

Sows Need Good Care At Farrowing Period

Take care of the sow and save the pigs, is the timely advice offered farmers of North Carolina by Ellis Vestal, assistant Extension swine specialist. At this season when thousands of swine are being born all over the State. A large percentage of the pigs farrowed in the State do not live until weaning time because of improper care of the mothers, he stated.

Vestal recommends that the sow be scrubbed thoroughly a few days before her farrowing time. "Use soap and warm water, and a brush to remove dirt and parasite eggs, paying especial attention to the udder. But nothing should be neglected, not even the feet," he said.

After cleaning, the sow should be put in a clean farrowing pen, and after she has dried off, oil should be applied to control lice and mange. At farrowing time an attendant should be on hand to give any needed assistance. As the pigs are born, they should be dried, and the eight tusk-like

teeth should be clipped with side-cutting pliers.

As other advice, Vestal said: "Keep other hogs away from the farrowing pasture, and keep the new pigs away from dirty hog lots. Leave the pigs on a clean pasture until they are at least four months old, or have attained an average weight of 100 pounds. When possible, leave them there until they can be turned into the corn fields or otherwise fattened for market."

In conclusion, the Extension specialist declared: "Save every pig farrowed, if possible. It is the number of healthy pigs weaned that counts, especially during this period when swine prices are low and the margin of profit is lessened."

PROFITABLE

C. S. Simmons of Pollocksville, Jones County, has a demonstration poultry flock of 114 hens that returned him a net profit of \$43.17 in March, reports Assistant Farm Agent Jack Kelly.

Farm-Home Week To Start On July 29th

Plans for the 37th annual Farm and Home Week at N. C. State College are already being made. The "educational vacation" for hundreds of Tar Heel farm people will be held July 29 through August 2 this year.

John W. Goodman, assistant Extension director, and Miss Ruth Current, State home demonstration agent, called a meeting of a committee on arrangements, and the process of inviting speakers and mapping a program was started.

H. C. Ferebee of Camden is president of the Farmers' Convention for 1940, and Mrs. Dudley Bagley of Moyock will preside over the women's sessions as president of the N. C. Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs. They have groups at work arranging details of the various programs.

A possibility that the attendance of men at the convention will be swelled was seen when E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer, announced that tentative plans have been made to hold a meeting of County Triple-A committeemen at State College during Farm and Home Week. This would bring to Raleigh 300 leading farmers of the State.

It was the unanimous vote of the committee on arrangements that Governor and Mrs. Clyde R. Hoye be extended an invitation to appear on the evening program August 1. Both the Governor and Mrs. Hoye made a hit with the farm people in their program appearances the past three years.

Dan M. Paul of State College is secretary of the Farm and Home Week committee, and he has invited suggestions for program features.

Home-Made Brooder Costs \$5.00 To \$7.50

A home-made lamp brooder that will accommodate from 50 to 60 chicks can be constructed for as little as \$5.00 to \$7.50, says C. F. Parrish, poultry extension specialist of N. C. State College. It is of simple design, easy to operate, and is heated by one to three lamps, depending upon the severity of the weather.

Plans for building a home-made lamp brooder may be obtained from county farm or home agents, or from the Extension Poultryman at State College, Raleigh, upon request for Blue Print No. 46.

Parrish said the lamp brooder is intended for operation in a protected place, such as under a wood shed or wagon shed, preferably where the wind will not

Agonomist Advises Production Soybeans

Grow soybeans as a commercial crop, for soil improvement or as a feed crop, Prof. C. B. Williams, head of the State College Agronomy Department, advises North Carolina farmers. He urges commercial growers to increase yields per acre this year in view of the demand for this crop and its products due to the war situation in Europe and the Orient.

Recommending the yellow-seeded varieties, which are in greatest demand by oil millers, Prof. Williams said that Herman, Tokyo, Wood's Yellow and Haberlandt are adapted to the Coastal Plain; Herman, Wood's Yellow, Clemson, and Haberlandt are best for the Piedmont; and Herman and Haberlandt are adapted to the Mountain area.

"The land selected for soybeans should be of at least average productivity," the agronomist declared. "It should be well drained and in proper shape for planting on or about May 1. Although soybeans belong to the legume family, they require moderate amounts of a properly-selected fertilizer."

