

### Opposes Further Increase In The 1949 Leaf Acreage

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carry-over, the total stocks on hand amounted to 2,640,000,000 pounds. The 1948-49 fiscal year disappearance, both foreign and domestic, totaled 1,100,000,000 pounds, and the carry-over for July 1, 1949, will be 1,540,000,000, practically the same as the July 1, 1948, carry-over.

"The quotas as already announced for 1949, and computed on the average yield of the past three years, anticipate this year's crop total as 1,090,000,000. However, I anticipate that, the 1949 yield will be substantially above that figure."

"Stabilization Corporation stocks on hand total 162,000,000 pounds. Adding these stocks to the 1949 yield anticipated by the Department of Agriculture, the total supply available will be 1,252,000,000 pounds."

"The Tobacco Branch reports that possible market requirements for 1949 are 750,000,000 pounds in domestic trade and 400,000,000 to 450,000,000 pounds in exports. I want to emphasize that the figure for expected exports is on the optimistic side."

"I realize the necessity for maintaining European markets as far as possible. However, we have always had and do now have sufficient stocks to meet requirements of these markets. I am unwilling to have quotas and production increased in 1949 merely on hopes of maintaining or increasing exports to these markets when the result will be detrimental to the growers. We have been given no definite assurances that there will actually be any material increase in exports in 1949."

"Therefore, I can see no possibility of any shortage if quotas remain as announced. If quotas are increased beyond the 5 per cent already announced, it will result in the Stabilization Corporation being required to take a much larger percentage of the 1949 crop, thereby placing the corporation and the growers in the same unfavorable position they experienced in 1947."

"In addition to that, if quotas are increased the growers will receive a smaller gross return from the larger crop than they received from the 1948 crop and will be faced with a record surplus which will be exceedingly detrimental to their position in 1950 and succeed-

ing years."

"I would like to point out that in past years annual crop estimates by the Crop Statistics Division of the Department of Agriculture have consistently fallen short of actual yields. This has worked to the disadvantage of the grower by causing a decline in the market towards the end of the season. It is also true that the opinions expressed by the Tobacco Branch of the Department of Agriculture at the time quotas were proclaimed for the past several years were not borne out by production yields and market demands."

"The grower has always produced ample tobacco under the quota program to meet all demands. He wants to continue to do so, but he wants the program administered in a realistic manner so that his income and a decent standard of living will be fairly protected."

### Tobacco Situation Discussed At Farm School Last Week

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Make it grow thin by topping it high and not fertilizing too heavily, etc.

Sore Skin is a disease where only a few scattered plants are affected. Don't worry about this disease.

Southern Root Rot gives some trouble in this section. It may be identified by small white spots on stalk above the ground which is the seeding bodies of the disease. There is nothing to do for this disease. Root Knot just cuts the yield of the tobacco somewhat and if real bad might lower the quality. A worm eats the sap out of the stalk. This is characterized by short knotty roots. A crop rotation is good for this using corn, small grains and cotton. Don't use legumes or sweet potatoes as these nematodes live on sweet potatoes.

Blue mold leaves the plants in a weakened condition. Use a preventative and apply twice per week. Start when the plants are small and before blue mold starts. Fermate or Dithane is recommended this year. Dithane is stronger, therefore smaller rates must be used.

A new tobacco fertilizer is on the market this year, namely, a 4-12-3. This is a stronger fertilizer and the regular amount should be cut at least by 1-4 per acre. On the average soils 1000 to 1200 lbs.

of a 3-9-6 seems to be a sufficient amount of fertilizer rather than going too heavy on the rates.

Tobacco should be cured properly and ventilated properly during the process stated Mr. Hawks. A ventilation system all around the bottom of the barn with a ventilator in the top seems to be the best system up to date. Two or three leaves per bunch is a plenty and thirty two bunches per stick seems to be plenty on the stick. This should be uniform and don't put 48 bunches on some sticks, it was pointed out. These sticks should be uniformly hung in the barn. This spacing and uniformity is needed in order that heat may be uniformly distributed throughout the barn and a better cure may be made. When using a metal top it should be solid sheeted or insulated because the tin will get hot when the sun shines and cold otherwise. "his cold condition will cause the hot air to condense and water to drip and the cold air to return toward the bottom of the barn. Thus a good cure cannot be had. The ventilators should be opened until the leaf is dried then closed to kill out the stem. Farmer must use his own judgment in curing his tobacco as no two barns can be cured alike, Mr. Hawks pointed out.

### Pastures Offer Big Return To Farmer In Martin County

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Ladino seed be sure it is certified because no man can differentiate between Ladino Clover seed and White Clover Seed. Ladino furnished much more feed than white clover. Ladino Clover pastures are furnishing the equivalent per acre in nutrients of from 75 to 100 bushels of corn. This pasture, of course, is much cheaper to produce than would be the corn and it doesn't have to be seeded each year.

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Mr. Dobson says in order to have this fine pasture one must lime and fertilize adequately at seeding and continuing an annual application of from 600 to 1000 lbs. of a good pasture fertilizer such as an 0-10-20 or 0-12-12 analysis.

### Farm Youths Have A Month To Enter Big 1949 Contest

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Continuing up a plant for the dehydration of potatoes.

It was reported a few days ago that farmers in some areas are selling graded potatoes for \$3.50 and \$3.75 per bushel while the local market has a top of about \$2 a bushel.

North Carolian cotton growers produced an average of 454 pounds of lint per acre in 1948.

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