

FARM NEWS

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THE AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE

Farmers Get Higher Ratings For Lumber

Higher priority ratings for softwood lumber required for essential agricultural uses are provided in an amendment to the softwood lumber conservation order, according to G. T. Scott, Chairman of the State USDA War Board.

Under the new ruling, farmers are provided with an AA-3 priority rating for lumber used in maintenance and repairing of farm buildings, other than dwellings. An AA-4 rating is provided for most other agricultural uses, such as constructing shelters, barns, pens, sheds for livestock and poultry; and other essential buildings.

"Automatic preference ratings are not provided for new softwood lumber to be used for such agricultural purposes as construction of new dwellings, garages, machine sheds, repair shops and similar buildings," Scott said. "The softwood lumber conservation order, however, does not affect the use of home-sawed, used, or hardwood lumber for any purpose, unless otherwise restricted. Regardless of the type of lumber used, present conservation orders prohibit construction of agricultural dwellings costing \$200 or more and other agricultural buildings costing \$1,000 or more, without prior approval of the War Production Board."

He said the amendment makes it compulsory for dealers to fill purchase orders carrying a preference rating if they have the material on hand and do not have orders pending with higher priority ratings.

Growers Are Offered New Publication on Peanuts

A new publication entitled "Producing Peanuts For Oil" has just been issued by the Extension Service of N. C. State College. Growers may obtain a free copy by addressing a postcard to the Agricultural Editor of the College at Raleigh.

The bulletin discusses "Proper Soil Selection," "Choosing a Variety," "Seed Treatment," "Fertilization," and many other factors involved in successfully growing the crop. Farmers who are planting peanuts for the first time, as a part of their war effort, should by all means get a copy of this publication and study the many practical suggestions found in it. Other growers, who have been producing the crop for many years, will find it interesting and instructive.

The national farm program is calling for a large increase in the peanut acreage, since oil-bearing nuts are so sorely needed to replace the imports which have been cut off by the war. Thousands of "new" growers are putting in peanuts and "old" growers are expanding their acreage to help in the war effort.

"What are the lime requirements of the crop?" "Should Peanuts be Inoculated?" "What Cultural Methods Have Proved Best?"—these and many other questions are fully answered in the new publication.

Dr. E. R. Collins, in charge of Agronomy Extension at State College, compiled the information in cooperation with other agronomists of the Extension Service and the N. C. Experiment Station. He points out that it is imperative that the crop be produced with the most efficient use of land, fertilizer and labor, at all times keeping in mind the maintenance of soil fertility for other crops.

Junior—Daddy, what is meant by "the bone of contention?"
Father—The jawbone, my son.

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

Refrigerators are out for the duration. Manufacturers have now toiled their plants for production of war materials. Common-sense-folk, however, are saving now, not spending, and building up a fund for purchase of refrigerators and other domestic needs through investment in U. S. War Bonds.



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VICTORY ON THE FARM FRONT

NEWS from the Agricultural Extension Service

STATE COLLEGE ANSWERS TIMELY FARM QUESTIONS

QUESTION: What is the lime requirements of peanuts.

ANSWER: Peanuts need limestone both in the root zone and in the area of the land where the peanuts are forming. Four hundred pounds of ground dolomitic limestone should be applied in the row and mixed with the soil with a fertilizer distributor. Burned lime, potash lime or gypsum (land plaster) may be applied along the row where needed.

QUESTION: How can I distinguish blue mold in my tobacco bed?

ANSWER: The plants may show various symptoms such as slight wilting, pale-green color, or dead leaves. The presence of gray to blue mold on the lower side of the pale-green or dead leaves is a sure sign of the disease. This symptom distinguishes it from cold injury, frost injury, burn from nitrate of soda, or other conditions sometimes confused with it. If the night temperatures are below 45 degrees or above 65 degrees, the disease does not develop rapidly.

QUESTION: Are all green crops satisfactory for poultry nutrition?

ANSWER: "No" is the answer to this question. There is a fallacious belief that anything that is green is satisfactory for poultry nutrition. While in the young and growing stages, most green plants probably have some food value, it is also likely that after a certain stage of growth, some of these plants may be highly fibrous and of little food value.

QUESTION: How should eggs be stored?

ANSWER: They should be stored in a cool, fairly moist, well-ventilated place. Moisture is just as necessary as keeping them cool. Both make for retaining good quality. Put them on a concrete floor, which has been sprinkled, if possible. The best temperatures for keeping eggs are between 40 and 60 degrees.

Coffee Gets Another Christening!

Lakehurst, N. J.—Known as Blackjack to the Army, Swamp Water to the Marines, and Java to the Navy, coffee has now acquired a new name—Jamocho—which is heard only among crews of our gigantic "Bloodhounds of the Air," the lighter-than-air blimps at the tremendous blimp base in the Naval Air Station at Lakehurst.

