

NO SUCH THING AS SURPLUS OF FOOD AND FEED

No One Complaining About Too Much Country Cured Ham and Bacon

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There has been a lot of talk about surpluses of cotton, wheat, butter, eggs, poultry, and other commodities on the market, and certainly surpluses of market commodities have played havoc with prices. But have you heard anybody complaining about too much country-cured ham or smoked bacon in the farm smokehouse, about too much canned fruit and vegetables in the farm cellar, too much fried chicken for Sunday dinner, too many fried eggs to eat with good fried ham, or too much milk and butter on the table for farm boys and girls and men and women to satisfy their appetites?

Do you know of any one who is bothered about too much jelly, jam, syrup, or honey in the pantry to eat with hot biscuits and butter or to pour over stacks of brown cakes? Did you ever know of a family that was discouraged and blue because of too many beans, onions, beets, peas, mustard, cabbage, potatoes, and other vegetables in the garden? Did you ever know a farmer who was worried about too much corn, oats, kafir, or hay in the barn to feed to his livestock, or about having so much good green pasture that his cows could eat their fill in a few hours and then lie in the shade and chew their cuds during the heat of the day?

Do you know a farmer who has complained about having wheat, rye, or other green pasture during the fall and winter months? Do you know of a farmer who has been greatly concerned about the high price of low price of food which he had on hand for family needs, or feed which he had on hand for his livestock?

Not much! These are ailments which have never bothered farmers. There isn't any such thing as a surplus of good food for the family or feed for the livestock. While there has been a surplus of wheat and of butter that has depressed the market, thousands of farm families all over the land have been hungry for hot biscuits and butter. While there has been a surplus of cotton on the market, thousands of farm people have been in need of some heavy cotton clothes to keep their bodies warm.

This is not a situation that can be remedied to any great extent by legislation or by governmental machinery. The solution must largely be found on the individual farm. There have been surpluses of market commodities, and no doubt will be again in the future, but there can never be a surplus of good living produced on the farm.

SAYS PEANUT IS UNCERTAIN CROP

Also Wide Difference of Opinion As To Planting, Editor Says

By ANDREW J. CONNOR (In Roanoke-Chowan Times, Rich Square, N. C.)

On account of the uncertainty of getting a stand, peanut planting time is one of great anxiety for peanut growers. Perhaps no Southern crop is so uncertain. For the first three weeks of May each year in the peanut-growing sections as you pass the fields you can see people examining the newly planted peas to see if they are in the right condition for germinating. The season for planting peanuts lasts only about three weeks, compared with four weeks for planting cotton and four months for corn.

There is no crop grown in Eastern Carolina and Virginia about which there is so much difference of opinion as to planting, cultivating and harvesting. The width of the rows vary from two and a half to three and a half feet, and in the rows the peas are planted eight, twelve, and sixteen inches apart. You can find good, successful farmers who will tell you as many peas can be made to the acre with rows three and a half, with half a stand, as can be made in narrow rows with a perfect stand. This writer is convinced that generally the peas are not given distance. When not crowded, often 150 and even more matured nuts can be found on a single bunch, whereas where there is a good stand, thirty-five to forty is the limit. People who have half a stand had better risk planting over. This is costly, and often no better stand is secured from the second planting.

Failure to secure a stand generally results from damaged seed. We know a farmer who has not failed to secure a stand of peanuts in thirty years. He cures his seed stock on the ground, that is, after digging, the vines are left on the ground for a few days before stacking. If stacked green they are likely to develop enough heat in the stack to damage the seed for planting purposes. It is also better to dig the seed stock about a week earlier. Turning black will not hurt them.

Orange Farmers Increase Hay Crop 100 Per Cent

The acreage to winter hay crops such as the barley, oats and vetch mixture has been increased by 100 per cent in Orange county this year. Dairy farmers use the mixture to supplement pasture and for early grazing.

Forsyth, Durham, and Rockingham Counties lead, in the order named, in the value of manufactured products.

PRAISES WORK OF WASHINGTON COUNTY AGENT

Miss Pratt Covington Has Splendid Organization for Advancing Work

Raleigh, June 3.—(Special to The Enterprise).—The work of Miss Pratt Covington, home agent of Washington County, is outstanding in the eastern part of the state. Miss Covington has the women of her county exceedingly well organized for participation in the "Live-at-Home" campaign, in the opinion of State College Extension officials. She is doing an excellent work, and her club organizations are enthusiastic and eager to follow her leadership.

There are 14 home demonstration clubs in the county, with a garden and canning leader in each group of women. These garden leaders were given five packages of new vegetable seed early last March and every effort was made to obtain plantings of new vegetables—different from the usual run of vegetables planted in the county. Miss Covington's aim was variety of green vegetables on each farm. She obtained the cooperation of various agencies in the county, with one company helping by donating over \$10 worth of seed. Others also helped by giving seed to the various clubs.

Each club leader planted the seed and, as soon as the plants were large enough, she gave nice bunches of these plants to her fellow club workers. By so doing, every club member was supplied with a larger variety of vegetables than ever before. The production of new vegetable varieties has caused intense interest in the cultivation of garden plots in Washington County.

One net result of this move on the part of Miss Covington has been a continued interest in the sale of surplus garden produce on the curb market at Plymouth. Sales on this market show conclusively that there has been a large increase in sales. This has meant more cash money back on the farms of the county, money which is being used to raised the standards of living in the entire county. The club women are pointing the way to progress for every citizen of the section.

Since the canning school was held, \$115.50 worth of canners have been bought from the Dixie Canner Company, and this is only half the goal set for Washington's women by Miss Covington.

