

This Month On the Farm

State College specialists recommend the following good farming practices for the month of May:

Agronomy

Enos Blair, agronomist of the State college extension service, says May is the best month to plant soybeans. If planted during this month, they will make a better growth and yield of hay than if planting is delayed until June or July. Blair also reminds farmers that small grain which is to be used as hay should be cut during this month. Best time to cut is when grain is in milk stage. Finally, Blair suggests that if you have turned under a crop of crimson clover, vetch, or Austrian winter peas, wait at least two weeks before planting another crop on the land.

Cotton

Paul Kime, the experiment station's cotton specialist, says cotton should be chopped as soon as the grower considers safe. If the plants grow tall and slender before chopping, they tend to fall and do not grow off rapidly. On the other hand, it is not advisable to chop during cold, damp weather or while the plants are dying in great numbers. Side applications of nitrate of soda should be applied soon after chopping.

Good Seed

A. D. Stuart, seed specialist of the North Carolina Crop Improvement Association, states that the opportunity of the season for producing small grain seed of purity and quality will be on hand in May. Farmers producing small grain seed of purity and quality will be on hand in May. Farmers producing small grain seed for sale should rouge seed plats and fields of noxious and common weeds. With due respect to the modern improved seed cleaning equipment, Stuart says, rouging the fields still offers growers their greatest opportunity to put clean seed on the market and at the same time benefit the farm in keeping down and destroying noxious and common weeds.

Disease Control

Dr. R. F. Poole, plant pathologist of the experiment station, reminds farmers not to plant watermelons, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, tobacco, and other crops on the same land where wilt diseases caused severe losses last year. Plant Marglobe, Pritchard, and other resistant tomato varieties on soils where the fusarial wilt is common. And in peach orchards, especially those with early varieties, where brown rot has caused heavy losses in other years, add one of the wettable or colloidal sulphur materials to the shuck fall spray.

Fruits and Vegetables

The federal law relating to excessive poisonous spray residues on fresh produce shipped to market refers to vegetables as well as fruits, warns Robert Schmidt, experiment station horticulturist. He goes on to say that early cabbage and snap bean growers should be careful in the use of arsenical sprays or dusts just before harvest. Rotenone dust has given good control of cabbage worms and bean beetles and is a non-poisonous insecticide.

Livestock

May is a busy month for the livestock grower, says Earl Hostetter, professor of animal husbandry at State college, because several changes in feed and management are necessary. For example, permanent pastures are about ready for grazing throughout the state. This means that beef cattle will go out of winter quarters to the summer range where less labor and no feed except grass are required. However, regular inspection and salting should not be overlooked. Then too, the bull should be turned with the herd so that the next calf crop will be early and uniform. May is also the month, Hostetter says, when the earlier lambs should be sold and the balance of the flock sheared and dipped.

Bees

C. L. Sams, extension apiarist of State college, gives North Carolina beekeepers these four suggestions: (1) Check on the food supply in the hives; (2) ascertain whether the colony has a laying queen; (3) see if queen is failing; and (4) look for disease in brood.



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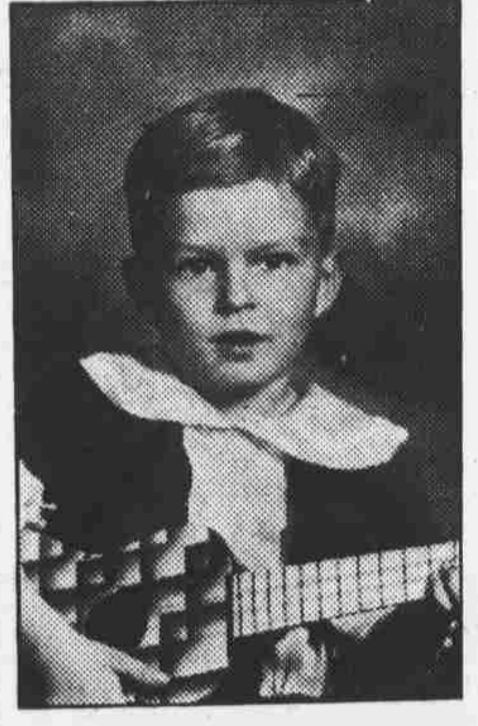
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Poultry

Roy Dearstyne, head of the State college poultry department, says chick coccidiosis will probably reach its worst stage during this month. The disease does it worst damage among birds 4 to 12 weeks old, although older birds may be infected if they eat enough of the coccidiosis parasite eggs. The most effective means of controlling this disease is rigid sanitation. Chicks that seem undersized or sick should be killed and burned or buried deeply. Ordinary disinfectants don't help a great deal in controlling this disease, but it's a good idea to clean the feed and water containers every few days with boiling water.

Muse's Corner

MAY MORNING

"This is the day the Lord hath made,"
In it, let us be glad
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Of singing leaves, and calvacade
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