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State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

Q. What can I do to stimulate egg production in my poultry flock?

A. If the birds are just poor layers, there is nothing to do except to get rid of the hens. However, the feeding factor must be considered and a careful check should be made to see that a plentiful supply of feed is before the hens at all times. Then, too, be sure that the feed formula has not been changed as any change in diet will cause a falling off in production. If the birds are going into a molt this early it would be best to discard these hens and get a new flock for next year.

Q. How often should I mow a lawn planted last fall?

A. Mowing should be started this spring just as soon as the grass is tall enough for the machine to catch the ends of the leaves and

should be run over the lawn every week during the growing season. The clipping, however, should not be too close nor should the cut grass be removed. After the grasses have gotten well started into growth, an application of nitrate of soda or sulphate of ammonia should be made at the rate of 100 pounds to the acre. This is especially true if the grasses are not growing well and do not have a good color. Do not apply this material when the grass is wet as this might scorch the leaves.

Q. What other livestock would you recommend keeping on a dairy farm?

A. Poultry and swine production should accompany farm dairying since skimmilk and whey will be available for feeding both hogs and chickens. A farm with a milking unit of five cows should have at least 100 hens and one good brood sow. The cash return from the cream or milk, poultry and hogs will equal the operating expenses of the average size farm and all returns from so-called cash crops will be the profit on the farm.

Important Change Is Made In AAA Program

E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer of State college, has announced an important revision in the 1939 agricultural conservation program enabling farmers to earn full payment offered for compliance with their acreage allotments even though they fail to plant 80 per cent of their allotments.

In the past it has been necessary for farmers to plant at least 80 per cent of the allotments given them, otherwise the payment was made on the basis of 125 per cent of the acreage actually planted.

Floyd said that the change is the result of a recent amendment to the agricultural adjustment act, and that Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace put the change into effect for this season.

In this connection, the AAA officer said that the idle farm land provision of the agricultural adjustment act is not affected by the ruling. The revision applies to cotton, corn, wheat, potatoes and commercial vegetables, and Floyd said that farmers may earn full payment offered for compliance even though they plant no acreage to these crops, provided the farm is operated in 1939. No conservation payment, except in connection with the restoration of land and soil-building practices, will be made with respect to a farm which is not operated in 1939.

"The purpose of this change is to simplify the agricultural conservation program and to make it

equitable to all farmers, which the AAA is constantly striving to do," Floyd stated.

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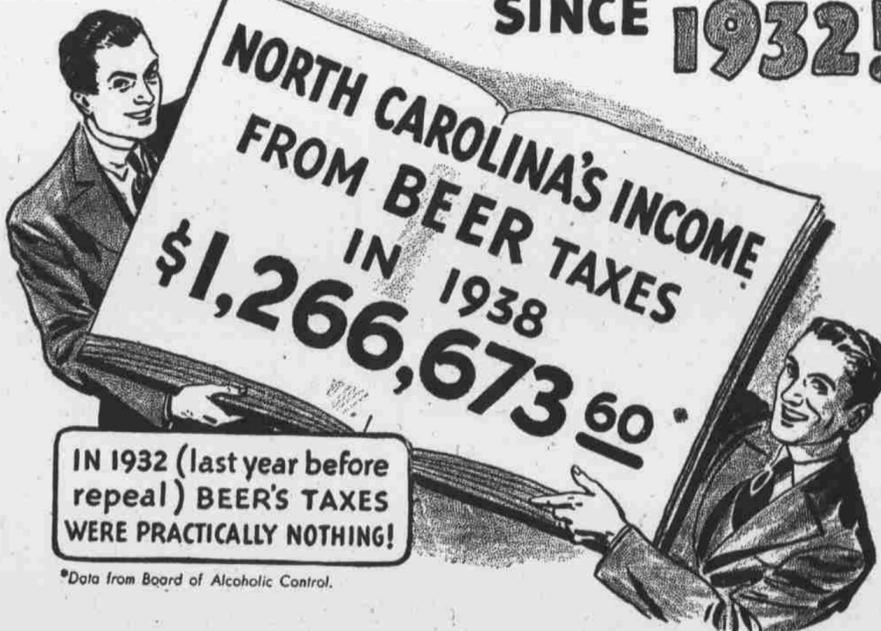
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