

Timely Farm Questions

Answered at State College

QUESTION: What are the requirements for having Irish potatoes certified?
ANSWER: The N. C. Crop Improvement Association restricts certification of Irish potatoes to elevations of 2,200 feet or more in order to give the seed potatoes a shorter growing season and thereby make them more desirable for lower altitudes with longer growing seasons. Growers whose farms have the desirable elevation and whose crop was planted with certified seed may make application now to the Crop Improvement Association at State College if they wish their potatoes certified.

QUESTION: How should hay be cured?
ANSWER: Hay should be cured so as to preserve the leaves and the natural green color. Likewise, damage from dew, rain, and mold should be avoided. Hay should not be left long on the ground after cutting, but raked into small windrows when the leaves begin to wilt. This is usually after three to four hours of bright sunshine. Windrows of heavy chops should be turned over again with the rake later in the afternoon. The side delivery rake and the hay tedder are excellent implements for stirring and hastening the curing of heavy hay crops.

QUESTION: Is there still time to sign up in the voluntary food and feed program being conducted this year?
ANSWER: N. C. State College Extension Service officials have announced that the voluntary program will be held open until June 15 for farm families wishing to sign up and do their part in the food-for-defense program. Cards have been mailed to each of North Carolina's 278,000 farm families which they may sign and return to their county agent. The campaign is in no way compulsory.

Four-H Club members of Greene County are interested in starting a dairy calf club, according to J. W. Grant, assistant farm agent of the N. C. State College Extension Service.
 Army rations now provide a great improvement over similar rations issued to U. S. soldiers during the previous six periods of militarization, beginning with the Revolutionary War.

But It's True



Mr. Hardy was forty-four years old when he died of pneumonia. It was not until two years before his death that he discovered he was not normal.



Harris Township farmers lead in the food and feed program by returning 49 food and feed cards during the week ending May 24 to bring their total percentage returned up to 56.5%. Cypress Creek township returned 17 cards to bring their total percentage to 64.4 thus replacing Franklin Township as the leading group. There are 1900 farm operators in Franklin County and to date 1323 cards have been returned indicating intentions on the part of these operators to produce in so far as possible their food and feed requirements. The closing date for the signing of the food and feed cards will be May 31, after which group leaders will be asked to contact farm families who have not signed to discuss with them their reasons for not participating in the food and feed program. The following is summary of the results of the program in Franklin County to date:

Township	Oprs.	Cards Rtd.	Perctg.	Leader
Cypress Creek	180	116	64.4	David C. Miller
Franklinton	340	198	58.2	Fred Blount
Harris	240	147	61.5	W. E. Adams
Youngsville	340	195	57.2	F. C. Winston
Cedar Rock	360	187	52.0	W. W. McClure
Hayesville	190	78	41.0	J. T. Griffin
Gold Mine	270	108	40.0	E. P. Barnes
Sandy Creek	307	120	39.0	E. M. Alexander
Louisburg	340	127	37.3	W. J. Smith
Dunn	410	137	33.4	O. J. Rochester

Pasture demonstrations in Forsyth County are showing the kind of results this year that makes farmers want to follow suit, reports S. R. Mitchiner, assistant farm agent.

Amos—Are you and your wife in such perfect harmony that you both some times think of exactly the same thing?
Frank—Yes, when I stay out later than I said I would she keeps thinking what she'll say to me when I get home, and so do I.

Traffic Officer—Hey, you can't make a turn to the right!
Lady Motorist—Why not?
Traffic Officer—Well, a right turn is wrong here—the left turn is right. If you want to turn right turn left and then—aw, go ahead!

C. S. Young, a demonstration farmer of the Shoal Creek section of Yancey County, has a convincing demonstration that alfalfa can be grown successfully in the county, says Farm Agent R. H. Crouse.

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