

Orderly Selling Of Cotton Urged

If cotton prices are to remain steady, growers must continue to market their crop in an orderly way, D. H. Stencil, cotton marketing specialist for the State College Extension Service, declared this week.

So far this fall, Stencil said, cotton farmers have done an unusually good job of orderly marketing. Instead of dumping the entire crop on the market as fast as it was ginned, they have held enough of the market to enable the channels of trade to handle sales efficiently. As a result, prices have gone up.

"However," added the specialist, "the present higher prices are leading many farmers to change tactics and begin selling as rapidly as the crop is ginned. This is unfortunate and could easily cause prices to drop again."

The government loan, he pointed out, offers farmers necessary operating capital while holding their cotton off the market. By means of the loan program the grower can obtain a large percentage of the value of his cotton and still not sell it.

Stencil said farmers would do well to ask their ginners to sample each bale of cotton when it is ginned so that a government classification may be obtained. This information on grade and staple will enable the farmer to watch the markets more intelligently and know approximately what price he can expect for each bale on each day's market. Having the cotton sampled at the same time it is ginned may save a trip back to the gin or warehouse.

The Market News Service of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the extension service, now provides daily price quotations from six leading cotton markets in the State. This information is sent out over Associated Press and United Press wires each day be-

IT'S GREAT FUN!



It's great fun to ride a trailer load of fluffy white cotton to the gin, says the smile of beautiful June Kelley of Edinburg, Texas. The 19-year-old Texas miss relaxes atop a pile of cotton being carried from the field to a nearby gin to start on its way to becoming dresses, sheets, towels and other finished products.

Ladino Pasture Is Favorite on Farm

What's the one thing, above all others, that a farmer needs on his place? A Tractor? Refrigerator? Television set? Automobile?

All these things are fine, but they're not as important as having a good Ladino clover pasture, believes Sonny Leathers, Negro farmer of Fletchers Grove community, Wake County.

Leathers says a farmer needs a Ladino pasture even if his farm is only half an acre in size. He reached this conclusion, according to W. C. Davenport, Wake Negro

foreman, and the quotations are carried by many newspapers and radio stations. Thus the grower who has had his cotton classed, knows the grade and staple, and watches daily price quotations in good position to sell his crop for the highest possible price.

farm agent for the State College Extension Service, after observing pastures on the farm of Willie Chavis in the same community.

"Willie's mules and cows stay in the pasture and are just as fat and round as a butterball," Leathers told Agent Davenport. "That's what makes me want a pasture," he added.

This fall Leathers laid off a four-acre plot, prepared the seedbed carefully, and sowed the area to Ladino clover and orchard grass. By next summer he expects to have some good grazing for this livestock.

Davenport says many other Negro farmers throughout Wake County have also seeded improved pasture this fall.

Harper: Sorry old man, that my hen got loose and scratched up your garden.

Casper: That's all right, my dog ate your hen.

Harper: Fine! I just ran over your dog.

Over \$27,000 Spent For Sheep Stock

Sheep are making a comeback in North Carolina.

Extension animal husbandry specialists at State College say Tar Heel farmers have spent approximately \$27,500 to buy new sheep stock during the past year. A large part of this was used for purebred animals.

Right now, the specialists add, is a good time to start in the sheep business, especially for farmers who have good Ladino clover pasture and a place to corral their sheep at night.

The North Carolina Purebred Sheep Breeders Association, headed by J. W. Norris, sponsored three sales during the summer at which 63 purebred rams were sold for \$9,550 and 196 grade ewes brought \$4,860. At a sale held this fall in connection with the State Fair, 37 bred ewes were sold for \$6,138.30, averaging \$165.90 per head.

The top animal in the bred ewe sale, grown and consigned by Alex Meek and Son of Burkes Garden, Va., was bought by Wade Campbell of Taylorsville for \$320.

In addition to the sales sponsored by the breeders' association, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture has helped farmers purchase 1,555 Western ewes for a total price of \$6,951.70.