A county canning outfit has been purchased by the club women of the county. This canner will be kept busy canning throughout the rest of the vegetable and fruit season. The canner is also to be used by club members in their homes for the cooking of meats and so forth. Lately, one club member cooked a five-pound roast on this canner, completing the cooking of the roast in 40 minutes instead of the usual five hours required. The women are vitally interested in this modern equipment.

Miss Covington has impressed on her club workers the necessity of raising the standards of living in Washington County. And these women are doing their part and have assumed leadership in the homes of the county. They are determined to "Live-at-Home" so as to have surplus money available for the betterment of their homes and their respective communities.

RIDGE METHOD IN CULTIVATING TOBACCO URGED

Will Pay Increased Income Of \$50 Per Acre Under Normal Conditions

Cultivating tobacco by the ridge method will pay an increased income of \$50 an acre under normal conditions and should be even more desirable when the weed is selling for a low price and the crop is delayed in growth. "Most of the earliest tobacco in this State is now in a hard, peaked condition due to the cold, wet spring," says E. Y. Floyd, extension entomologist at State College. "Apparently, the cultivation of the crop from now on will be an important factor in determining whether good acre yields of high quality and generally just as good a yield as any other planting during the season."

The ridge method of cultivation has proven its worth for the past five years. As compared with old, flat method, an increased income of about \$50 an acre has been secured from the ridge method. This plan makes the peaked-tobacco take on new roots; drains the water from near the plant, and causes the soil to warm up more quickly, claims Mr. Floyd. He has conducted a large number of field demonstrations with high-class growers in all parts of the state and has found that putting all the soil to the tobacco plant that it will stand but scattering the middles deeper than the siding furrow, gives good results.

Cultivated in this way, the tobacco plant will soon grow out of its present hard, peaked condition and will look like a new plant. Mr. Floyd has prepared a small folder giving a description of this ridge method of cultivation. Copies may be had free of charge on application to the agricultural editor at State College.

There are 19,860 more females than males in North Carolina.

POOR METHODS HANDLING EGGS PROVES COSTLY

Rooster Should Be Penned After Hatching Season Is Past

After the hatching season is over, the male bird is of little value to the poultry flock and should be penned away from the laying hens to prevent the production of fertile eggs.

"Bad eggs come to the market in increasing numbers with the hot weather of mid-summer," says C. F. Parrish, extension poultryman at State College. "If proper conditions are made, the egg is as nearly a perfect food product as one can find. To have this good egg, however, the hens must be well fed, the nests kept clean, and the eggs gathered twice daily and stored in a cool, clean place. The customer gladly pays an increased price for such an egg, but he gives a sigh of disgust if the eggs come to him dirty and partly decayed."

Bad eggs are caused by allowing the rooster to run with the laying flock after the hatching season is over; by gathering eggs only once a day, and by storing them in a warm place, poorly ventilated and marking only when a case has been filled.

Mr. Parrish estimates that poultry growers of North Carolina lose about \$500,000 annually because of poor methods of producing and handling their eggs. At least one-third of this is preventable, because it is due to partial-hatching fertile eggs which become warm enough to incubate. The rooster makes the egg fertile, and the fertilized egg produces a blood ring, which is the partial development of the chick.

The rooster does not increase egg production, he merely fertilizes the germ of the egg. The hot days have the same effect on the egg as the hen or the incubator. Heat is the great enemy of eggs, both fertile and infertile. When the blood ring forms in a fertile egg it is unsuited for food or market purposes, says Mr. Parrish.

ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE

Having qualified as the administratrix of the estate of Hiram A. Ange, deceased, of the County of Martin, State of North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Everetts, N. C., on or before the 6th day of June, 1932, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 5th day of June, 1931. ELIZA A. BULLOCK, Administratrix. Jos. W. Bailey, attorney.

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66 FARMERS OF STATE TO GET CERTIFICATES

Score 80 Or More On Their Live-at-Home Program Last Year

By scoring a percentage of 80 or above on their live-at-home operations last year, 66 North Carolina farmers will be awarded certificates of merit by the North Carolina State College, cooperating with the agricultural committee of the State Bankers' Association.

To be awarded such a certificate is considered a high honor by college officials and bankers in that the person receiving one has done certain valuable and fundamental things in good farming. Each certificate will be signed by the president of the college, the dean of agriculture, and the chairman of the bankers' agricultural committee.

Facts on which the certificates were awarded were secured by local bankers. The papers were carefully graded by the faculty of the School of Agriculture at State College and announcements made as to those who had made a percentage of 80 or above. L. O. Moseley, master farmer of Lenoir County, was the only person grading 100 per cent though many others made 90 or above. Mr. Moseley is considered one of the best farmers in Eastern North Carolina.

A summary of the facts of his farming operations shows him to have 10 mules and horses; 35 head of cattle;

47 hogs and pigs and a flock of 125 hens on his 200-acre farm. He grows enough grain and forage to feed his livestock and sells corn to his tenants. He produces enough pork and lard for home use and enough beef and veal with some to sell. His garden furnishes vegetables through the year and permits the sale of about \$125 worth. He grows enough sweet potatoes for home use and sold a 100-bushel surplus last year. He also grew more than enough Irish potatoes. In addition to having all the milk and butter needed at home, he sold over \$5,000 worth last year. He also sold poultry and eggs, fruits, and other small items. His home has modern conveniences; he has good pastures and hay crops, and rents 100 acres of land for additional farming operations.

Lespedeza Very Popular In Currituck County

The 150 acres planted to lespedeza in Currituck county this spring show a good stand of the legume and indications are that the crop will become increasingly popular in the county.

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Chatham Farmers Erect Four Additional Silos

Four additional silos have been erected by dairy farmers of Chatham county as an evidence of the increased interest in dairying.

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