

SPRING OATS IS LAST CHANCE FOR FEED GRAIN

Prospects Indicate Short
Crop For Feed In N. C.
This Season

The last chance for North Carolina farmers to produce more feed grain this year remains in the seeding of spring oats, says W. H. Rankin, associate professor of agronomy at the North Carolina agricultural experiment station.

Mr. Rankin addresses this advice particularly to those farmers who were hampered in their seeding operations last fall by rainy weather. He points out that since there were fewer acres planted and since much of it went in late, there are prospects of a very short grain crop.

Oats planted in the spring seldom yield as well as fall-seeded oats, the specialist explains. Usually there are failures, extremely low and unprofitable yields. Though the Experiment Station encourages more fall planting, it does suggest spring planting in emergencies.

Early seeding and adequate fertilization are the keys to producing good yields from spring-planted oats. Tests conducted by the Station in various parts of the state show that early seeding is better than late seeding. An experiment in Wake county showed that a March 15 planting yielded only 18 bushels per acre, whereas February 15 seeding yielded 47 bushels per acre. An October 15 seeding on the same type of land produced 85 bushels per acre.

The fertilization for spring oats is not different from the fertilization of other small grains. Spring oats, following corn, small grains, or hay, should be treated with a complete fertilizer—300 pounds of 3-12-6 in the Piedmont and mountains, and 4-8-8 in the Coastal plain. Following tobacco and truck crops, which are usually heavily fertilized, spring oats normally do not need to be fertilized at seeding.

Oats planted in the spring need nitrogen. A pale yellow color and a lack of vigor are signs of this need. Nitrogen topdressing should be applied early, usually during the last half of March or early April. The Vitorgrain and Fulgrain varieties are better for spring seeding than winter-type varieties like Lee.

Land Resources Not Being Fully Used, Specialist Says

Evidence of improper use of land resources in North Carolina last year lies in the fact that about 12 per cent of the cropland in the state was idle and even a larger per cent not fully used, C. Brice Ratchford, in charge of farm management for the State college extension service, said here this week.

Land devoted to cash crops, such as cotton, tobacco, peanuts, and commercial truck, has been well utilized and has normally rendered a good return, Mr. Ratchford said, but the land devoted to the non-cash crops, such as corn, hay, and pasture, has not been utilized to the maximum. Farmers have normally carried out recommended practices on the cash crops but they have not carried out the recommended practices on the non-cash crops. Adoption of these practices on all crops grown on the farm would pay high returns, he declared.

One-half of the land in North Carolina is devoted to woodland, and on many farms the woodland has given a very low return. Even though many of the crop land resources have been fairly well utilized, the land devoted to forest has been more poorly utilized.

Labor, North Carolina's greatest resource, has not been fully used, he stated. Most farmers have felt there was a labor shortage and this has been true, yet on these same farms there has been idle labor.

Most crops require labor from six to seven months a year, but during certain seasons, especially the harvest and planting seasons, there is a labor shortage. During the winter months no labor is required and this results in idle labor. Enterprises can be added which will profitably use the labor resources throughout the year, and keeping this labor busy the year-round will yield higher profits, the specialist said.

Systematic farm planning will indicate ways to use all the land and labor, and those who take time out during the bad weather this winter to plan their farm operations for 1948 will be spending their time well, Mr. Ratchford said.

Demonstration Council To Hold Meet Here Saturday

The county council of Home Demonstration clubs (made up of the individual home demonstration club officers) will meet at the Agricultural building Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Each council member is to bring a pot luck dish for lunch.

Selection of county project leaders, approval of the council budget, and plans for the Family Life program, district federation meeting, and other events to come will be the main business to come before the group.

After the business session, the council members will have lunch together at the Agricultural building.

State College Hints To Farm Homemakers

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Be sure leather gloves are labelled "washable" before trying to wash them at home, clothing specialists caution. Many gloves of suede, doeskin, capeskin and pigskin are finished so that they can be washed and are labelled accordingly on the inside.

Use mild soapsuds and lukewarm water when washing leather gloves. An easy way to do it is to put the gloves on and then wash them like the hands, lathering the entire surface and using a soft brush on finger tips and other specially soiled places.

Pull gloves off the hands carefully because leather is weak when wet. Rinse by running lukewarm water into each glove to push it gently into shape. Never wring or scrub gloves because this stretches and may tear the wet leather. To keep pigskin gloves soft, rinse in water to which a couple of drops of glycerine have been added.

Dry slowly in room temperature. Too much heat is harmful to leather.

