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THE BLOW-UP MONTH On The Farm and in The Home



July
Bolivar Figg, as orator, When the Fourth came, loved to expand Upon the ragged patriots' war Which first won freedom for our land. He'd talk with satisfaction vast About the glories of the PAST.

Ma Figg and Pete and Polly, too, Had different thoughts upon the day: They burned explosives, it is true, But not for years far gone away. They honored in their noisy glee The Land this IS and yet shall be.

Specialists of N. C. State College make the following recommendations for carrying out model farming during the month of July:

Paul Kime, Experiment Station agronomist, says frequent cultivation of cotton is beneficial since it maintains a mulch which helps to hold moisture. Cultivation should be shallow at all times in order to prevent injury to the root system. This suggestion also applies to corn and most of the other cultivated crops.

Mr. Kime said further that if the rush of other work has delayed the planting of sufficient hay crops, there is still time to get a fair to good crop of hay from Sudan grass, millet, and cowpeas if the sowing is completed by July 15.

Hot weather proves a trying time for cows, says Extension Service Dairyman John Arey. Not only is there a variation in the quantity and quality of feed furnished by pasture, but flies and the heat add to the cow's discomfort. Net result is extreme difficulty in maintaining a uniform milk flow at this time.

In furnishing relief, Mr. Arey urges that places where cows are kept during the hotter part of the day be provided with plenty of shade and an ample supply of fresh water. Then, too, combat the fly menace, especially by destroying sources of breeding places. Traps and traps will also help.

Enos Blair, Extension Service agronomist, says see that small grain is thoroughly dry before it is threshed. If there is the slightest hint of dampness, spread it out and stir twice a day until it

has dried out completely. After the grain has been stored, keep a sharp watch for weevils, web worms, and grain moths. Should any of these pests show up, treat the grain immediately with carbon disulphide.

Mr. Blair also said: "If you are so fortunate as to have a good second crop of red clover and want to cut it for hay, go fishing and stay until the desire to cut that crop leaves you. Help your land by plowing this crop under."

T. T. Brown, Extension Service poultryman, urges farmers to cull out hens as fast as they stop laying. A bird that has quit laying may be detected by observing her head closely. When production ceases, the comb and wattles shrink and become pale, appearing dry and scaly. Put these hens on the market immediately. Another hot weather suggestion is gathering eggs two or three times a day and storing them in a cool, moist, well-ventilated basement or cellar.

During July, says Dr. Luther Shaw, State College plant pathologist, apple growers should keep up their spray program, since blight and bitter rot usually make their appearance at this time of the year. A spray calendar for apples, Extension Circular No. 192, may be obtained without charge from the Agricultural Editor at State College.

Earl Hostetler, professor of animal husbandry, says where facilities for winter lambs are available, the breeding season should begin July 1. Early breeding will be encouraged if the ewes are gaining in weight when turned over to the ram.

Timely Farm Questions

Answered at State College

QUESTION: Does pruning have any effect on the size of dahlia blooms?

ANSWER: Yes. The number and size of blooms will depend upon the number of lateral branches you allow to grow. If a very large bloom is desired, the center stalk should be left and all laterals pinched out except the bottom two or three sets or the center stalk may be pinched out leaving about three sets of laterals at the bottom of the plant. These will be forced out quickly and will give a number of large blooms. As these laterals develop remove all secondary laterals except the lower pair and continue this practice until frost.

QUESTION: When is the best time to plant vegetables for my fall garden?

ANSWER: This depends upon the hardiness of the different vegetables and the time required for maturity. Tender vegetables must be planted in time to produce a crop before killing frosts occur and should be given a little more time to mature during the fall months than is required during warm weather. The latest safe dates for planting the different vegetable crops in the various sections of the state are given in Extension Circular 122 and copies of this may be obtained free upon request to the Agricultural Editor at State College.

QUESTION: When should I select my tobacco seed plants?

ANSWER: Seed plants should be selected just before the tobacco is topped and all selected should be typical of the variety planted. The leaves must be well spaced on the stalk and the plant stand out above the average. The plants should be bagged in a 14 pound paper bag just before the first bloom to prevent cross-pollination. Bud worm bait should be applied to seed pods before the bags are put on. When the to-

bacco is matured, the best seed plants should again be selected.

QUESTION: What percentage of soybeans can I add to the ration for my hogs without injurious effects?

ANSWER: Recent experiments at this station have shown that as much as fifty per cent of the ration may be soybeans for pigs from 61 to 100 pounds in weight. When the pigs reached 100 pounds the ration was changed to corn-tankage containing 13 per cent cottonseed meal and this was continued until the animals were slaughtered at 230 pounds. Out of 153 hogs used, 148 or 96.7 per cent of the chilled carcasses graded firm.

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atoes from the early crop be used to plant the late crop?

ANSWER: Seed from the spring crop of such varieties as Cobblers, Early Rose, and Bliss Triumph may be planted for the late crop if the seed are sprouting, but a better plan is to secure seed potatoes from last year's crop which have been kept in storage. It sometimes takes three or four weeks before sprouting begins even if the seed are covered with hay or straw and kept moist until sprouting occurs. In any case, plant only those seed which have sprouted.

QUESTION: What is the best time to cut corn for silage?

ANSWER: The proper time to cut corn for silage is when the grain is denting and the shuck slightly yellow. This stage of maturity is reached about a week to ten days before the corn is ready to cut and shock. If cut earlier the nutritive value of the silage will be lowered and the acid content often increased to an objectionable level. If the harvesting delayed beyond the proper stage of maturity the crop will not contain enough moisture to pack and keep well in the silo. If sorghum is used for silage this crop should not be cut until the seed in the head are firm.

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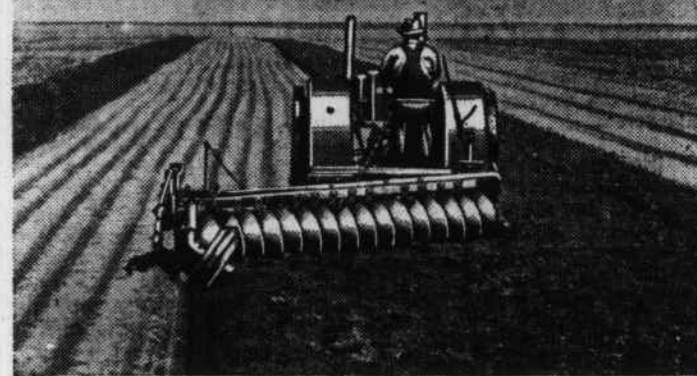
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