

Fertilizer In Right Spot Boosts Yields

Yields are usually bigger, crops earlier and quality better if fertilizer is placed in two-inch bands to the side of the row and approximately on the level with the seed or seedling roots, instead of being broadcast or placed below or too far from the row, says C. B. Williams, head of the State college agronomy department.

When fertilizer in large amounts is placed under, above or around the seed or seedling at the time of planting, early injury will occur under certain moisture conditions, he added.

Citing the results of field tests by the State college experiment station, Prof. Williams said fertilizer to the side of the row—instead of mixed in the row—gave average acre increases of 104 pounds of seed cotton, 29 bushels of potatoes, and 165 pounds of tobacco. In comparison with plots where fertilizer was in bands one inch under the seed or seedling roots, side placements increased yields of seed cotton 253 pounds per acre, potatoes 28 bushels per acre, and tobacco 155 pounds per acre.

At this time of the year, when many farmers are applying fertilizer, it is wise for them to heed the results of fertilizer-placement tests conducted by other farmers, under the supervision of the experiment station, the agronomist stated.

"We recommend that the nearer fertilizer can be placed to the seed—without injury to germination—the more effective it is, but if applications are moderately heavy to heavy, it is safest to put the fertilizer in bands along both sides of the seed and at a depth varying with the crop," Prof. Williams concluded.

LOWER

The U. S. department of agriculture has announced that development of the early lamb crop during March was below average for the country as a whole and much below the exceptionally favorable development in March of last year.

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DEMOCRATS TO MEET SATURDAY

Two District Rally of Clubs To Be Held In Asheville

Hon. R. Gregg Cherry, of Gastonia, chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee, will be the principal speaker at the joint two district rally of the Young Democratic voters' clubs in Asheville on Saturday evening, May 6, at 7:30 o'clock according to an announcement by Clarence Griffin, general rally chairman of Forest City. The rally will be held at the George Vanderbilt hotel and will be attended by several hundred Young Democrats from the 23 counties comprising the Tenth and Eleventh Congressional districts. Lieutenant-Governor W. P. Horton, Secretary of State Thad Fure, Auditor George Ross Pou, Treasurer Chas. M. Johnston, Congressman Zebulon Weaver and other state officials will bring greetings during the dinner hour. The annual Young Democratic dance will be held immediately after the dinner.



R. GREGG CHERRY

Chairman of State Executive Committee, Who Will Make Principal Address at Rally

Young Democrats from Macon county who will take a leading role in the rally include Miss Elizabeth Slagle, district treasurer of the Young Democrats; John Edwards, Franklin; and George B. Patton, president of the Macon county Young Democratic Voters' club.

Brother Of. J. J. Tice Dies In Newburgh, N. Y.

John J. Tice, who lives on Franklin Route 3, received a message announcing the death of his brother, William E. Tice at Newburgh, N. Y., on April 18, but was unable to attend the funeral on account of bad health.

William Tice had spent his entire life in Newburgh, and was 63 years of age. He is survived by his brother, two nephews, one in Newburgh and one in China, and a niece, Miss Margaret Catherine Tice, of Franklin.

EXPERIMENT

Rochester, New York, has been selected as the first of a half-dozen cities in which the new food stamp plan for distributing surpluses to relief families through normal channels of trade will be started.

PROGRESS

By using registered stock and following a definite breeding program, the average production per cow of the dairy herd at the Pennsylvania State college has been increased by almost 6,000 pounds since the herd was started in 1890.

Farmers Get AAA Data By 'Farm Plan'

E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer at State college, says farmers are being offered first-hand information about the application of the 1939 Triple-A program to their farms through what is known as the "farm plan."

County AAA committeemen are meeting with each farmer to help him work out his "farm plan," which is an outline of the way the program works on the individual farm in 1939, Floyd points out. Through this personal contact with the committeeman, the farmer who desires to participate this year will be able to obtain information as to the application of the program to his farm.

These "farm plan" conferences include a discussion of the soil-depleting crop allotments for the farm, and the working out of a list of soil-building practices which will enable the farmer to earn the maximum payment, the AAA officer said. The list of soil-building practices includes those most needed on the farm and which are not routine farming practices.

The "farm plan" also contains information about rates of payments, rate of deductions, and credit which will be given for each soil-building practice, Floyd explained.

Any farm operator who does not have the opportunity to work out a "farm plan" with his committeeman within the next few weeks should contact the county farm agent's office or his local committeeman to obtain this service, Floyd advised. A copy of the "farm plan" will be given the farmer to help him carry out the program on his farm.

Marine Corps Offers Training For Young Men

The Savannah recruiting office of the U. S. Marine Corps is making preparations to enlist a considerable number of young men into their service during the coming summer months.

According to information received from Captain A. C. Small, U. S. M. C., there is a growing demand for men of specialized qualifications in the Marine Corps. Radio, aviation, and motorized units require men of trained technical skill, and the Marine Corps is willing and prepared to train men for these branches of service if they possess aptitude and ambition. Men with a high school education are generally chosen for this special training. The Corps also maintains a correspondence school at Washington, which affords enlisted men free self-study courses in a large number of vocational and academic subjects.

Young men in this vicinity desiring information regarding enlistment in the Marines should write Captain Small at the Savannah, Ga., recruiting office.

The Party Needs a Cake

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WHETHER it's tea, bridge, formal or informal, those party gatherings are just made for cake. And the flavory "party" cake described here—with its smooth creamy frosting—is a delight to the eye and palate of all comers.

PARTY CAKE

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 cups cake flour
- 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/4 teaspoon almond flavoring
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- Yellow coloring
- 3 egg whites

Cream the butter, add the sugar gradually and cream thoroughly. Mix and sift the flour, baking powder and salt and add to the first mixture alternately with the milk. Divide the batter into 2 parts, add almond flavoring to one part and the vanilla and the yellow coloring to the other part. Fold half of the stiffly beaten egg whites into each part.

Put the batter by spoonfuls into a medium sized buttered tube pan alternating the yellow and white mixtures. Bake in a moderate oven (350°F.) for about 35 minutes. Turn out, let cool and spread with boiled frosting made as follows:

- 1 1/4 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 teaspoon light corn syrup
- 2 egg whites
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Cook the sugar, water and corn syrup together over low heat, stirring until the sugar is dissolved. Bring to a boil, cover and cook for about 3 minutes. Continue cooking to 242°F. or until the mixture spins a long thread. Keep covered as much as possible. (On a very damp day the mixture may have to be cooked to 243°F. before a long thread forms.) Wipe off any crystals on the sides of the pan and pour the hot syrup slowly over the stiffly beaten egg whites, beating constantly. Add the vanilla and beat until cool and stiff enough to spread.

AAA

The Agricultural Adjustment Administration reports that expenditures, including benefit payments to farmers, totaled \$354,765,575 during the first eight months of the present fiscal year.

RECORD

Four-H Club enrollment in the United States reached a new high

in 1938, with 1,286,029 boys and girls listed as members in 74,584 local clubs. Approximately 7,500,000 farm youths have been trained in this work since it was started in 1914.

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