As part of our first line of American coastal defense against the ever-increasing ravages of enemy U-boat raids on United Nations' shipping, these air gobs are under constant strain. Consequently, they frequently relieve tension and raise body temperature in the frigid atmosphere over the sea with a handy paper cup of steaming Jamocho. It gets mighty cold over the Atlantic, even inside a "Bloodhound of the Air."

Modesty is a virtue, but one seldom gets his salary raised on account of it.

FARM QUESTION BOX

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Q. Is it time now to buy baby chicks?

A. That depends on how early you want to start them. They are produced and started every month of the year now, but if you want only a few for your own use wait until about April or May.

Q. Would you advise building a one or two-story cow barn?

A. One story, with cows facing out. Use hay barracks and silos for the hay, straw and silage.

Q. What garden crops would profit most by being planted where soy beans were grown last year?

A. Crops that will benefit most by the nitrogen left by the roots of the soy beans are leafy vegetables such as lettuce, spinach, and Swiss chard.

Q. What is the formula for making bordeaux mixture for spraying purposes?

A. The most popular formula is 3-3-50, but it may be altered to suit crops or conditions. Dissolve 3 pounds of copper sulphate in 50 gallons of water and add 3 pounds of lime mixed to a thin paste; then add 2 pounds of arsenate of lead and 1/2 pint of nicotine, if needed, and apply promptly. Keep the solution agitated all the time.

Q. What is the difference in quality and abundance of crop between the winter and spring wheat.

A. Winter wheat yields a better crop and is a hard wheat suitable for milling.

Q. Is there any way to determine the approximate age of an old apple tree.

A. An experienced orchardist can guess pretty close by looking at it; or if a lower main limb is cut off you can count the rings and add three or four and get an accurate count on the age.

Q. What is the best soy bean to plant for food?

A. Sousei, Kanum, Chusei or Etum.

Q. Is there a fertilizer that can be used on all sort of garden vegetables?

A. Yes; the 3-8-7 Victory Special. Use some mixed with the soil at planting time, and more if and when needed as a side dressing.

Q. Can sheep manure be used the same as cow manure?

A. Yes, except it is stronger in plant food and adds less humus to the soil than straw cow manure. Humus is one thing a soil needs.

The teacher had recited "The Landing of the Pilgrims." Then she requested each pupil to draw from his or her imagination a picture of Plymouth Rock. Most of them went to work at once, but one little fellow hesitated, and at length raised his hand.

Teacher—Well, Junior, what is it?

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Expenses of Farmers

A farmer who operates a farm for profit is entitled to deduct from gross income as necessary expenses all amounts expended (other than those constituting capital expenditures) in the carrying on of the business of farming. The cost of feeding and raising livestock may be treated as an expense deduction insofar as such costs represent actual outlay, but not including the value of farm produce grown upon the farm or the labor of the taxpayer. Also deductible is the cost of seed, minor repairs to farm buildings (other than the dwelling of the farmer), and small tools used up in the course of a short period.

The cost of fuel and oil used for farm work, as well as repairs and maintenance of farm machinery, is deductible as a business expense; but the cost of farm machinery, equipment, and farm buildings represents a capital investment and is not an allowable deduction. The cost, however, may be recovered by depreciation allowance. In the case of a farmer, the farm dwelling is not depreciable, except such part of it as may be used directly in farming operations. The cost of gasoline, repairs and upkeep of an automobile if used wholly in connection with the taxpayer's farm operations, as well as depreciation thereon, may be deducted, but if an automobile is used partly for business and partly for pleasure or the convenience of the taxpayer or his family, the cost of operation may be apportioned according to the extent of the use for purposes of business and for pleasure or convenience, and the portion attributable to business will be deductible as a necessary business expense.

The cost of hired laborers and hired machines on a farm and the part of the board which is purchased for hired laborers are deductible. The value of products furnished by the farm and used in the board of hired laborers is not a deductible expense. Rations purchased and furnished to laborers or sharecroppers are deductible as a part of the labor expense. Amounts paid to persons engaged in household work to the extent that their services are used in boarding and otherwise caring for farm laborers are deductible, but amounts paid for services of such employees engaged in caring for the farmer's own household are not a deductible expense.

Amounts expended in the development of farms, orchards, and ranches prior to the time when the productive state is reached may be regarded as investments of capital. The cost of planting trees, as well as the amounts expended by a farmer in the restoration of soil fertility preparatory to actual production of crops and the cost of liming soil to increase productivity over a period of years are capital expenditures; but the cost of commercial fertilizers, the benefit of which is of short duration and which have to be used every year or so, even after a farm reaches the productive state, is deductible as an expense.

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Next to farm labor, the outlook for farm machinery presents the most serious obstacle to production in 1943. The only way out is to take the best possible care of machines and keep them running.

Civilian supplies of canned vegetables from next summer's estimated pack will be increased about 10,000,000 cases under new food orders. Most of the increase will be canned tomatoes and snap beans.

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