Linens are most efficiently ironed at the highest temperature of the iron, so iron them last. They must be quite wet. Linen fiber is rather brittle and evaporation is quick. Linens should be ironed on the wrong side to avoid shine. Damask table linens on which a high gloss is desired should be ironed on the wrong side, then on the right.

Mend snags or worn places in towels before they go into the wash to avoid further tearing. If the selvage shows wear, check fraying by taking several rows of stitches along the edge to strengthen it.

State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

Q. How should I fertilize my tobacco plant bed?

A. Use 150 pounds of 4-9-3 per 100 square yards for average soils and 200 pounds for soils of low fertility. If cyanamid and uramon are used for sterilization, the amount of fertilizer may be reduced one-half on fertile soils.

Apply the fertilizer evenly over the bed and work lightly into the first one inch of topsoil. About 1 1/2 inches should be the maximum under any conditions. Fresh weed seed should not be brought to the surface of the bed.

If any such organic nitrogenous materials as cottonseed meal, tankage, or dried blood are used, they should be applied several weeks before seeding so as to prevent damping off of plants.

When needed, use from two to five pounds of nitrogen topdressing in 50 gallons of water per 100 square yards of plant bed. The material can be placed in a sack and suspended in the barrel of water until it dissolves. Water the bed after the topdressing is applied with 50 gallons of water per 100 square yards of bed.

Plants should be topdressed while they are under blue mold attack. The topdressing can be used before or after the attack. Excessive applications of topdressing are to be avoided.

J. How can I treat my poultry flock for tapeworms?

A. Products recommended for the removal of tapeworms from poultry are, as a whole, not satisfactory in that these products do not remove the heads of most of the different kinds of tapeworms which infect poultry. Although tapeworm heads fastened to the wall of the small intestine may not be removed by the products, infected birds often make a favorable, although usually only a temporary response following the treatment.

Since a favorable response often follows the administration of certain types of deworming

NEWS about PEOPLE

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. S. Thorpe are spending several days in Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ward Long and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. (Tony) Welch were in Statesville last week-end for the district meeting of Lions.

Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Bryson, of Detroit, Mich., are visiting Mrs. Bryson's father, W. C. Sheffield, who is ill at his home at West's Mill. Also visiting Mr. Sheffield are his son, William T. Sheffield, and Mrs. Sheffield, of Bristol, Va.

Mrs. Robert Bryson is a patient at Angel hospital.

W. N. Sloan, of Atlanta and Franklin, spent the week-end here with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sloan.

Mrs. Gilmer L. Crawford was called to Black Mountain Wednesday by the serious illness of her daughter, Miss Inez Crawford, who is a patient in the Western North Carolina sanatorium.

Mack Franks, owner of Franks Radio and Electric company, is a patient at Angel clinic, suffering from neck injuries received when a radio condenser exploded, part of the fragments having been driven into the left side of his neck.

Plez Holden, of Rainbow Springs, cut off several toes on his right foot while working in the woods Monday. He is a patient at Angel clinic.

Mr. and Mrs. Denver Morgan and four children, of Belmont, have been visiting Mr. Morgan's sister, Mrs. Fred Willis, and Mr. Willis, of Franklin, Route 3, and Mrs. Morgan's sister, Mrs. Paul

capsules, heavily infected birds should be treated with commercial capsules recommended for tapeworms. When buying capsules, be sure to get the right size and follow the manufacturers directions.

Revis, and Mr. Revis, also of Franklin, Route 3. While in this section, they visited Mr. Morgan's sister, Mrs. Harley Rowland, and Mr. Rowland at Nantahala. The Morgans left Wednesday to return to their home.

Mrs. Dan Sweatman of Franklin has been ill at Angel clinic for some weeks.

Fred Dills, of Franklin, Route 3, is a patient at Angel clinic suffering from a broken ankle. Mr. Dills was working in the woods when a log rolled over his ankle.

T. J. Williams, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Williams, underwent an operation for appendicitis at Angel clinic Tuesday.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sanders, of Franklin, have announced the birth of a son, February 24 at Angel hospital. Mrs. Sanders is the former Miss Janelle Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Green, of Franklin, Route 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tyler, of Highlands, have announced the birth of a son, Tony, February 11, at Angel hospital.

A son, Woodrow, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Buchanan of Prentiss, February 17, at Angel hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Buren J. Pruitt, of Franklin, Route 3, have announced the birth of a son, Edgar William, at Angel hospital February 17.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mashburn, of Franklin, Route 4, at Angel hospital February 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Anderson have announced the birth of a daughter, Clara Elaine, February 22 at Angel hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Seay, of Franklin, have announced the birth of a daughter, Mary Elinor, at the Angel clinic February 29.

