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PLOW TIME

## PLAN AND PLANT FOR A CO-OPERATIVE YEAR

**O**N EVERY hand we see the leaven of coöperation at work leavening the whole lump. From far and near come reports of success after success in coöperative ventures in marketing farm products, in buying fertilizer, in planting standard varieties of seed throughout the community, in bull associations, in cow-testing associations, in rural school improvement, in health work, and social betterment.

And now come the most important of all reports for the South, that coöperative cotton-selling associations are being formed on the sound coöperative principle of binding contracts, bonded warehouses, licensed graders, and expert salesmen. The work is already under way on a big scale in four out of ten states that may be classed as cotton-growing states.

We are not yet out of the woods, however, and not well enough organized to handle the puzzling questions that confront us when we plan our 1921 farm work. It would be fine if the Southern

farmers were so organized this year that they could plant and sell as a unit. There would then be a definiteness where there is now puzzling uncertainty. We can, however, remove some of the doubt even for this year by planning and planting for coöperation. Plan to keep yourself free from food and feed bills this fall; to raise a fair amount of cotton for a money crop; to be independent enough to hold this cotton along with your neighbor's; to put it in a warehouse and have it properly graded; to join a coöperative cotton-selling association if one is organized near you.

Then plant to carry out this program. It is time now to get good seed, the same kind your neighbors are growing if that is the best variety for your community. Read the better seed articles on pages 6 and 7. It is time to look over the fields and select and balance the acreage for corn, oats, cowpeas, soy beans, clovers, etc., and for the tobacco and cotton. Decide on how much fertilizer you will have to have, and see your neighbors about buying a carload coöperatively.