

PUSH COTTON GROWTH WITH NITROGEN FERTILIZER

Raleigh, U. C., June 14.—Side-dress the cotton with a good application of quick acting nitrogen fertilizer as soon as possible after chopping and win back some of the growth lost by the continued drought. Cotton, in most sections of North Carolina, has lost about three weeks of growth, to regain this, the side application should be made before the first plowing after chopping and then the regular fertilizers added at planting will carry the crop through to maturity.

"In some sections there has not been enough moisture to germinate or even soften the seeds," says Prof. C. B. Williams, head of the department of agronomy at State College. "Cotton has lost about three weeks of growth and the logical thing to do, especially where only a medium application of fertilizer was made when the cotton was planted, is to make an application of nitrate of soda or sulphate of ammonia after chopping. This will start the young plants to growing rapidly. The application should be made alongside the rows, three or four inches from the plants and applied before the first cultivation after chopping the cotton."

Prof. Williams states that this is one year when side applications of quickly soluble ammonia should be very profitable and such applications are needed more this year than in most seasons. Unless the cotton is pushed into early growth by such applications, it is probable that acre yields will be cut severely, thinks Prof. Williams.

MOSAIC DISEASE CAUSES HEAVY TOBACCO LOSSES.

Raleigh, N. C., June 14.—There is a disease of tobacco in North Carolina about which no one knows very much, yet which causes heavy losses in the crop each year. This is tobacco mosaic and many growers fail to realize the extent of the reduction in crop value that this trouble causes.

"We don't know much about mosaic," says Dr. S. U. Lehman, plant pathologist for the North Carolina Experiment Station. "It causes a marked stunting of affected plants and a corresponding reduction in the size of the leaves. Stunting is more pronounced when the plants are

attacked as seedlings and from such plants there are few leaves worth gathering. When the plants are half grown, the stunting is less perceptible and the grower is frequently unaware of any loss from it. However, the money value of his tobacco may be reduced from 10 to 20 per cent even then. The infected leaves are of poor quality, fail to cure properly and are subject to a lower grade than the healthy leaves. Generally, the grower will attribute this to the weather, to fertilizer or to improper curing and wonder why his neighbor did so much better."

Dr. Lehman states that mosaic is caused by a virus. This is transferable to certain other cultivated plants like the tomato, pepper or eggplant where it produces the same symptoms as in tobacco. Then too it is known that the disease passes the winter in such plants as the horse nettle or ground cherry, which are perennials. The cause of the trouble is not definitely known but it may be a good idea to clean up infected fields very carefully this year and to cut down and kill all weeds adjacent to such field.

HENS PAY WELL FOR SUMMER CARE

Raleigh, N. C., June 14.—With profits increasing from poultry in North Carolina, it will pay to take good care of the producing hens this summer.

"It is poor economy to neglect the hens during the rush of summer work," says A. G. Oliver, poultry extension specialist for State Col-

lege. "When the hens are neglected, profits are reduced. Less grain is needed under range conditions but plenty of mash should be supplied in the hoppers. Under average farm conditions where the hens have free range and production is decreasing, less of the scratch grain and more of the mash should be fed. This will force the birds to eat more mash and thereby stimulate egg production. Mash consumption must be encouraged to get high egg production. The mash is composed of whole grains finely ground and is more easily digested."

Mr. Oliver suggests that the hens be given equal parts of cracked corn, wheat and oats by weight as a scratch grain. If wheat is not available, one-third corn and two-thirds oats should be fed. For the average farm flock a mash made of equal parts of wheat bran, wheat middlings, corn meal, ground oats and fish meal is good and this should be kept before the hens, in a dry place, at all times.

Feeding is one of the most important factors in securing eggs from the farm flock during summer. The hens may be kept laying and molting delayed by either increasing the amount of mash feed or by increasing the protein without increasing the amount of mash. If a flock of birds can be selected which does not stop laying until October or November, the chicks from these eggs will have a marked effect on the egg production of next season's flock, states Mr. Oliver. Early molters, on the other hand, will produce early molting chicks which work

short hours and eat as much as the heavy producers.

SALE OF LAND

Under and by virtue of the powers contained in that certain deed of trust executed on April 4, 1925, by R. L. Perkins, of record in Book 5, page 374, office of Register of Deeds of Person County, default having been made in the payment of the bond secured thereby and the owner of said bond having requested that said power be exercised, the undersigned will on

July 10, 1926,

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