A daughter, Janice Carolyn, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Woodard, of Norton, at Angel clinic January 30. Mr. Woodard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Woodard, of Franklin.

Week's Schedule Of Community Farm Meetings Announced

Next week's schedule of community farm meetings, as announced by the Extension service here, follows:

Monday at 3 p. m., Kyle school; Monday at 7:30 p. m., Otter Creek school; Tuesday at 7:30, Slagle school; Wednesday at 7:30 Patton church; Thursday at 7:30 Scaly school; and Friday at 7:30, Tellico Baptist church.

Next week's meetings will bring to a close the series that got under way the first week.

Funeral Is Held For Thompson's 7-Month Old Son

Funeral services were held for Daniel Dewitt Thompson, Jr., seven-months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Thompson, of Cullasaja, at the Sugarfork Baptist church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The infant had died at the home, following a short illness.

The Rev. William L. Sorrells and the Rev. Fred Sorrells conducted the services, and interment followed in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were Virgil Crisp, Junior McDowell, Octavius McDowell, and E. G. Crisp.

Surviving are the parents; two sisters, Janice Louise and Nancy Carol; and the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thompson, of Jackson County, and Mr. and Mrs. James Teem, of Cullasaja.

West Macon Charge Day Services Planned Sunday

The West Macon Charge day will be observed at Maiden's Chapel Methodist church Sunday. This will be an all-day service, with Sunday school, preaching and special singing. The Rev. R. L. Poindexter with choir from Shooting Creek will be present. The Black Mountain Baptist church choir and others have been invited. Persons attending are asked to bring dinner.

Sheriff Bradley Gets 2 Stills On Walnut Creek

Sheriff J. P. Bradley this week captured two stills in the Walnut Creek section. One, a 10-gallon affair, was captured Monday night, and the other, a 35-gallon capacity still, was taken Tuesday morning. No one was at either still, the sheriff's office said.

Plan Youth For Christ Rally Saturday Night

A Youth for Christ rally will be held at the River Bend Union chapel Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock. The program will include special vocal selections and instrumental music, with violin and accordion solos. Travis McDonald, of the Toccoa Falls Bible college, Toccoa Falls, Ga., will speak. A display of relics, curios, and souvenirs from South America, Africa, the Far East and Latin America is planned. The public is invited.

Methodist Charge Day Meeting Is Canceled

The charge day meeting for the Franklin Methodist circuit, which had been scheduled for Sunday, February 29, at Bethel church, has been canceled, it was announced this week by the pastor, the Rev. D. P. Grant.

CLASSES CANCELED

Classes will not be held at the Craft House on Cartoogechaye Tuesday, March 2, and Thursday, March 4, according to Miss Frances Barr, director of the school. Miss Barr plans to be in Knoxville and Gatlinburg attending the Southern Mountain Workers' conference.

A much improved and enlarged Blue Ridge Parkway folder has been published and may be obtained from the Parkway office, Roanoke, Va.

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What do you mean, Come the Revolution?

Brother, the revolution has been—the most radical revolution of all time!

It happened in 1776. That's right—1776. You think there's been a more radical revolution since? How could there be? Do you realize what that revolution of 1776 brought about?

Imagine—men, all men, having a say in the way they are governed. Not only able to tell the guy at the top what they think about him, but able to do something about it.

Imagine—men, ordinary men like you and me, being able to say to the military, to the police, "This is my home. This is my property. Please keep out—but now." Have you heard of anything more revolutionary since?

Imagine—men and women not having

to worship in a certain way just because the fellows that run things happen to worship that way. Or not having to give up their way of worship because the gang in power happens not to like it.

Radical? Brother, how could any political party with the reins of government in their hands allow such a state of affairs? Let a little thing like law stand in the way of grabbing all the power and money and things they want? How?

Because of what the revolution of 1776 brought about. The rule of the ordinary man. Rule by people like you and me. Rule based on law; on decency and fair dealing; on honesty and justice. Rule by the majority with full respect for the rights of the minority. All minorities. Some people call it the golden rule.

When you stop to think about it, it is.

WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT

FIND OUT ELECTION ISSUES. Attend local political gatherings. Hear both sides. Ask questions. KNOW the issues.

VOTE INTELLIGENTLY. No election is unimportant. Vote in all of them . . . according to your conscience. It's your government.

SERVE GLADLY ON JURIES. If you haven't served before, you'll be surprised to find how interesting and important it is.

JOIN LOCAL CIVIC GROUPS. Parent-Teachers' Association or School Board if opportunity permits. Good education is vital.

VOTE IN UNION ELECTIONS AND STOCKHOLDERS' MEETINGS. Take part in the decisions that affect your life. Don't let someone else do it.



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