

Tar Heel Fishworms Have Quality

It's a little early to drag out a fishing story, but the inflated prestige of the North Carolina earthworm—regarded by freshwater fish as a great delicacy—has spread as far west as Wisconsin and it fairly wiggles for attention.

In the Summer of 1945 R. P. Moore, State College Extension service agronomist, inspected a corn field on the farm of R. M. Fryar of McLeansville, Guilford county, and was intrigued by the number of "fishing" worms he discovered bull-dozing through the soil. Curious and ever on the alert for facts and figures, Moore blocked off small sections of the field, dug a few worms, brought out his slide rule, calculus formulas and divided by the square root. Adding a dash of imagination and a jigger of fact, he came up with the conclusion that if the field's earthworm crop were harvested instead of the hybrid corn to which it had been seeded, the yield would be 313 pounds an acre of the finest fish hook customers you ever saw.

Figuring this to be a pretty fair country yield of worms, Moore told the news boys about it and the story found its way to the Topeka, Kansas "Crapper's Farmer," which enjoys a good circulation. The news was out and Mrs. Matilda Hubbard of Route 3, Gleason, Wis., upon the idea that North Carolina worms held commercial possibilities. She has written Specialist Moore asking for details of growing, harvesting and marketing wrigglers of Tar Heel quality.

While doubtful that the enterprise will reach the international level, Moore, with the help of Farmer Fryar, will attempt to answer Mrs. Hubbard's questions. Incidentally, the Fryar field yielded an average of more than 100 bushels of hybrid corn to the acre.

State College Hints To Farm Homemakers

By Ruth Current

For painting old linoleum—areas in front of the stove or sink, that receive the most wear, can easily be repaired by painting in a new pattern instead of painting the whole floor.

Mark off large flagstone shapes on the floor, putting large ones in the areas that may have to be repainted. Paint as you wish, choosing the colors that will harmonize with the kitchen.

Points to check when buying pans and kettles, say house management specialists are: (1) Balance—The pan and its handle should be well-balanced so that the pan stands steady even when empty. Too heavy a handle makes a tipsy pan that is awkward to use and may cause dangerous spills of hot water or food.

(2) Surface—The fewer the cracks at joinings, the more durable and easy to clean it will be.

(3) Bottom—A flat bottom helps keep a pan steady and means faster heating and more economical use of fuel. Pans for use on electric stoves should have dull-finished bottoms to save fuel. A dull finish absorbs heat in contrast to a shiny finish which reflects it.

(4) Sides—Straight sides are more economical of heat and also of space on the stove than flaring sides. (5) Handles—Handles of pans and covers should be comfortable to grasp and insulated against heat.

(6) Cover—A close-fitting cover is essential for many cooking processes, so buying a pan and cover together is often worth the extra money.

(7) Thickness—Thin, lightweight aluminum is less expensive and less durable than the heavy metal. Thin ware is easily rented, bent and scorches easier than heavy wear. Heavy wear is economical.

DDT Not So Deadly To Bees As Feared

DDT, highly effective supplement to nature's own method of controlling insect pests, is still under intensive study by researchers and the results of tests made to date are encouraging, according to specialists of the State College Extension service.

One of the early fears—that DDT would destroy too many bees which are useful as honey collectors and particularly valuable as pollinizers of crops such as legumes and fruit—has been virtually eliminated by the discovery that DDT is actually less deadly to bees than the arsenical sprays now commonly used. Beekeepers now are beginning to regard DDT as a promising relief for bee losses by arsenic poisoning.

State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

Q. Should young pines planted for timber be pruned?

A. If set with recommended spacings, they will usually prune themselves by shading out the lower limbs and allowing trunks to grow sawlog lengths suitable for timber. Trees spaced apart and pruned of limbs are more subject to damage from wind and sleet than trees which grow more thickly and are allowed to prune themselves.

Q. Give a score for grading butter.

A. A satisfactory butter score card would include: flavor, 45 points; body, 25; color, 15; salt, 10, and package, 5. Good quantity butter should have a pleasing taste and be free of objectionable odors or flavors which might originate from dirt, acid milk, feed flavors, weeds, onions, or other foreign matter. It should be of uniform color, free from white specks or streaks of yellow, should be worked just enough to thoroughly mix the salt and should not appear oily.

Q. At what temperature should milk be churned?

A. At a temperature between 65 and 70 degrees Fahrenheit. Get a good dairy thermometer and find out by testing it yourself what churning temperature is best to use.

Farm machinery can not do its job properly with baling-wire repair jobs, according to engineers of the Agriculture Extension service.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of Hal W. Cabe, deceased, late of Macon County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 10th day of January, 1947, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 10th day of January, 1946.

ONNIE CABE, Administratrix.
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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as executor of Ethel Soper Hardy, deceased, late of Macon County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 4th day of January, 1947 or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 4th day of January, 1946.

American Trust & Banking Co.
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Ass't. Trust Officer,
Chattanooga, Tenn.
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Usual objections to the new pest control have been predicated upon the contention that it would "upset the balance of nature," a theory that beneficial insects, birds and other predators can sufficiently control insect pests. So, intensive tests of DDT are being made to determine its effect upon fish, birds, beneficial insects and other wild life.

In regard to the widespread use of the chemical, it now appears for the first time as a practical control for some forest insects.

