

Agriculturally Speaking

Machinery For All-Out Fight On Boll Weevils Displayed Here



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COMING EVENTS

April until completed: 100% testing of cattle for brucellosis.
April 24: Grade "A" Dairy-men's Supper Meeting at Henderson featuring DHIA, 7:00 p. m.
April 25: Warren County Planning Board, Warrenton, 8:00 p. m.
April 30: Chemical control of Johnson Gradd Demonstration on L. G. Bender farm, 10:00 a. m.

COTTON

The "kick-off" for an all-out attack on the boll weevil and other crop insects was launched at the Warren County Fairgrounds last Friday. A good crowd turned out to observe farm machinery dealers and custom operators display their equipment that will effectively apply the chemicals that will do the job.

Machinery experts demonstrated how to prepare the equipment for multiple use. The importance of the right nozzle, water pressure and numerous other adjustments were actually demonstrated. The theme of the meeting was "Keep the boll weevil under control and you will produce profitable cotton." Most farmers do a good job of everything except control the parasitic weevil. If you control this sharecropper you will be living in high cotton, but let these insects have their way and you will have plenty of cotton foliage but little lint to exchange for greenbacks.

According to the April 5 issue of the Warren County ASCS Newsletter, we have an original cotton allotment of 8,115.3 acres. Farmers requested an additional acreage of 1235.1 acres; 1120.3 acres were released, so to make up the difference, an additional 114.8 acres was received from the state office, which will add up to 8230.1 available acres for 1963.

If we will average one bale per acre and sell the seed and lint at, say, 1962 prices, we will gross \$1,458,739.95. Our gross cotton income during 1962 was \$836,740.96. By following a sound production and boll weevil control program we can expect an extra gross income during 1963 of \$621,998.94. This "ain't" hay, this is cash.
In the picture above you see cotton opening at the rate of a bale per acre.

ALFALFA WEEVIL
The alfalfa weevil is in full swing. As a practical measure, suggest you make an early first cutting and then spray with Malathion. From what I hear, those alfalfa producers applying Heptachlor in the fall are free of the pests but it is a violation to apply this chemical in the spring, so that is the reason Malathion is recommended. Malathion is a quick killer and its poisonous effects disintegrates after a few days.

BLUE MOLD
Blue mold has reached a southern North Carolina so you are urged to start treating when the plants are the size of a dime and continue until transplanted in the field. Suggest you use ferimate or diathane, either spray or dust.

CADA
The following people representing Warren County were observed at the CADA 7-county meeting at Smithfield last Thursday: C. P. Gaston, Marvin Newsom, J. M. Stokes, Joe Newsom, Roger Moore and the writer. It was an excellent program where details of the Smithfield Plan and Ham and Egg Show were described. Roger Moore won the prized dozen eggs. All of us had our fingers crossed hoping to win the fancy ham also, so a future ham and egg breakfast could have been arranged in Warren County.

Harris Funeral Held At Warren Plains

Funeral services for James Henry Harris were held at Warren Plains Baptist Church Saturday at 11 o'clock by the Rev. William H. Puckett, pastor, assisted by the Rev. R. E. Brickhouse, a former pastor. Burial was in the church cemetery.
Mr. Harris, who died on Thursday morning of last week, was a lifelong resident of Warren County, and a member of the Warren Plains Baptist Church, where he had served as a deacon.
Mr. Harris was twice married. He was first married to the late Lizzie F. Siegall. From this union he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. J. S. Roberts of Norlina and Mrs. J. L. Harris of Warrenton; and by two sons, Calvin H. and J. Frank Harris, both of Warrenton. His second marriage was to Mrs. Maude Warren, who survives.

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