

Timely Farm Questions State College Answers

Q. Where can I obtain information on improving my lawn? A. Obtain a copy of Extension Circular No. 292, "Carolina Lawns," which was prepared by John H. Harris and Dr. Roy L Lovvorn. This publication has recently been reprinted and copies are available from your county agent or from the Agri-cultural Editor, State College Station, Raleigh. It gives complete information on lawn grasses and clovers, preparing the land, fertilization and seeding, and lawn maintenance.

Q. What is the gestation period for rabbits?

A. The gestation period, or the period from mating to kindling, is 31 to 32 days. A very small percentage of litters may be kindled as early as the 29th or as late as the 35th day, but 98 per cent of the normal litters will be kindled between the 30th and 33rd days.

Q. How does moisture content affect the yield of corn?

A. U. S. Standard No. 2 grade corn calls for a moisture content of 15.5 per cent and all moisture above . that figure must be deducted in calculating poundage for yield. In Watauga County, Ernest Hillard harvested 8,791 pounds of corn from one acre, and Ralph Norris havvested 8,844 pounds from an acre. Yet, after a test for moisture, Hillard had a yield bushels and of 115.1 Norris only 112 bushels. Even though the crops were produced in the same community, Hillard's corn had a moisture content of 21.7 per cent and Norris' 24 per cent. Dr. E. R. Collins says many farmers are selling dry corn from this year's crop without knowing how much is required to make a bushel. Transylvania County has solved this problem by supplying a moisture tester for the county agent's office. Farmers desiring to sell corn simply have the moisture content checked there.

The hog is one of the most valuable farm animals for converting waste and by-products of the farm into marketable products.



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