

County Agent Uses Table To Give Tobacco Variety Tests Results

Future Farmers To Have Annual Banquet

The North Carolina Chapter of the Future Farmers of America held its regular meeting on Thursday with George Holtzman, president, presiding. After the opening ceremonies, the business of the Father and Son banquet was discussed. A motion that the group meet with the FFA girls and have a joint supper was defeated and it was agreed that the regular Father and Son banquet would be held in February. It was also announced that during FFA Week in February all members would wear their FFA coats and ties. The group enjoyed a movie following the adjournment of the meeting—Ronnie King, Reporter.

Growers To Hold Meet

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COMING EVENTS

Dec. 18: Warren County Forestry Club, Warren Plaza Inn, 6:30 p. m.

Dec. 17-19: Income Tax Sort Course, State College Union Building.

Jan. 8: County-wide annual tobacco meeting, Agricultural Building, Warrenton, 10 a. m.

1964 Tobacco Varieties

In order to give you the 1963 official tobacco variety test results, the entire report is submitted in the above table. This is vital information and our thanks are extended to The Warren Record for this space. A further report on these varieties and other recommended tobacco production practices will be given at a county-wide tobacco meeting in Warrenton on January 8.

Entertain At Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Liles entertained at a dinner last Thursday for Mr. and Mrs. Federal Harp and son and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ayscue and family of Warrenton, Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Ayscue and sons of Norlina, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Harp of Louisburg, Mr. Leon Patterson Harp of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Nicholson and family of Fayetteville, Prof. and Mrs. Gar-

RESULTS OFFICIAL TOBACCO VARIETY TEST - 1963
Average for Whiteville, Rocky Mount, Clayton, Oxford and Reidsville

Varieties	Yield Lbs/A	Value \$/A	Index ^{1/} \$/Cwt.	Qual. Index	Suckers per plant			No. of leaves per plant	Height of Plant (in.)	Days to Flower	Nic. \$	Ratio N/Nic.	Resistance ^{2/}			
					Ground	Leaf	Axil						BS	GW	FW	RK
McNair 20	2016	1166	58.08	3.2	1.5	26.7	17.2	39	49	4.18	.63	H	S	H	-	
Hicks	2056	1219	59.27	3.3	2.8	28.9	16.1	39	47	4.12	.63	S	S	L	-	
McNair 12	2191	1322	60.50	3.5	1.5	23.3	18.0	39	52	3.48	.74	M	H	L	-	
Coker 319	2248	1355	60.40	3.4	1.9	27.5	18.8	40	53	3.60	.76	M	L	H	-	
Sp- G-19	2251	1268	56.39	3.8	2.9	28.5	20.3	41	54	4.11	.64	L	S	M	-	
McNair 30	2257	1307	58.08	3.5	1.7	25.5	16.9	41	50	4.01	.65	M	S	M	-	
N.C. 95	2295	1351	58.88	3.4	2.5	24.2	18.7	42	53	3.89	.65	H	H	H	H	
Sp. G-10	2311	1345	58.54	3.6	.8	22.8	19.4	41	52	3.80	.67	H	L	S	-	
Reams 266	2325	1352	58.31	3.6	3.5	23.8	19.6	46	55	3.43	.72	M	H	H	-	
C-187-Hicks	2399	1439	60.18	3.6	4.4	25.6	18.9	44	54	3.27	.76	H	M	M	-	
Sp. G-3	2404	1367	56.98	3.9	.8	26.9	18.3	43	54	3.60	.67	M	S	S	-	
Bell 29	2409	1292	54.15	3.7	1.1	22.2	17.6	45	53	3.42	.75	M	M	H	-	
Sp. G-5	2449	1448	59.29	3.7	1.0	25.3	19.2	43	54	3.35	.73	M	S	M	-	

^{1/} Value based on 1963 ave. auction price on govt. grade basis - all belts through October 3, 1963.

^{2/} Disease resistance - a relative rating based on Regional data for one or more years and assigned by a subcommittee of the Regional F.C. Variety Evaluation Committee. M = Moderate; L = Low; S = Susceptible. BS = Black Shank; GW = Granville Wilt; FW = Fusarium Wilt; RK = Root Knot.

Rainfall - Adequate at Whiteville, dry early at Clayton, dry early at Oxford but fair amount of water including irrigation, very dry at Rocky Mount and Reidsville. Reidsville test on very fertile soil for season.

land Cottrell and daughter of Flora McDonald College, Red Springs. Places were laid for 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Peete Davis and daughter of Fayetteville were recent guests of Mrs. E. D. Davis.

Negro FARM AGENT NEWS

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HIGH QUALITY HAMS

High quality country style hams are always in demand. Although Warren County farmers produce a good many high quality cured hams, we still lose many dollars every year through hams that spoil, and off flavored and damaged by insects and bacteria.

There are many ways to cure hams and many ideas on how to handle cured meats. However at this stage of the pork season we are mainly concerned with cutting and curing or salting the meat.

Use the long cut on hams; this is more desirable because this cut will not allow your hams to dry out as fast and decrease cracking, during the curing stages, allowing ham resistant to insect damage.

Hams may be sugar cured or straight salt cured. The mix for sugar cure is 8 pounds of salt, 3 pounds of sugar and 3 ounces of saltpeter. Salt is the primary

curing ingredient. Sugar gives a more desirable color and helps keep the ham from becoming quite so hard during the aging period. The type sugar used does not make much difference, but granulated light brown or white is usually used. Saltpeter gives the bright red color to the lean and helps produce that good red gravy that we like with good country cured ham.

Apply the curing mix to the meat as soon as it's cut. Use 1 1/4 ounces of curing mix per pound of ham, or about 8 pounds for each 100 pounds.

Rub the curing mix on the ham at three different times. This will prevent any red spots and give more even salt penetration. Put the first application on when the meat is cut and ready to go on the shelf. Don't put meat in a box, leave open on shelf; this gives a more uniform cure. The second application should be applied on the third day and the third application on the 10th day.

You need not rub the ham a lot—just enough to cover it good. Too much rough handling will break the surface membranes and cause the hams to get hard and dry during aging. Be sure to pack some curing mix in the shank end at each application.

Ideal temperatures for shelf curing hams are from 36 degrees to 40 degrees F. When temperatures go above 50 degrees F. for any length of time there is some chance of

encilage. There's little chance of spoiling due to temperature as long as the internal temperature stays below 45 degrees F.

One of the main objections to farm-cured meats is that they are too salty. This can be prevented by following the curing schedule:

15 lb. ham stays in cure 2 days per lb., or 30 days.

20 lb. ham stays in cure 1 3/4 days per lb., or 35 days.

25 lb. ham stays in cure 1 1/2 days per lb., 38-40 days.

For each day the temperature average is below freezing during the curing process add an extra day to the curing schedule. Be sure to mark your calendar for date of curing and when meat is to be cured. If hams are to be smoked, just off excess cure at the end of curing schedule. They may be washed, but this is not necessary. Do not soak the hams; as this may get excess water on surface of ham.

If hams are to be smoked, remove them from cure and soak in cold water for 1 1/2 to 2 hours to remove salt. This prevents salt streaking and gives the cured product a better appearance. Hang the hams to dry after soaking. Heat during smoking will remove some of the moisture picked up while soaking.

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