

BEFORE AND AFTER
 Before G. B. Price of the Clifton community in Ashe county began to lime and fertilize an 18-acre pasture, it did well to provide grazing for four or five cows each summer; but, during the summer of 1938, it grazed 16 cows and he says it will provide enough grazing for one cow to the acre this coming season. Also, the broom sedge is all gone.

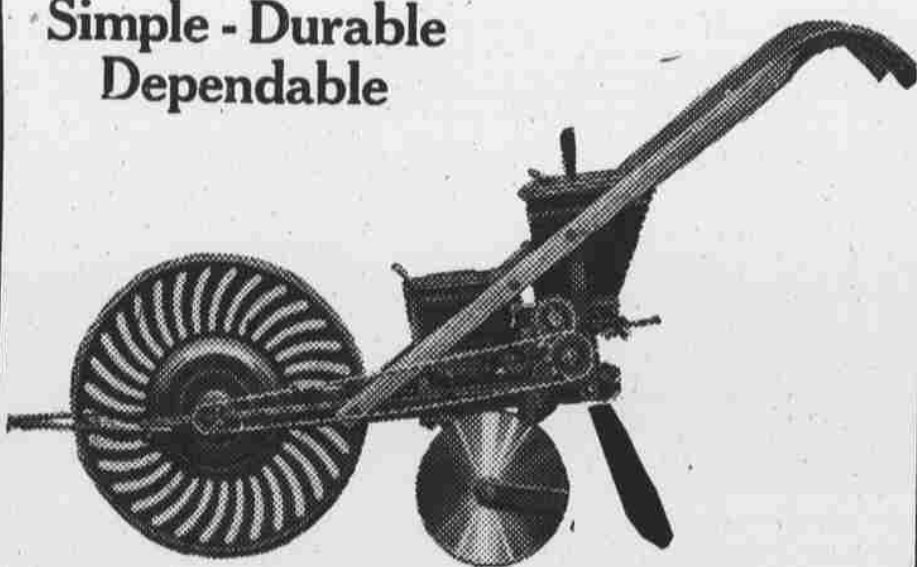
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This Month On the Farm



APRIL

Bolivar Pigg, he sez, sez he:
 "There's some things look too soft to me;
 Most easy things are April Fool
 And aren't what they're cracked up to be."
 —Sez Bolivar P., sez he.

The following good farming practices are recommended by specialists of the State College Extension Service for the month of April:

HORTICULTURE

Bed sweet potatoes during the first few days of April that plants may be had for setting about June 1, advises Horticulturist Robert Schmidt. Instead of selling the best potatoes and using the scrubs and culls for seed, build up your own seed stock by saving the best for seed. Select smooth, well-shaped potatoes of desirable color that are free from disease.

SWINE

H. W. Taylor, swine specialist, offers hog growers the following suggestions for April: Castrate spring pigs when they are about five weeks old. Arrange clean pastures for sows and pigs. Soybeans planted in rows and cultivated twice will furnish excellent grazing from the time they are 15 inches high until frost. Push the spring pigs for fall market, and keep them on full feed.

DAIRY CATTLE

John Arey, extension dairyman, says now is the time to prevent a feed shortage next year. Plans should be made this spring to grow four tons of silage and two tons of good hay for each cow in your herd. Cows fed liberally on good roughage and sparingly on grain will produce more profitably and live longer than those fed sparingly on roughage and liberally on grain. Keep the cows off permanent pasture until the land is firm and the grass has made good growth.

INSECT CONTROL

Here's how to control flea beetles that eat small round holes in vegetable seedlings and potato leaves, says Dr. Z. P. Metcalf, State college entomologist. Spray the plants with a Bordeaux mixture or dust with arsenical, barium fluosilicate, or rotenone dust.

GARDENS

Tender crops, such as beans, cucumbers, cantaloupes, okra, squash, sweet corn, and tomatoes, may be planted any time from April 1 to May 15, says Lewis P. Watson, extension horticulturist. Throughout the eastern part of the state, these crops are planted from March 15 to April 15. In the central region, the planting dates are from April 15 to April 30, and in the mountain area, they can be planted safely after May 1. In all cases the exact planting time will be governed to some extent by local conditions.

POULTRY

Quite often poultry flocks don't get enough of Vitamins A and D during the spring. To correct this deficiency, Roy S. Dearstyne suggests that cod liver oil be added to the mash. While green feed may supply both of these vitamins, there may be a lack of this feed in the spring. Plenty of sunshine will also help to supply these essentials.

TOBACCO

After tobacco seedlings are transplanted in the field, they may be attacked by budworms, says J. O. Rowell, extension entomologist. The best known method of controlling these pests is poisoned corn meal bait. This is made by mixing one pound of arsenate of lead with 50 pounds of corn meal for large quantities or six tablespoons of the lead with one peck of meal for small amounts. A small pinch of this bait is placed directly in the bud early in the morning. Applications should begin about 10 days to two weeks after the plants are set in the field and continued until the plants are topped.

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An
Easter
 Thought

Nature again beckons us to worship the miracle of reawakening life. Birds trill their anthems of joyous praise and the hearts of men rejoice as the fields blossom with glad affirmation of life without end.

Through life's changes, as time brings each of us nearer to Destiny's fulfillment, may we all strive to serve others as we would be served. And may we feel, through all the vicissitudes of our earthly journey, that regardless of our mortal means or might we are equally subject to our Creator's immutable plan.

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