the following suggestions, which, if accepted, should result in a more bountiful harvest season.

H. R. Niswonger, Extension horticulturist, advises the planting of all types of home garden crops. He lists the following vegetables to be planted this month, and the number of days after planting when they should be ready for use: Beets, 60 days; beans, 40; carrots, 75; sweet corn, 60; cucumbers, 60; cantaloupes, 120; chard, 40; celery, 120; Irish potatoes, 80; kale, 90; garden peas, 40; lettuce, 60; onion seed, 130; okra, 100; parsnips, 125; radishes, 20; squash, 60; spinach, 30; tendergreens, 30; tomatoes, 100; and watermelons, 100.

J. O. Rowell, Extension entomologist tells farmers to delay planting corn until May if they have been troubled in the past with stalk borers. However, he says that doubling the amount of seed when planting corn in low ground will usually allow for a good stand despite root worms, drill worms, and bud worms. In addition, Rowell advises that injury by flea beetles that sometimes eat small round holes in vegetable seedlings and potato leaves can be prevented by a Bordeaux spray, or by dusting with rotenone dust.

The suggestion of E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer, is: See your AAA committeeman or county farm agent immediately and sign a farm plan before April 15 to qualify for Triple-A payments in 1940, if you have not already done so. The 15th is the final date for signing Farm Plans for 1940, and a grower must sign one of these plans if he wishes to receive a payment at the end of the year.

F. M. Haig, professor of animal husbandry, calls attention to the need for care of young animals

Old Bolivar could almost hear The "Thank You" of the seeded grain:

Polly felt blossom time draw near. Pete saw pie cherries in the fair. So all were tickled pink with red to greet another rainy season.

born on the farm. Sanitary quarters are doubly important for the young, and control of lice and other parasites will result in more profit from the dairy, beef cattle, or swine herd, and the sheep flock, he says.

John A. Arey, Extension dairyman emphasizes the need for roughage to carry the cows over the winter period. He suggests the growing of four tons of silage and two tons of good hay for each mature cow in the dairy herd. Also, Mr. Arey advises that cows should be kept off the permanent pasture until the ground is firm and the grass has made a good growth.

H. W. Taylor, Extension swine specialist, says spring pigs should be castrated when they are about five weeks of age. Soybeans planted in rows and cultivated twice will furnish excellent grazing for swine from the time the plants are about 15 inches high until frost, he says. One acre of beans on good land will carry 15 to 20 shoats, provided they are on a full feed of corn and a good protein supplement.

Lewis P. Watson, Extension horticulturist, recommends that sweet potatoes be bedded the first week in April in order to have plants for setting about June 1. Instead of selling the best potatoes, he continues, and using the scrubs and culls for seed, build up your own seed stock by saving the best for seed. Select smooth, well-shaped potatoes of desirable color and free from disease.

Look for the blue tag of the North Carolina Crop Improvement Association if you are offered certified cotton seed produced in this State, says A. D. Stuart, seed specialist. Many dealers have sold out of certified cotton seed at this time of the year, and farmers should exercise caution in buying any but the best stock available. Where germination of seed is low, enough extra seed should be planted to allow for the failure of the poor seed to come up.

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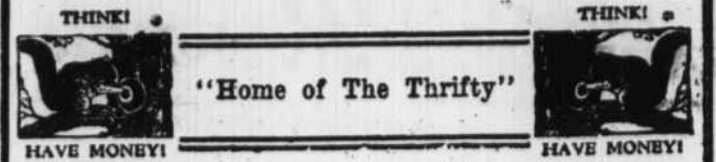
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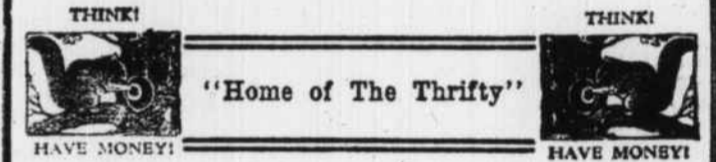
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