Garden Time In East Carolina

By Robert Schmidt

If you have planted a new lawn, or have sown rye grass for a winter lawn, you should be well aware of the fact that the leaves are falling rapidly from the deciduous trees and that they must be raked from the lawn before they smother the young grass.

Many people burn them, but that is a waste of good organic matter which is badly needed in our soils. Save this organic matter by composting the leaves to form leaf mold which may then be dug into the soil or used as a mulch.

A simple way of making leaf mold is to place a 12-inch layer of leaves on the ground and wet them down. Then apply about one cup of 6-8-6 fertilizer for each 10 square feet of leaf pile surface. Continue to pile alternate layers of leaves and fertilizer until all of the leaves have been used.

The fertilizer acts as a rotting agent. The pile should be kept continually moist until the leaves have rotted, which should be accomplished in from 3 to 12 months.

If the leaf mold is to be used for the usual garden crops, it will be necessary to add sufficient lime to counteract the acidity of the leaves. If the leaf mold is to be used as a mulch around azaleas, camellias or other acid loving plants, no lime should be added. Instead of the 6-8-6 fertilizer, any complete fertilizer high in nitrogen may be used as a rotting agent.

WINTER FAVORITE



Velveteen separates are among the most popular new fashions for winter wear. Proof positive is this smart ensemble created by Stephanie Koret in cotton velveteen. A slim skirt and honed torsolet are topped with a versatile pyramid coat, which can be worn over anything.

New Taxes Loom Big On Horizon

New York—No one can say that it came without warning, but the new taxes finally agreed upon by Washington are likely to take an awful bite out of the retailer's volume before too much longer.

Most retailers are beginning to wonder what's going to happen after the first of the year. Some merchants have been cooled off already—those who put on a bit of a campaign to stimulate sales with "beat the new tax" urgings, and got practically no results.

Market observers are inclined to think that the average wage-earner is casting a narrowed eye at the new income taxes. Few of us can figure very closely what our take-home pay will be when the new rates go into effect, and the analysts think this is the strongest factor in discouraging a buying spree now.

The consensus among retailers is that the new excise and personal taxes are almost sure to hurt business once the Christmas season is over. In what sector the blow will hit hardest is another question. The majority seem to feel that the high-priced items will suffer most and "necessity" items have the easiest time.

But employment and payrolls are still skyrocketing, so it's hard to be sure just what the net effect will be.

If raking and composting leaves seems like a big job, I understand there is a machine on the market that will rake your leaves, grind them up, and spread the ground-up materials back on your lawn or garden. That might be the answer to your problem.

State College Tips To the Housewife

By Ruth Current

State Home Demonstration Agent There is a correct way to walk. It is described by foot specialists as a "beautiful walk," toes straight ahead and parallel, weight on the outside of the feet, using big toe to propel the body forward. The second recommendation is that people with aching feet take special exercises to strengthen weakened foot muscles.

Women who have to stand and walk a lot should be very sure to wear properly fitted and constructed shoes to give support to arches, and shoes that conform to shape of the foot. Shoes should be long enough to give adequate freedom to the big toe. This is most important.

If you are suffering with aching feet don't wait longer to give prompt attention to your foot de-

fects. We do have, in many towns, foot specialists. Most women know the bathroom surgeon best. Don't forget that your skin needs food, exercise, plenty of sleep and perhaps a proper mental outlook to function efficiently. A diet over-balanced with sugar starches and fats is not conducive to clear skin.

Better Outlook For Shoe Sales

In at least one phase of business optimism is the keynote for next spring. Makers and sellers of shoes expect that business in the first quarter of 1952 should be about 10 per cent better than the same period this year.

More than 200 firms that turn out footwear for chains, department stores and jobbers had an advance showing of their spring lines at Boston recently. Although there is ordinarily little order-taking at the annual Boston show, the trade looks upon it as a barometer of business-to-come, and most of the shoe makers went home in a cheerful frame of mind.



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