

# FARM QUESTION BOX

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**Q.** Should a colt be placed in a pasture with shod horses?

**A.** No. The colt is likely to get hurt from kicking when put in a lot with strange horses that are shod. It may also become timid.

**Q.** What causes pea vines to turn yellow and dry up before the first pods fill out?

**A.** That may be due to one or more of several things—bacterial blight carried on seed or in soil, root aphid, and a few less common enemies of the pea. There is no remedy. However, a prevention is to buy seed grown in the arid West where these diseases do not flourish, rotate to clean soil each year, and mix tobacco dust with the soil around the seed to repel aphid.

**Q.** How can I get rid of poison ivy vines?

**A.** Keep the tops burned off till the roots starve to death.

**Q.** When does a heifer become a cow?

**A.** When it has its first calf and starts to produce milk.

**Q.** What can I do to prevent

woodchucks from eating beans?  
**A.** Shoot or gas them. The simplest plan is to get calcium cyanide (cyanogas); put a tablespoonful in each burrow entrance, and close the entrance to hold in the cyanide gas.

**Q.** What is the usual way to measure an acre of land?

**A.** Hire a surveyor; measure with the clock on a grain drill; or lay off one side the desired length (say 100 feet) and then the other side at a right angle to get a sum total of 43,560 square feet. That is roughly 100 by 435, or 150 by 290, or 200 by 217, or 250 by 174, etc.

**Q.** Do cabbages and beets produce seed?

**A.** Yes. Both beet and cabbage produce a seed stalk, flower and seed during the second year. The beets are usually left in the ground over winter, but the cabbages are dug and stored. California grows a large part of our domestic beet seed, since war has cut off the foreign supply; and Wisconsin produces most of the cabbage seed.

## INVESTIGATING EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES

Officials of the War Manpower Commission are continuing their investigation of employers and employees in Wake and Franklin Counties with reference to the Stabilization Plan, according to an announcement made by P. B. Pollock, Area Director of the War Manpower Commission. Mr. Pollock revealed the fact that the payrolls of a number of employers, both in the essential and other than essential classification were checked during the past ten days, and others are being checked this week. Firms representing various types of activities were selected for the initial survey and others will be visited from time to time to determine if all employers in Raleigh and Wake County are complying with the Stabilization Plan.

Every employer is required to have in his files a Certificate of Most Recent Employment, a release from his last employer, or a Statement of Availability from the United States Employment Service for each of the employees hired since May 15.

The Certificate of Most Recent Employment is secured by the employer from all employees coming from other than essential activities, or from employees entering the labor market for the first time.

The employer's release in the Raleigh area or in commuting distance from the Raleigh area is acceptable in lieu of a Statement of Availability from the Employment Service. The Raleigh area comprises both Wake and Franklin Counties. Commuting distance has been determined to be thirty miles or less from the worker's place of residence.

Workers coming into the Raleigh area from other areas are required to obtain Statements of Availability from the Raleigh office of the United States Employment Service before being hired. Since the Statement of Availability stipulates that the worker may be employed only in another essential activity, no employer in the other than essential classification can hire the worker with this statement. Workers coming into this area, as well as workers in the Raleigh area are referred to other than essential employers only when there is no full time essential job to be offered them. These are referred by use of an Employment Service referral card Form 508, which serves also as a Statement of Availability.

During the initial surveys, em-

ployers have cooperated with those assigned to check their payrolls. On the whole they have expressed a desire to secure more information about the stabilization plan and have shown a willingness to carry out its provisions. A copy of the Certificate of Most Recent Employment is being distributed to all employers so that the form may be duplicated for use in hiring workers from other than essential activities. Any employer or employee in Wake and Franklin Counties desiring additional information relative to the Stabilization Plan may get in touch with Mr. Lee J. Craven, Manager of the Raleigh local office.

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## VICTORY ON THE FARM FRONT

NEWS from the Agricultural Extension Service

STATE COLLEGE ANSWERS TIMELY FARM QUESTIONS

**QUESTION:** When is the best time of the year to cut pulpwood?

**ANSWER:** You can cut pulpwood any month in the year, if it is shipped rough, or in the bark. If the wood is to be peeled, spring and early summer are the best periods. Pulp mills now buy most of the pine wood in the bark. Two mills buy North Carolina hardwoods in bark and one mill requires peeled wood. Winter months are ideal for cutting pulpwood to improve your woods by removing the low-grade, cull trees and thinning overcrowded stands. Your county agent can help you decide on what to cut.

**QUESTION:** Can I "overfeed" my dairy cows?

**ANSWER:** Each cow should be fed according to her ability to produce milk. Feeding the cow a full ration means that the animal should receive enough feed to maintain her body weight and also enough to produce all the milk of which she is capable. Since the cow must first keep up her weight, it is poor policy not to give her enough feed for economical milk production. Feeding a full ration never means overfeeding.

**QUESTION:** How should barley, wheat and rye be fed to workstock?

**ANSWER:** Oats and corn are the standard rations for horses and mules. Barley, wheat and rye should be ground if fed to workstock. The last two should generally be mixed with other feeds to prevent digestive disturbances. Cottonseed meal also is often used as a protein supplement but that its good practice not to feed more than one pound of the meal per 1,000 pounds of liveweight of the horse or mule.

The War Meat Board is urging growers to market their hogs early. The spring pig crop was 22 per cent larger than last year.

## SOIL CONSERVATION NEWS

By W. O. Lambeth

Five years ago the Soil Conservation Service planted kudzu on an eroded area on the J. W. Card farm on the Bunn Highway. The kudzu was planted around a roadside sign that marked the eastern boundary of the Cedar Creek Soil Conservation Demonstration Project. The kudzu has covered the one-half acre eroded area and is now being used for grazing. Mrs. Card reports that a neighbor, a Mrs. Young, has been chaining two milk cows on this area all during the dry weather and that the volume of milk has steadily increased since the cows have been on the kudzu.

C. O. Renn, Louisburg, Route 4, has a good stand of crotalaria on a field alongside North Carolina Highway No. 56.

Postmaster T. M. Harris has a watermelon vine in a flower bed on the Franklin Street side of the post office that has several nice melons on it. Mr. Harris has carefully watered the lone vine all during the dry weather and handled it according to good victory garden specifications. There are two things lacking from a soil conservation standpoint, however, the flower bed was not terraced and the seeds were not planted on the contour.

Kudzu planted in March 1942 on a road bank on the Herbert Stallings farm south of Pilot has now almost covered the bank.

Samuel Adams, colored farmer living in the lower part of the county on N. C. Highway No. 95 has terraced thirty acres of land on his farm in the last eight years, using an A frame and a carpenter's level to stake out each terrace.

Complete soil conservation plans were made on the following farms last week: Robert Brooks, Franklinton, R 2; Samuel C. Adams, Zebulon, Route 2; Robert C. Wheless, Spring Hope, Route 1; and Harvel Harris, Louisburg, Route 4.

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