

TOBACCO CROP QUALITY STARTS IN PLANT BEDS

Well Constructed Seed Bed Will Protect Plants From Disease

A well constructed seed bed will protect young tobacco plants from disease and enable them to develop into hardy, thrifty specimens that will grow well in the field.

Dr. Luther Shaw, extension plant pathologist at State College, gives the following suggestions for tobacco plant beds:

Locate the bed in a warm, sunny place with a southern or southwestern exposure. The soil should be loamy and well drained. Do not place the bed on a site where a bed has been within the past four years.

Box the bed with planks extending six inches above the surface of the soil. Stretch wire across the bed, or place forked sticks in the ground, to keep the canvas from touching the earth.

Or the bed may be covered with a thin layer of oat or wheat straw, with the canvas resting on the straw. When the weather will per-

mit, roll back the cover for a while during the day to give the plants fresh air and sunlight.

It is better to have several small beds than one large bed, as this lessens the possibility of all plants becoming infected with disease. A hundred square yards of bed will produce 10,000 to 15,000 plants. One ounce of seed will sow 300 square yards of bed.

Two hundred pounds of a 4-8-3 fertilizer mixture is enough for each 100 yards of bed. Thoroughly mix it with the upper three or four inches of soil.

Be especially careful to keep the beds from blue mold or tobacco mosaic infections. This is important.

Dr. Shaw suggested that growers wishing more information, write agricultural editor at State College, for extension circular No. 207, "Approved Practices in Handling Tobacco Plant Beds," and for experiment station bulletin No. 297, "Practices Relating to Control of Tobacco Mosaic."

State Farmers Offer Land For Demonstration Uses

Demonstrations with TVA superphosphates and other farm management plans are spreading widely over North Carolina with leading farmers offering their lands for the purpose.

Secretary Wallace Renews Attack on U. S. High Court

Refunding \$200,000,000 In Taxes Is Big Legalized Steal Man Declares

Washington.—Contending "this is probably the greatest legalized steal in American history," Secretary Wallace recently renewed his attack on the supreme court's decision refunding \$200,000,000 to processors.

Wallace in a radio address over a national network, cited profit figures of various processors to show the large returns they would obtain.

"In the Hoosac mills case," Wallace said, "the supreme court disapproved the idea that the government could take money from one group for the benefit of another. Yet in turning over to the processors this \$200,000,000 which came from all the people we are seeing the most flagrant example of expropriation for the benefit of one small group. This is probably the greatest legalized steal in American history."

"You will get some idea of its size when you contrast these refunds with the profits of the processors in their most prosperous years. Cotton mills reported profits of \$30,000,000 in 1929; their processing tax refunds amount to \$51,000,000 on cotton. Flour mills reported profits of about \$20,000,000 on their wheat flour business in 1929; their processing tax refunds amount to \$67,000,000.

"Packers' profits on their hog business in 1929 were in the neighborhood of \$20,000,000; their tax refunds are \$51,000,000. One of the largest packers had total profits of \$14,000,000 last year. If half of this came from the firm's hog business, as is likely, that profit, \$7,000,000, is only about half the \$13,000,000 processing tax refunds to the one corporation.

ate professor of animal husbandry and dairying at State College, dairy men should inspect their calves to see whether they are infested with lice.

The insects are found mostly around the necks and shoulders of the animals, but they also infest other parts of the body.

The first step in eradicating lice, Professor Haig said, is to clean and disinfect the stalls thoroughly. After removing the bedding and sweeping the stalls, disinfect them with a five percent solution of any good coal tar disinfectant.

Allow the stalls to dry, then whitewash the interior. When the whitewash is dry, place plenty of straw bedding or other clean material in the stalls.

Meanwhile, apply to the calves a solution of one ounce of sodium fluoride in a gallon of water. Brush it in thoroughly so that it will reach every part of the body and penetrate loose folds of skin.

Tie the animals in a sunny place, protected from drafts, until they are dry. The calves are then ready to be placed back in the newly disinfected stalls, and a second treatment will hardly be necessary unless they become infested again from other animals, Professor Haig stated.

Motor Club Conducting Extensive Safety Drive

An intensive safety crusade throughout the Carolinas for the year 1936 is being conducted by the Carolina Motor Club, it has been announced by Coleman W. Roberts, of Charlotte president.

For the past ten years the Carolina Motor Club has concentrated its safety activities in the grammar schools, he said, and there has been a considerable decrease in the fatalities to children of school age while fatalities to adults have continued to mount at an alarming rate.

While the Carolina Motor Club safety crusade will reach the children in the schools, intensive work will be done to develop a spirit of individual responsibility on the part of every motor vehicle operator. This is necessary now more than ever before because with the drivers' license law operating in both the Carolinas and with larger patrols on the highways, stricter enforcement may be expected. The driver's license is a privilege granted to every operator and if it is abused it is subject to suspension or revocation which will deprive the operator of the privilege of driving any motor vehicle.

The 1936 safety crusade in the Carolinas contemplates interesting every organization of white and col-

ored people in the effort to reduce highway fatalities. Suitable recognition is being awarded to those organizations, schools and communities that carry on the most intensive and effective safety programs during the year. Four field representatives of the Carolina Motor club are available for assistance in directing these ac-

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March Busy Month On Calendar for All Section's Gardeners

Crops Should Be Started This Month for Spring, Summer Harvest

March is one of the busiest months on the gardener's calendar.

Unless delayed by bad weather, crops should be started in this month for spring and summer harvest, according to H. R. Niswonger and E. B. Morrow, extension horticulturists at State College.

Such cool season crops as cabbage and lettuce, garden peas, carrots, onions and Irish potatoes should be planted early in March in this section of the State.

Tomato seed may be sown in outdoor, cloth-covered frames in this section during the first week of this month.

For an early patch of sweet potatoes in eastern North Carolina, bed-eight to ten bushels of seed for each acre to be planted. Bet the seed in clean sand or sandy soil free from disease. If manure is used to furnish heat, place it under the potatoes and cover it with three or four inches of sand.

To get bright, clean strawberries, mulch the bed with pine straw early in the month. The mulch should be just heavy enough to protect the fruit from sand and dirt.

Early spring flowers and shrubs are due much attention at this season.

Lice Retard Growth Of Both Heifers and Calves Says Expert

Details of Treatment Are Outlined by Fred Haig, Of State College

Cattle lice are a serious handicap to the development of calves and heifers.

When infested with lice the young animals rub against posts and trees, wearing away their hair and inflaming their skin. Sometimes the calves become thin and weak from loss of weight.

In the late winter and early spring, said Fred M. Haig, associ-

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