

GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS WITH POTATOES

Agricultural Man Predicts Increase in the Sweet Potato Acreage

By GUY A. CARDWELL

There will probably be an increase in sweet potato acreage this year in the Carolinas to make up for some of the decrease in tobacco and cotton acreage.

A few farmers who have made a business of sweet potatoes have informed the writer that they have derived more satisfactory returns from sweet potatoes over a five-year period than from other crops produced. But there have been too few such cases; due, probably to a number of causes:

- Scarcity of good seed stock of the right variety.
- Lateness in getting sprouts ready for planting in the field, and therefore lateness in having vine cuttings ready for main crop planting.
- Lack of understanding of spacing in the row from which the largest yield of number one potatoes may be secured.
- Failure to use fertilizer formulae best suited to the soil and crop—a formula sufficiently well balanced to make chunky potatoes of the right size and quality.
- Neglect to harvest the crop in advance of a killing frost.
- Careless handling. Under careless handling come the worst offences committed against the crop.
- Lack of care at digging time.
- Neglect to handle as one would handle eggs or peaches.
- Failure to clean and thoroughly sterilize the storage house.

These are just a few of the things that a grower must know and do to succeed with sweet potatoes.

Clemson Agricultural College conducted sweet potato five-acre contests season 1929, 1930 and 1931. These contests developed a valuable fund of information. As seasonal conditions were unfavorable in 1931 for normal yields, a few salient facts obtained in 1930 are being used in this article.

Records completed, 208 showed the average per acre yield of number one potatoes of the contestants, 118 bushels. Out of the 209 contestants, 22 secured a yield of 200 bushels or more of number one potatoes per acre.

After deducting production costs amounting to \$44.95 per acre, the average net profit of all contestants was \$76.12 per acre.

Following an analysis of the records submitted by the 1929 and 1930 contestants, the following recommendations were made by Clemson College to South Carolina farmers:

The best seed or plants it is possible to obtain should be used. Some very poor strains of sweet potatoes were grown in the state in 1930. The use of such strains materially lessens the chances for success with this crop.

Vine cuttings are apparently superior to sprouts for the production of disease-free sweet potatoes of high quality.

Sprouts, since they are planted

SCHOOL DAYS

By DWIG



CROP CONDITION GOOD AS USUAL IN THIS SECTION

Dry Weather Has Been Handicap To Tobacco Others Flourish

(Robersonville Herald)

According to reports coming from a number of Martin County's leading farmers, the condition of crops is about as good as is usually found at this time of the year. Of course, some sections report poorer crops than is the general rule, but as a whole, Martin farmers have the hope of making an average crop this season, the reports indicate.

The peanut crop, with an increased earlier, are likely to give larger yields. In favorable seasons sweet potatoes of satisfactory quality are produced from sprouts, but in unfavorable seasons a large percentage of rough, cracked, or oversized stock may result.

Plants should be transplanted to field during May or the first half of June.

Rows should be spaced 36 to 40 inches apart with plants 8 to 12 inches in the row.

Use 800 to 1,000 pounds per acre of an 8-3-8 8-3-10 PNK fertilizer.

acres, is said to be uniform, there being a better stand than has been reported during the past several seasons.

Cotton is doing well, there being an estimated increase of about 20 per cent in the acreage over last season.

Broken tobacco crops or those that are not at all uniform are reported generally throughout the county. Very few good crops of the weed have been reported, and the prospect for the crop is not at all encouraging. The early crop, in many cases, has spindled and burned because of the dry weather, and the crop transplanted late is said to have failed to develop on account of the dry weather. No one seems to think there will be more than 60 per cent of a normal crop raised in the county this year.

More farmers have planted food and feed crops in the county this year than in many years, the reports state. This large increase in food crops resulted when landlords required their tenants to plant gardens and potato patches on a large scale.

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Twenty farms in Tyrrell County have cleaned out their rat population by using the poisoned bait recommended by the county farm agent.

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NOTICE

Having this day qualified as executrix of the estate of the late R. W. Everett, of Williamston, notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against said estate to present them to me for payment on or before the 9th day of June, 1933, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of the recovery of same. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment of same.

This 9th day of June, 1932.

ANNIE BELL BROWN,
Executrix of the estate of R. W. Everett.

NOTICE

Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of Mrs. Charlie Warren, late of Martin County, notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against said estate to present same for payment on or before June 21, 1933, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of the recovery of same. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment.

This 21st day of June, 1932.

J. E. WARREN,
Administrator of Charlie Warren, deceased.

SALE OF VALUABLE FARM PROPERTY

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon us in a deed of trust executed by T. B. Williams, unmarried, on the 28th day of September, 1926, and recorded in book X-2, page 359-360, we will, on Saturday, the 23rd day of July, 1932, 12 o'clock noon, at the courthouse door in Martin County, Williamston, N. C., sell at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder the following land, to wit:

Beginning at the corners of the Sallie Roberson and the C. A. Roberson lands and running N. 50-00 E. 130 rods to a line in the Lida Crawford land; thence with said Lida Crawford line S. 68-00 E. 134 rods to the canal bridge—thence with the heirs of Cenie Ellison S. 47-00 W. 43 rods along the Williamston-Greenville road; thence along the line of the Sallie Roberson land, N. 83-00 W. 180 rods to the beginning and containing 90 acres by an actual survey made by J. S. L. Ward, public surveyor, on September 2, 1926. The above described tract of land has the following boundaries, to wit: On the N. by the lands of C. A. Roberson and Lida Crawford; on the E. by the Williamston-Greenville road and the land of the heirs of Cenie Ellison; on the S. by the land of Sallie Roberson; on the W. by the land of C. A. Roberson.

