

BUYING OF CORN

Farm Demonstration Work Has Done Much To Stop This By Increasing the Yield Seven Bushels to the Acre.

When Farm Demonstration Work was started in the State seven years ago, it announced as one of its principal features the stopping of the buying of corn by North Carolina farmers. Since that time the average yield per acre has increased 7 bushels and we still need more corn in the State. Therefore it is still working on the matter of increasing the corn yield per acre estimating that it will take about 30 bushels per acre with the present acreage to supply all of our needs. This will at least be true when we get more live stock.

The organization has also learned through the keeping of thousands of farm account in corn growing that with good methods of farming corn can be produced at an average price of about 25 cents per bushel. When shipped in from other States the price ranges around \$1 per bushel. The farmer, therefore, who is buying corn is doing so to his own detriment. If the money which has been sent out of the State for corn, pork and hay in the last forty years had

been kept at home by growing these things here, the amount would have made us a rich people.

There are a few simple principles necessary for the growing of large and profitable crops. These principles are easily understood by farmers and give results when properly applied. They may be named as follows:

1. Deep breakings. Under average conditions successful corn crops can not be made with shallow breaking. The Demonstration force considers from eight to twelve inches deep breaking.

2. Supplying humus. Most of our lands are simply starved for humus. Therefore strenuous efforts in Demonstration Work are being made in winter cover crops to supply this deficiency.

Proper cultivation. Many a corn crop has been reduced 50 per cent, and often more, by one improper cultivation.

4. Good seed. At present the matter of seed selection is being urged, because this is the season for such work. While advocating the matter from day to day they are going to make a strenuous effort on October 9th to get thousands of bushels of good seed corn selected and properly housed. For selecting seed corn the plant as a whole should be considered, and not merely the ears. Under most conditions stalks with two ears are more

satisfactory than stalks that bear more or fewer than this. The next selection is of the ears. In this part of the work there is advocated medium sized cobs with much depth of grain and ears well filled out over the butts and the tips.

Well improved corn easily yields from five to fifteen bushels more per acre than scrub corn. If every acre planted in corn this year had produced five bushels more on account of the best seed possible, it would have added 15,000,000 bushels of corn to our State yield. If every ear of corn grown in the State this year had produced ten grains more than it did (five grains more by the better filling of the tip and filling of the butt) it would have added 300,000 bushels of corn to our crop in the State. It is contended, therefore, that it is up to the farmers of the State to increase their yields to such an extent that they will not have to buy corn. This is a busy season on the farm, but there is nothing of more importance than that of procuring good seed to plant. Don't forget October 9th.

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Kickin' 'bout the prices
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Kickin' 'bout autos
An' the pace they set;
Kickin' 'bout the grafters
An' the pull they get.
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