"Ordinarily," Prof. Williams continued, "little or no nitrogen is needed in the fertilizer mixture if the soil is in a fairly good state of productivity. However, if the soil is poor to medium in fertility, about 2 per cent nitrogen should be included in the mixtures."

The fertilizer recommendations of the College Agronomy Department for soybeans are: Coastal Plain, 200 to 300 pounds of a five soils, and 250 to 300 pounds 0-8-4 or a 0-8-6 on fairly productive soils, and 200 pounds of a 3-12-6 on poor to medium soils; Piedmont and Mountains, 200 to 300 pounds of a 2-10-4 or 2-10-6 on fairly productive soils, and 250 to 300 pounds of a 2-10-5 or 200 pounds of a 3-15-6 on poor to medium soils.

blow directly on the brooder, yet the sun will shine directly on the sun porch attached.

Here are general directions the specialist gives for such a poultry unit: The brooder is constructed in two parts. The bottom section houses the lamps; the top section accommodates the chicks. The tray that separates the two sections is covered with 26 or 28 gauge tin. The tin side is placed downward, next to the flame of the lamp, and the top part of the tray is covered over with one inch or more of sharp, coarse, dry sand. The chimney of the lamp should be one to one and one-half inches below the metal tray which divides the top and bottom sections.

The tray should be kept covered with sand at all times. This acts not only as a conductor of heat, but also as a litter. It should be kept clean at all times.

A sun porch is attached, and after the first few days the chicks may be allowed to run on it in mild weather. The roof, or top of the brooder may be covered with tin or roofing paper.

RECOVERED

The small grain crop in Stanly county apparently has recovered completely from the damage done by the cold at Easter, says J. E. Wilson, farm agent of the State College Extension Service.

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It's Open Season On Garden Planting

Gardens can be planted now in almost every section of the State without fear of late frost damage, says L. P. Watson, Extension horticulturist of State College. "The only danger now," he stated, "would be to some of the tender plants such as beans, cucumbers, tomatoes, corn and sweet potatoes, in the mountain section. These may be planted safely in the west after May 1 to 15."

Watson said there is, therefore, little excuse for any farm family failing to plant a garden now. "It is almost imperative that we grow something to eat this year to offset an inevitable decline in income from tobacco," he declared.

"The vegetable garden will be worth far more to the farm family than the acre of tobacco given up in the control program. The vegetables which can be grown on an acre of garden land would cost the housewife \$450 if bought at retail prices. This compares with the average acre value of tobacco of about \$135, and an acre value for cotton of \$35, and corn \$20.

"We certainly don't want a recurrence of the situation of last summer, when vegetable trucks toured the farm areas of some Eastern Carolina counties and sold fresh vegetables to tobacco farmers," the specialist continued. "It takes 3 acres of tobacco, 12 acres of cotton, or 22 1-2 acres of corn to buy the vegetables that a one-acre garden will produce."

Watson pointed out that the Agricultural Conservation Program is offering this year a payment of \$1.50 for each home garden of at least one-tenth acre for each member of the farm family. Details of this AAA practice, and other valuable information on home gardens, are contained in Extension Folder No. 45, which is free upon request to the Agricultural Editor at State College, Raleigh.

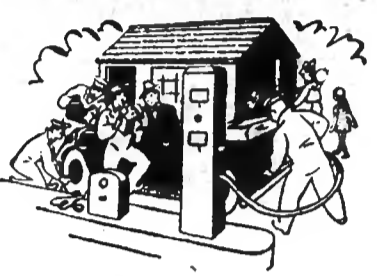
Finley Church, of Kamaerock, Va., died April 17, 1940, and was buried near his home April 18. He died with pneumonia. He was 55 years of age. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Annie Church, and four children, May, Fay, Helen and Lawrence Church, of Virginia, one brother, Lee J. Church, of Summit, six sisters, Mrs. Nancy Mikeal, of Summit, Mrs. Mattie Church, of Stony Fork, Mrs. Jane Watson, Mrs. Rebecca Miller, Mrs. Willie Kight and Mrs. Zora Blackburn, all of Patterson. He was the son of Rev. W. N. and Mrs. Annie Church, who preceded him in death. He was born in Wilkes, leaving about 20 years ago for Virginia and lived there until his death.

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