This sale is made by reason of the failure of T. B. Williams, unmarried, to pay off and discharge the indebtedness secured by said deed of trust.

A deposit of 10 per cent will be required from the purchaser at the sale.

This 18th day of June, 1932.

C. H. DIXON, RECEIVER FOR FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF DURHAM, TRUSTEE, DURHAM, N. C. je28 4tw

SALE OF VALUABLE FARM PROPERTY

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon us in a deed of trust executed by Robert T. Andrews and wife, Lucy E. Andrews, on the 1st day of December, 1922, and recorded in book K-2, page 464, we will, on Saturday, the 23rd day of July, 1932, at 12 o'clock noon, at the courthouse door in Martin County, Williamston, N. C., sell at public auction, for cash to the highest bidder, the following land, to wit:

Situated in Robersonville Township, Martin County, N. C., adjoining the lands of B. S. Hathaway on the N. and the lands of W. A. Roberson and Harvey Roberson, the lands of Norman Mooring on the S., the lands of A. E. Eborn and the public road leading from Hassell to Robersonville, N. C., on the W., and beginning at the bridge across the above road over the canal across the swamp and running thence down said road S. 13.45 W. 230 poles to Norman Mooring and R. T. An-

draws corner; thence S. 86.30 E. 20 poles to a long leaf pine, a corner; thence N. 24 E. 80 poles to a corner; thence S. 69.30 E. 75 8-10 poles to a stake, a corner; thence N. 18 E. 171 poles to the canal in Picture Swamp, the corner of R. T. Andrews and W. A. and Harvey Roberson; thence N. 68.30 W. 13 poles; thence 76.30 W. with the said canal 60 poles; thence S. 86.30 W. 52 poles to center of said bridge at the beginning in the said public road. Being the same lands shown on map of survey made by Jesse A. B. Cooper, in the division of the Warren D. Andrews land division in year 1877, and allotted to Hesta A. Andrews, except that part on the E. line thereof now owned by W. A. and Harvey Roberson, containing 131 acres, more or less.

This sale is made by reason of the failure of Robert T. Andrews and wife, Lucy E. Andrews, to pay off and discharge the indebtedness secured by said deed of trust.

A deposit of 10 per cent will be required from the purchaser at the sale.

This 18th day of June, 1932.

W. G. BRAHAM AND T. L. BLAND, RECEIVERS FOR FIRST NATIONAL COMPANY OF DURHAM, INC., TRUSTEES, FORMERLY FIRST NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, DURHAM, N. C. je28 4tw

NOTICE

Having qualified as executrix and executor of the estate of James A. Everett, late of Williamston, Martin County, notice is hereby given to all persons, firms, or corporations hold-

ing claims against said estate to present same for payment to the undersigned on or before the 30th day of May, 1933, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of the recovery of same. All persons indebted to the said estate are hereby requested to make immediate payment of same.

This 30th day of May, 1932.

ROLAND EVERETT, Executrix,
W. H. EVERETT, Executor, of
James H. Everett, deceased. je28 6tw

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The following editorial from the pen of Dr. Douglas Freeman appeared in the Richmond News-Leader, Wednesday, January 20, 1932

I HAVE MY INSURANCE

Many a man who has tossed restlessly at night during the last two years has found comfort of mind and repose of nerves in the reflection, "I have my insurance."

Salaries may decline, employment may be lost, mortgage-payments may be beyond one's reach, but as long as the modest premiums on a man's insurance can be met, he knows that death will not leave his family penniless. Next to his religion itself, the home-loving American has cherished his insurance during the depression. Last year, when the future looked so black, the fathers and husbands of America purchased \$16,400,000,000 of life insurance, and actually ended the year with more insurance in force than when the depression began. That shows what the average American thinks of the protection his insurance gives.

The mystery of how America has survived the hard times is explained by the one word, life-insurance. Men who would not have been able to meet their imperative obligations, or, in some cases, even to feed their families in any other way, borrowed on their insurance and tided themselves over. Total payments of \$2,600,000,000 in benefits of all kinds were paid American policyholders in 1931, or twenty-eight times as much as was raised publicly for relief. What a different tale there would be to tell if the harried business man had not been able to say, "I have my insurance."

Storms come and pass again. We may never witness in this generation as long a period of fair weather as industry in 1926-29; but all of us know that whether the next wave of prosperity be long or short, a storm will gather again. The man who faces it without life insurance is as foolish as he who sets out over deep water in an open boat and does not carry a life-preserver.

On the front page of the Manufacturer's Record for December 10, 1931, appeared the following:

LIFE INSURANCE

Life insurance is a bulwark of American business that has come through the past two years of deflated values with public confidence in its soundness unimpaired. A dollar of life insurance in force today is not only safe as an investment, but measured in terms of purchasing power, is worth more than it was two years ago. This increasing recognition of these facts on the part of the public is a just tribute, not only to the fundamental principles of insurance, but also to the stability of the system under which it operates, and the firmness of its financial structure.

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