

Wakelon Trading Co. Gin Near Completion

The new Wakelon Gin, rapidly nearing completion on Vance St. between Wakelon Trading Company and Paul Brantley's store, is the first gin in this section of the state to be equipped for ginning machine picked cotton, according to Dave Finch, who is working with the new business.

The Gullet gin, which will be installed just as soon as the concrete floor is poured, will give a cleaner sample than any equipment heretofore used. "We hope to give as good sample with machine picked cotton," Dave said, "as handpicked cotton produces in present gins."

The building which will house the gin is 30x80 feet and about 25 feet high. The walls are concrete block, and steel beams support the roof. It is as fireproof as can be made, said the builders.

Trucks will drive up to the side of the building and the gin will take the cotton and deliver it in bales at the front of the building for pick-up by the same trucks.

Storage bins are planned for growers who do not have time to wait their turn in line when work is rushed. The operators said they will be able to handle all the cotton grown in this area, and so expect few days when a delay will be necessary for those who come to have their cotton ginned.

Last year plans were made for purchasing a mechanical cotton picker for this section of the state, but they failed for a number of reasons—one of them being lack of a gin with facilities for handling machine picked cotton. Dave said that he was assured of two mechanical pickers for use here this year, so farmers will be able to have their cotton picked cheaply and quickly.

With the new methods of picking and ginning cotton, the crop is expected to make a bid for its old supremacy in the south, and local farmers, with a cut in tobacco acreage a reality, are looking at cotton with new interest.

Farm Economy Urged

Although the future is uncertain and prices for farm products may decline within the next few years, the progressive and efficient farmer can begin now to prepare himself for bad times as well as good, believes Ed. Ellington.

Mr. Ellington said farmers must systematically plan adjustments to meet any unfavorable conditions which may arise. In such planning, he added, they should keep a watchful eye on these factors: Maintenance of high yields per acre for all crops; best combination of enterprises for highest returns; shifts from animal power to tractor power; adoption of latest

recommended cultural practices; and use of cover crops and other conservation practices for best land use.

The key word for successful farming in the future is efficiency, Mr. Ellington asserted. Additional fertilizer, use of soil-conserving legumes in rotation, use of labor-saving machinery, better seed varieties, and better pest and insect

control measures will cost more, but the additional expenditures may be more than justified in increased yields per acre.

Adoption of latest recommended practices in all enterprises will lead to greater efficiency, the teacher said. The proper combination of all enterprises according to the land will pay dividends over the years. The livestock system

must be balanced with cash crops, and feed production geared to the needs of the farm.

Addition of machinery best fitted to the needs of the particular farm to replace the "hay-burners" will add to efficiency, the Extension teacher added. The feed released in the replaced workstock will mean possibility of an increase in productive livestock.

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