

**State College Hints
To Farm Homemakers**

Use weights rather than measurements in making fruit preserves, specialists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture remind housewives who are doing their own preserving this season. The weight of a quart of fruit varies considerably with the kind, with the way it is packed, and also with the shape and size of the pieces. Therefore, weighing the ingredients is more accurate and gives better results than measuring.

The standard proportion of sugar for preserves varies from three-fourths to one part by weight of sugar to one part by weight of prepared fruit. The smaller proportion of sugar can be used for sweeter fruits.

If the family is to get the most in health value from food,

the housewife must avoid obvious waste that shows up in a full garbage pail and the waste of nutrients from keeping food improperly or too long. This suggestion from nutritionists of the Minnesota Experiment station is based on studies of nutritive losses especially of vegetables.

The wrong storage of vegetables in the home results in considerable loss of nutrients. Studies show that such vegetables as peas, broccoli, cauliflower, lettuce, spinach, endive and kale lose vitamin C rapidly at room temperature—as they stand and wait on the kitchen table, for example, or are kept in an open bin in the kitchen. In the refrigerator the loss takes place much more slowly.

Keeping vegetables too long also causes losses. Although vitamin A is not so easily lost as

**DDT AND BEST
WAY TO USE IT
IS DISCUSSED**

Free Bulletin Now Is Available From N. C. State

"DDT and Suggestions for its Use", a new bulletin just issued by the State college extension service, is now available for general distribution.

Prepared by James T. Conner, Jr., extension entomologist at State college, the bulletin contains many helpful suggestions to the farmer or housewife for combating insects affecting man and animal, as well as vegetables and field crops. Since there are different treatments recommended for different insects and pests, the bulletin contains recommended treatments for most common insects.

Since research in DDT is still in the experimental stage, there are certain "don'ts" which must be observed in the use of the substance. These have been included in the bulletin as safety precautions to the many people who use DDT.

Other important items, such as DDT effects on plants, beneficial insects, and health factors involved in its use, as well as various mixtures for a solution of a certain strength are also given.

Free copies of the publication are available from the Agricultural Editor, State College Station, Raleigh. Requests should be made for "DDT and Suggestions for its Use," (Revised) Extension Circular No. 291.

C, even this vitamin gradually disappears from green vegetables if they are kept too long. A study of lettuce shows that its vitamin A value drops markedly when kept too long in the refrigerator, the rate of loss corresponding with the amount of wilting.

Many housewives do not realize that leftover cooked vegetables also lose value as they stand. Although it is thrifty practice to save and use all leftover food, it is thrifter to plan so that vegetables will all be eaten at the meal with none left over. Uncovered foods in the refrigerator lose more than covered foods.

**State College Answers
Timely Farm Questions**

Q. Is there such a thing as a white blueberry?

A. According to E. B. Morrow, research associate professor of Horticulture at State College, most so-called white blueberries are usually pinkish white rather than pure white. They are relatively rare, and in his observations, he states that he has only found one, which was collected near the Bluff Park on the Blue Ridge Parkway some years ago. Some also have been found in the vicinity of Magnolia, N. C.

White blueberries are of no particular interest commercially, but they might be of some value in studying the inheritance in blueberry crosses. The simplest way to put it, he states, is to say they are probably similar to the albino in the human race and probably just as rare in occurrence.

Q. What causes the early dropping of tomato blossoms?

A. M. E. Gardner, head of the State college horticulture department, attributes the early droppings of blossoms this year to excessively dry, hot weather when some of the earlier plants were blooming.

If you have not noticed any recovery of your plants since

**Catholic Talks Being
Made On Square Here**

A series of talks on the Catholic church, which began here Monday, will continue through Saturday. These talks are made on the Public Square by students of Rosary college. Friday afternoon's talk will begin at 7:30 o'clock, and the Saturday afternoon lecture will start at 2:30 o'clock.

The weather became more reasonable, write to the Horticulture department for additional information.

Q. How can I control cockroaches with the use of DDT?

A. Spray with a five per cent oil or dust with 10 per cent powder thoroughly all hiding places and runways, paying close attention to loose baseboards and moldings, under and around sinks, in and behind cupboards, dark storage cabinets, etc.

According to James T. Conner, extension entomologist at State college, DDT may not be more effective than other recommended materials for cockroaches and at least 72 hours may be expected before results are noticed. Repeated applications at regular intervals over a period of several months may be necessary for complete control.

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