

### Letoria Oat One Of Better Varieties Found

The Letoria oat, one of the many selections from the cross of the winter-hardy Lee oat and the disease-resistant Victoria oat from South America, was selected by the Agricultural Experiment Station at State College.

It is not only exceptionally winter-hardy but it is also a heavy producer. This new, disease-resistant oat averaged 81 bushels per acre as compared with 54 bushels for Lee in tests conducted at Swannanoa in 1941-42 and at Hendersonville in 1942-43, says Dr. Gordon Middleton, head of the field crops section of the Experiment Station.

While it has not proven superior to Lee in yield in the Piedmont area, its resistance to crown (leaf) rust gives it some insurance against those years when rust is severe, Dr. Middleton points out.

The original cross of the Lee and Victoria varieties was made by the Division of Cereal Crops and Diseases of the U. S. Department. From this cross thousands of selections have been made and among these are the Letoria and Lelina in North Carolina; the Staton from South Carolina; the Lega, Lelate and Lavic, and Leroy varieties from Georgia; the Florlee from Florida; and the Desota from Arkansas.

Letoria has proven to be the most winter-hardy of this group and also a heavy yielder. The original cross of the two varieties was made in 1927 and through the years the Agricultural Experiment Station of North Carolina has been working for the farmer in an effort to produce a disease-resistant, high-yielding oat that would make feed production easier and safer.

Finally, after making countless selections, it developed a new oat with outstanding winter-hardiness and a resistance to crown rust.

Areas where trucks are urgently needed to prevent the impairment of farm production will be allocated reasonable quantities of surplus trucks, says the Department of Commerce and the WFA.

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### Tobacco Average For New Season

Raleigh, June 1.—Ap. "about a production was predicted for most North Carolina crops in a mid-year report issued today by the state department of agriculture.

While cool weather and less than average rainfall in May served to retard the growth of most crops, a record production of oats is expected, tobacco production will be above average, and truck crops generally will be adequate, the report said.

The mid-year forecast, issued by the department's crop reporting service, said that the harvesting of early truck crops was rapidly being completed. The spring cabbage crop has been harvested and marketed, and the movement of early Irish potatoes to market is well under way.

Here are some of the highlights of the report. Tobacco stands are better than average for June, but growth was slow in May and considerable "but-toning out" was reported. Acreage will total about 713,000, compared with 689,000 last year.

Additional gasoline will now be available for farmers' representatives who market fresh fruit and vegetables, and for certain wholesale buyers, OPA District Director Theodore S. Johnson said this week.

Farm marketing agents, including cooperatives, will be allowed gasoline for travel to farms of the farmers they represent in order to direct harvesting, grading, packing and shipping of fresh fruits and vegetables, if such services are necessary to marketing of the crops.

Adequate gasoline rations will also be given to wholesale buyers, who must travel to farms to grade, inspect and classify farm products as essential steps in buying them from farmers.

These preferred mileage rations are limited only by essential requirements, Mr. Johnson explained, and are being issued because of the importance of this skilled work in getting farm produce on to the market where it becomes a vital part of our nation's food supply.

### State Constructed Ships Are Sunk

Wilmington, June 17.—Five of the 41 British and American ships reported by the war department as lost or damaged while on troop transport duty during war with Germany and Italy were built by the North Carolina Shipbuilding company, a study of the list of vessels delivered by the yard revealed today.

According to figures from Washington, only 15 soldiers lost their lives aboard four of the ships. Information on the fifth was not released.

Persons familiar with the role of transports in war were inclined to look upon the unusually low casualty figure as indicative of sturdy ship construction. All the five ships from the Wilmington yard were of the Liberty type.

They are, together with date of delivery, date and place of sinking or damage and military personnel losses, as follows: John Harvey, January 19, 1943; December 2, 1943 at Bari, Italy, 10 lives lost.

James Sprunt, February 13, 1934; March 10, 1943 off east coast of Cuba, two lives lost. Charles Pinckney, May 28, 1942; January 27, 1943, south of Azores, two lives lost. Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, June 24, 1942. No other data given. Robert Howe, January 23, 1943; May 20, 1944, off Gibraltar. One life lost.

### Protect Grain Losses Advises Director Maxwell

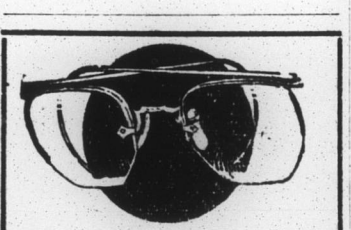
Thousands of dollars can be saved in every county in North Carolina, if growers will take care of the present grain crop through proper storage and treat the grain to control corn weevils and grain moths, say J. Myron Maxwell, in charge of Extension entomology at State College.

The storage must be tight enough to provide for gas treatment, or fumigation, he explains. Rats also do a tremendous amount of damage. Growers should continually examine their grain, at least once a month, to determine whether there are enough active weevils to justify fumigation.

Carbon bisulphide is commonly used as a fumigant on the farm. The liquid evaporates quickly and the gas is heavier than air. It is also very explosive, Maxwell points out, and must be used very carefully. Cigarettes, lighted lanterns, and other flames should not be used where the grain has been treated with the material. Electric sparks may also cause an explosion.

The amount of carbon bisulphide to use will depend on the tightness of the space to be fumigated and also on the temperature. Information as to how much to use and how to use it, may be obtained from the county agent.

Of the 489 prisoners of war in North Carolina, 189 are harvesting food and feed crops, 30 are in dairy work, and 270 are engaged in general farm work.



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### Slaughterers To Register

Raleigh, June 20.—Farm slaughterers here in Eastern North Carolina were reminded this week by the OPA district office of the July 1 deadline for registration.

All farmers who slaughter, or have slaughtered for them, as much as 400 pounds a year, but less than 6,000 pounds, must apply for a slaughtering permit by July 1, or they will be prohibited from such slaughter for the balance of the year, said the OPA release.

Permits may be obtained from the Local War Price and Rationing Board, OPA said today. The permit entitles the farmer to do the same amount of slaughtering as in the corresponding period last year.

It was also stressed that farmers who sell meat must collect ration points according to the official point chart provided by the Board, and must agree to hold all prices within the legal ceilings.

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