

Root Knot Causes Tobacco Damage

Tar Heel tobacco growers were warned this week to take immediate steps to control root knot disease in order to lessen the damage to next year's crop.

Howard R. Garriss, plant pathologist for the State College Extension Service, said root knot has been found in the fields of tobacco this year. He suggested several practices for bringing the disease under control.

Garriss explained that root knot is caused by microscopic ellworms

or nematodes which feed on the roots of a wide variety of plants and live over in the soil from year to year. When susceptible crops are grown continuously in infested soil the nematode population increases until production of such plants is unprofitable.

Tobacco is quite susceptible to root knot. When nematodes pierce the root tissue and begin feeding, the roots develop abnormal swelling or galls. The flow of sap is retarded. This condition causes weakened plants, frequently stunted, showing pale green to yellow leaves, excessive wilting on hot, dry days, and premature ripening. Reduced yields and quality result.

For control, Garriss advises three steps: (1) As soon as the crop is harvested, cut the stalks and plow out the roots so that as much of the root system as possible is exposed to sunlight and air. This practice will destroy large num-

Surpluses Bring A Fifth of Cost

American war surpluses abroad, according to Secretary of State Acheson in a final report to Congress, were sold at twenty cents on the dollar of their \$10,000,000,000 cost of production. The Office of the Foreign Liquidation Commissioner went out of existence in 1946.

Several state Experiment Stations are cooperating in a project to develop fast-growing beef calves. Breeding animals from 129 lines of Herefords, Aberdeen Angus, and Shorthorns are being used in the work.

If black shank or Granville wilt is also present, the grower should select a variety resistant to the shank or wilt and arrange a rotation which will control root knot. The local county agent is qualified to suggest suitable rotations. Where fields are highly infested with nematodes and suitable rotations cannot be followed, growers might try soil fumigation with ethylene dibromide or DD mixture at a cost of about \$40 per acre, Garriss said.

As a separate government agency on June 30. Remaining functions have been absorbed by the State department. Approximately \$2,000,000,000 was realized altogether from the surplus, Secretary Acheson said. Included in this was the \$84,560,000 estimated value of property contributed to the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. War equipment which cost \$400,000,000 to produce was abandoned as uneconomic to use or move.

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