The current "crop" of beetles and other injurious pests in North Carolina has been described by Extension specialists as normal with no dangerous outbreak indicated.

Hens Demand Elbow Room Around Hopper

Since many urban families in North Carolina are still going "egg hungry" because supply has failed to catch up with demand, R. S. Dearstyne, head of the Department of Poultry Science at State College, has compiled a list of pointers for poultrymen designed to increase egg output during periods of low production.

Hens demand "elbow room" at the hopper. One linear foot of feeding space should be provided for every four or five chickens.

Since feed is scarce, hoppers should not be too full and fresh feed should be supplied daily.

To forestall egg eating by the hens themselves, at least five corrective measures may be taken: (1) Provide at least one clean nest for every five layers; (2) Shade or darken nests, with burlap if necessary, allowing adequate ventilation; (3) Supply high-quality mash in sufficient quantity and oyster shell or some calcium supplement; (4) Gather eggs several times daily; (5) Get broody birds off the nest at once and confine them until broodiness is broken.

Contrary to popular belief, the cocky rooster serves no useful purpose to the flock except in the propagation of the chicken clan and his dubious worth as an alarm clock. So, if the flock is being kept for egg production, segregate or market the roosters to save feed.

The short egg market is expected to be relieved as soon as late pullets begin to lay.

If everyone in the United States listened to the same time, the power received by all their eardrums together would not equal one millionth of a watt, which is less than the flying power generated by one mosquito.

In transmitting sound waves to the ear, the air acts like a rubber ball with almost perfect elasticity. The sound wave compresses the air, which springs back to its original position after the wave has passed on to the next layer of air.

In a reasonably well-built stable, a properly installed fan system will be effective at all temperatures and under all conditions.

Prisoners of war have greatly aided Chowan county farmers in harvesting 1945 crops, according to County Agent C. W. Overman.

Scientific agricultural experimentation is now on a hemispheric basis to produce supplies which the U. S. needs but does not grow.

NOTICE!

LIST YOUR PROPERTY

Tax listers will be at the following places in the various townships on the dates given to list property for the year 1946. The Board of Commissioners asks all persons to cooperate to the fullest extent in helping the listers to get a correct list of all property. The law provides that a penalty shall be effected against any person failing to list his or her property (although this will not be applied to non-residents). All persons should make a strong effort to see the List Taker or have some person represent them and save the embarrassment of going before the Board asking for corrections when you have failed to list your property.

Franklin:

Billy Bryson, at the Courthouse through the month of January, 1946.

Millshoal:

J. R. Franklin, Becco Store, January 7 and 8; Reid Store, January 11 and 12; Holly Springs School, January 18 and 19; Mt. Grove School, January 26. Other dates at home.

Ellijay:

C. B. Bryson, Ellijay Post Office, January 7; Higdonville School, January 12; L. D. Norris' Store, January 19; C. T. Bryson Store, January 26; Wiley Clark Store, January 28. All other dates at home.

Sugarfork:

Ezra Shook, Corbin's Store, January 7 and 8; Gold Mine School, January 12; Buck Creek School, January 19; Walnut Creek School, January 26. All other dates at home.

Cowee:

Bob Gibson, Mrs. Cleve Woodard Store, January 7; Tom Rickman Store, January 11; Clyde West Store, January 12; E. O. Rickman Store, January 19; Lee Mason Store, January 26. All other dates at home.

Flats:

Ray Dryman, January 11, 12, 19 and 26, at Brown's Store. All other dates at home.

Smith Bridge:

Mrs. Ralph Norton, Norris' Store, January 11 and 12; Otto School House, January 16, 17 and 18; Parrish's Store, January 19; Fulcher's Store, January 21 and 22. All other dates at home.

Cartoogechaye:

W. N. Dalrymple, January 7 and 8, Ledford's Store; January 11 and 12, Hopkins' Store; January 19, Joe Hastings' Mill; January 26, at Slagle School House. All other dates at home.

Nantahala:

B. A. Baldwin, January 12, Cooper Ferguson's Store; January 18, Beecher Town School; January 19 and 21, Otter Creek School House; January 28, Kyle School House; January 28, Happy Top; January 29, Kyle School House. All other dates at home.

Burningtown:

E. B. Byrd, January 11 and 12, Carl Morgan's Store; January 18 and 19, Duval's Store; January 25 and 26, O'mahundro Store. All other dates at home.

Highlands:

F. A. Edwards, all dates through January at F. A. Edwards' Store in Highlands.

All property owners are required to return to the List Taker all the real estate, personal property, etc., owned by each on the first of January.

All male persons between the ages of 21 and 50 years are required by law to list their polls during January.

All persons who own property and fail to list it and all who are liable for a poll tax and fail to give themselves in will be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, subject to a fine or imprisonment upon conviction.

FARM CENSUS NOTE

Each farm owner shall prepare a list of the acreage of each crop grown, including tenths of acres of truck. The list should show the total acres cultivated by the owner, also the acres cultivated by all tenants on each separately recognized farm, the acres in improved pasture, woodland, idle and other lands. He shall be prepared to report the number of hogs sold or slaughtered during past 12 months and tons of fertilizer to be used during this crop year. This information is kept confidential and has no relation to taxes. Its purpose is for agricultural education, economic analysis and safer guidance of county agents and farmers generally.

LAKE V. SHOPE, Tax Supervisor

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