

Oriental Tobacco Crop Increased

Figures Received From China, Manchuria And Japanese Empire Indicate Some Increase In Acreage This Year

Washington, D. C.—The combined 1937 acreage of flue-cured tobacco in China, Manchuria and the Japanese Empire is estimated by the Shanghai office of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics at 245,000 acres compared with a 1936 harvested area of 211,000 acres and with the 1931-35 average of 144,000 acres annually.

Should growing conditions result in near average yields, the 1937 crop will amount to approximately 300,000,000 pounds compared with 243,000,000 pounds last year and with the 1931-35 average of 180,000,000 pounds.

Increased planting of flue-cured leaf this season were largely the result of high prices paid for the 1936 crop which gave more satisfactory returns per acre than other competing crops. Encouragement and assistance on the part of Government and private agencies, however, also were factors of considerable importance.

Should the 1937 crop in these three areas reach the 300,000,000 pounds now estimated, the 1937-38 (October-September) import requirements of American flue-cured leaf would probably be materially below the 1936-37 imports which are now expected to total approximately 65,000,000 pounds.

Total consumption of flue-cured

leaf in China, Japan and Manchuria during the current (1936-37) season will amount, on a redried basis, to approximately 300,000,000 pounds compared with 267,000,000 pounds in 1935-36 and with the average of 236,000,000 pounds annually for the 5 years ended with 1934-35. Only a moderate increase in consumption is expected in 1937-38, the total reaching perhaps 310,000,000 pounds.

Carryover stock of flue-cured leaf in these three countries at the end of the current marketing year (September 30th) are not expected to exceed 151,000,000 pounds compared with 165,000,000 pounds on September 30, 1936, and with the preceding 5-year average of approximately 188,000,000 pounds. The report points out, however, that during those years consumption was materially lower than during the past 2 years.

Lower prices for American flue-cured leaf during 1937 might be an incentive for manufacturers to increase their purchases of American leaf. Purchases of American leaf will tend to be restricted, however, by increased cigarette production costs and particularly increased cigarette taxes in China, which is the largest producer, consumer and importer of the three countries under consideration.

YES, ISN'T IT?

Husband (reading from newspaper): "Three thousand, four hundred and twenty-six elephants were needed last year to make billiard balls."

Wife: "Isn't it wonderful that such great beasts can be taught to do such delicate work?"

Dual Planning Helps The Farm

Joint Plans Of Man And Wife Used As Basis For Making Improvements On The Farm Home And Grounds

Eighty per cent of all the home demonstration work planned in the South is done in the farm home.

With the assistance the farm family of the South is getting from home and farm agents, there is an excellent opportunity to develop plans for the whole farmstead, including the home grounds front and back as well as the field crops, pastures and other farm operations.

If women as partners with their husbands in all plans for a better farmstead, could roughly sketch the house, its base plantings, other shrubs, walks and trees could also show where the poultry yard, cow lot, pig pen and barn are now placed in regard to sanitary procedure; the garden for convenience to the housewife, and what changes should be made, they would help give a picture of what the farm really is. This picture might speak very satisfactorily and also very loudly of what that farmstead lacks in its provisions for satisfactory living.

Two spinisters were discussing men

"Which would you desire most in a husband—brains, wealth or appearance?" asked one.

"Appearance," snapped the other, "and the sooner the better."

ASSISTANT SPECIALIST



L. T. WEEKS

New Assistant Knows Tobacco

Lloyd T. Weeks, Assistant Tobacco Specialist At N. C. State College, Grew Up On Tobacco Farm In Wake County

Lloyd T. Weeks, who grew up on a tobacco farm near Varina in Wake county, has been assistant tobacco specialist for the State College extension service.

On his father's 165-acre farm where tobacco was the main cash crop, he early became familiar with the problems of the tobacco grower, said Dean, I. O. Schaub, director of the extension service.

Then he studied agriculture at State College, from which he was graduated in 1934. After teaching vocational agriculture for 18 months, he returned to the farm for a year.

In January of this year he was appointed assistant farm agent in Martin county, where he did outstanding work, the dean continued.

Since E. Y. Floyd, extension tobacco specialist, has been placed in charge of the State's agricultural conservation program, he has been unable to give full time to his tobacco work, and the services of an assistant specialist were found imperative.

So Weeks was secured to take over the work, the dean said, as he is particularly well qualified to assist growers with their biggest cash crop which is also the most difficult to raise and harvest.

Tobacco Suffers From Sunblister

This Condition Has Prevalled In Some Sections Of North Carolina This Season; Little In This Region

Sun blister damage to North Carolina tobacco fields this summer is "the worst in some sections I've ever seen", Dr. R. F. Poole, of State College, said recently.

This trouble, sometimes called sun scald, is usually the result of hot sunshine on young plants that have been affected with various root rot diseases, he added.

In some fields, five to six percent of the leaves will be lost as a result of blistering, it is estimated.

Young leaves sometimes droop and take on a blackened appearance. Other leaves may develop blistered, irregular spots near the mid rib and between the veins.

These spots, tan to brown in color, are composed of dead tissue. Sometimes the dead tissue is blown out, Dr. Poole said, and deformed.

However, he continued, he has not seen any case where sun scald has been responsible for the death of a whole plant.

This trouble occurs every year, he said, but heretofore it has been of a minor nature, as was the case when first reported during a hot spell about the middle of June.

But during the past ten days or so Dr. Poole has received reports from over the State that indicate the disease is worse than ever before.

While there is no cure known for sun blister, early planting and crop rotation to avoid diseases in infected soil will reduce the amount of sun injury.

Dr. Poole expressed belief that the serious extent of sun blister this summer is due largely to the fact that a good part of the crop was planted later than usual.

TESTIMONIALS

"To what do you attribute your great age?" asked the city visitor of Grandpa Eben Hoskins.

"I can't say 'it,'" answered Grandpa cautiously. "There's several o' them testimonial fellers a-dickerin' with me."

TAX

Prices of cigarettes in France were raised twenty percent. July 13th by decree as Finance Minister Georges Bonnet sought to replenish the national treasury.

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