

Cotton Should Be Grown Only On The Best Soils

FARMER FACING TOUGH PROBLEM IN THIS STATE

Reduction Of Acreage Is Also Necessary In Order To Fit In With Present Demands.

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In this day of low selling prices for practically all agricultural products, there arises in the minds of North Carolina cotton growers the question as to what will be best for them to do with cotton this year.

From a consideration of available facts, not theories, it would appear that the only safe plan to follow is one which will lead to a material reduction in acreage so that the total production of cotton will be under total consumption, and to so handle the acreage planted that the cost of producing a pound of cotton will be reduced to the very lowest possible figures.

In reducing acreage, only the best soils on each farm, well suited to the growth of the crop, should be planted. The preparation of the land and the cultivation of the crop, economically performed, should be of the kind and amount best suited for the germination of the seed and for a healthy and uninterrupted growth of it from start to finish.

At the present time a good number of North Carolina cotton growers are in a quandary as to whether it will or will not be best to leave off entirely



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the use of fertilizers or to greatly reduce the applications under what had been found in previous years to be most profitable, when lint and seed were selling at much higher prices than obtain at the present time.

Bearing on this question, it may be of interest to growers to know that all of the many field results obtained by this department of the experiment station in different parts of the cotton-growing area of the state during the past 20 years, show decidedly that the greatest net profit per acre is obtained from growing cotton with proper fertilization as contrasted with ill-suited or no fertilization, when the selling price for lint and seed are fair to good. The loss to the grower will be much less under proper fertilization than when not fertilized at all or only poorly fertilized when cotton prices are very low.

The results of field tests by this department have shown unmistakably the following with reference to what the best policy to follow in the fertilization of this crop, even under the adverse conditions which obtain at the present time:

(1) Without fertilization, when the selling price of cotton is below the equivalent of 5 cents per pound for seed cotton, its growth will usually be at a loss on dominant cotton soils of the coastal plain and piedmont sections of the state.

(2) With typical cotton soils of the coastal plain region, the most profitable applications are ones varying from 600 to 800 pounds per acre of suitable fertilizer mixtures, provided the selling price of cotton is the equivalent to 5 cents or more per pound for seed cotton.

REYNOLDS ASSERTS UNIONS ARE NEEDED

"Professional men, merchants, manufacturers and employers have their unions; it is through organization alone that an individual may expect to better his position and raise himself above the bread line," declared R. R. Reynolds, candidate for the U. S. Senate.

"Professional men do not call their organizations by the name of unions," the speaker said, "but they are exactly that. Take the doctors for example; they make up a scale of prices and stick to it. So do all other professional men. Lawyers have their prices. Merchants have their credit associations. Employers of all kinds are organized for their mutual benefit."

Mr. Reynolds said that working people who fail to join their union organizations are missing the greatest opportunity of protecting their interests, for everything that the workingman has or expects to get will be through the standards set by organized labor.

The speaker deplored the fact that the U. S. Senate had appropriated a two billion-dollar booster fund for banks and capitalists and had defeated a "measly \$375,000,000 to feed the hungry" of this country.

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"It is time some leadership and some party called our attention to the fact there is no magic cure for the ills and the evils of human folly. We trod the primrose path of extravagance, of thoughtless and of almost criminal neglect of every sound principle of human conduct, from the individual to the government, and the individual was aided, encouraged, and abetted on that path by the government and those responsible for its administration."

"One of the biggest things was a watered state of mind in which we all thought we were richer than we were, and were living beyond our means."

"In my opinion, no great division of human society has ever been lied to, and lied about, as much in the same period of time as has the American farmer."

"This then is my hope for our future—that we may be rich without forgetting to be righteous; that we may be powerful without being offensively proud; that we may be nationally minded without being narrow-minded; and, finally, that we may live in a world of fact without surrendering our faith."

"I would urge consideration of the complete abolishment of so-called floor trading, which, as I am informed, has about it most of the characteristics of plain crap shooting, and few, if any, more redeeming features than that delightful Ethiopian pastime."

"It is bad enough when the intelligent and wealthy speculate and lose, but when scrubwomen, day laborers, small home owners, wives and youths speculate and lose, simply because they can go to a broker's office and get credit for small sums, the practice ceases to be defensible on any ground."

"Out of the stress and difficulty of the situation I believe gradually we shall return to simpler thinking and simpler living. For it seems to me abandon the struggle to live up with the Joneses, and to rediscover the true purpose of life, which is the joy to be found in the simple virtues of industry, thrift and sane living. I believe in our people, in our country, and in the God who directs our destinies; and I welcome the future with confidence and unshaken faith."

"We have not failed because of

ignorance of economic theories, but because of our utter disregard and defiance of all economic laws. Ambition, stupidity, and greed have dictated policies, and trouble has been the result."

"All through history... the nations that have been agriculturists and have included in their agricultural and domestic pursuits the breeding and raising of livestock have been the nations that have endured the longest and performed the greatest work for mankind."

"Open the door of an agricultural school and you close the door of a poorhouse."

"Relief from owing too much money does not lie in borrowing more."

"Human welfare, I believe, means more than the mere assurance of the individual of political rights—life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness—as enunciated in the Declaration of Independence; it means also the opportunity to exercise these inalienable rights."

"Knowledge is one thing, but courage of leadership is another."

"Falsehood and error make the headlines, while truth and fact are lost in the maze of half-point type."

"What does freckle-faced Johnny, snub-nosed Bill or red-headed Jim care about composition, translation or conjugation? The only cube root life will ever give them a chance to extract will probably be that of a hickory or sassafras sprout; the only unknown quantity they will ever seek to find will be the measure of the nubbins they can produce on the worn-out fields their fathers have robbed before them; the only conjugation they will ever undertake will sound something like 'We Work,' 'You Work,' 'They Work.'"

"I believe I am a better farmer by a long shot than I am a banker."

"We must either all thrive together or all suffer disaster."

"Gandhi was quite a sheik with the ladies as a youth in England," Dr. Joffe said, pointing out that young wealthy Indians are "pampered" in England.

"Gandhi is a psychological case. I am convinced his motivating force is hatred, not only of the English, but of the whole white race."

Dr. Joffe, a Russian exile, met Gandhi in South Africa, he said.

Gandhi Called 'Dandy' During His College Days

Pittsburgh, Pa.—"Gandhi the Dandy" was the nickname of the Mahatma M. K. Gandhi during his university career, when he was known as the best dressed man on the Oxford campus, according to Dr. Louis Joffe, of Pittsburgh.

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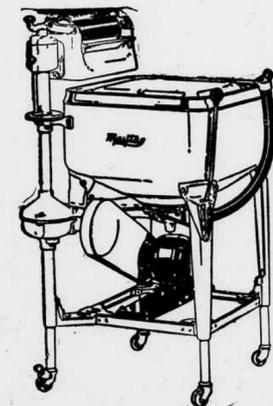
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