

Should Plant Cotton Properly And Fight Weevil

FARMERS RIGHT SAYS J. H. LeROY

Prominent Fertilizer Man Thinks Plan To Increase Cotton Acreage In Albemarle Counties Wise

Newcomer J. H. LeRoy, manager of the Albemarle Fertilizer Company, to recommend that farmers in this section plant at least as many acres in cotton this year as last, provided they are prepared to work the crop hard and rush it through early.

The Daily Advance has printed the other side of the cotton acreage question recommended by several persons who have studied cotton conditions in the Albemarle for a number of years. Their contention that a curtailment in cotton acreage in favor of other crops should be made was based on the supposition that the boll weevil will do heavy damage next year.

In some quarters there was a feeling of uneasiness when it became known that a majority of farmers were making ready to duplicate their cotton acreage of last year and advice against such measures was heard on every side. But the farmers evidently were little inclined to listen. They continued to plan as large an acreage for cotton and some announced that they would plant more than they have ever planted. Mr. LeRoy says the farmers are right.

"No farmer should plant more cotton than he is able to care for properly however," Mr. LeRoy said this week. "If Albemarle farmers will do what the Government tells them about boll weevil control, use high grade fertilizers and rush their cotton to maturity, the will, in my opinion, experience little difficulty with the weevil."

There are several arguments in favor of greater acreage, according to Mr. LeRoy. "In the first place," he says, "the crop report for last year, as published in The Daily Advance on January 12, indicates that the yield per acre in Pasquotank County of 595 pounds of lint allows a safe margin even though the weevil should destroy part of the crop."

"If better methods than ever are observed, more care is taken in the selection of good seed and the crop worked harder to early maturity, it is probable that this excellent yield of a bale to the acre will be repeated."

"One of the most favorable facts is the geographical location of the Albemarle section, practically at the north end of the cotton belt. It is expected that the weevil will do less damage here than in sections where warm weather sets in earlier."

"The latest issue of the Fertilizer Green Book carries an article on cotton which gives North Carolina first place in the value and quantity of cotton produced as well as in yield per acre."

"It is obvious that if cotton can be produced to advantage anywhere, North Carolina farmers can produce it."

But whether or no, the farmers of the Albemarle section are going to plant cotton this year. It is to be hoped that they will plan according to the directions the Government experiment stations have carefully worked out so that the minimum of risk will be taken.

Several disc cultivators were bought this week by farmers of the surrounding territory. Among those who made purchases of new discs from the Elizabeth City Disc Company were T. G. Harrington of Shawboro, J. M. Whitson of South Mills and J. G. James of Weeksville.

Cecil Jackson of Route No. 5 has a new farm wagon. Mr. Jackson bought his wagon from the Elizabeth City Disc Company this week.

Here are some of the things farmers can be doing in January: Clean up and prepare land for planting; prune trees and vines; order farm and garden seed; house, oil and paint all tools and machinery; plow down or burn all rubbish that harbors pests; study methods for boll weevil control and for producing bigger yields of all crops.

There is at present too much eagerness on the part of farmers to dispose of their beans, in the opinion of many. Too many beans thrown on the market will probably have the effect of ruining chances for good prices later.

Two P. and O. disc cultivators went out from the Spence-Hollowell Company to J. C. McCleese of Columbia this week.

M. B. Sawyer of Ocean View is preparing to do some fencing. He bought 12 rolls of wire fencing from the Spence-Hollowell Company this week.

N. C. Newbern of Jarvisburg added two new farm implements to his equipment this week. He bought a P. & O. disc cultivator, an International No. 4 cultivator, a Ferguson drill and a No. 8 Champion plow from the Spence-Hollowell Company.

G. B. Night of Shawboro bought a P. & O. disc cultivator and a section harrow from Spence-Hollowell Company on Friday afternoon.

New shipments of Thornhill cart wheels, cotton seed and Niagara cotton dusters were received by the Spence-Hollowell Company during the week.

L. C. Baum Jr. returned recently from a trip over the eastern portion of the State. He found Mr. Hines of the Hines Motor Company of Greenville one of the most progressive poultrymen on his rounds. Mr. Hines is preparing to go in for community hatching of eggs on an enormous scale. Mr. Baum also reported that the farmers around Goldsboro and New Bern were planning to do more trucking this year. He visited the Edgecombe County Breeders' Association, devoted exclusively to breeding of cotton seed, and was much impressed with the work they are doing.

P. T. Owens of Powells Point killed one of the largest hogs ever raised in Currituck County this week. The hog was so big that no scales were found to weigh him and it was necessary to cut him up before he could be weighed. The pieces dressed weighed in at 881 pounds.

Farmers in Currituck are making ready for planting with fertilizers and feed. It is probable a large crop of Irish potatoes will be planted this year. A shipment of 900 bags of potato seed was made one day this week to points along the sound.

One of the largest purchases recently from the Spence-Hollowell Company was made by I. M. Meekins of Elizabeth City. Mr. Meekins bought an International No. 4 cultivator, a P. & O. disc cultivator, a Ferguson drill, a Black Hawk planter and pair of cart wheels.

Paul Hampton, Ray Midgett and C. S. Sawyer of Coinjock were in Elizabeth City this week to make arrangements for their potato and pea seed.

J. W. Ballance of Shiloh bought a new Queen incubator from the Buxton White Seed Company recently and plans to diversify his farm crops with poultry.

Farmers this year will plant nearly as many peas but more potatoes, according to the estimate of R. C.

The potato season is on. All the Canadian seed is considered to be on hand. The Carolina Potato Exchange has its entire supply of Canadian seed on storage at Norfolk, which is considered, on account of the easy accessibility, to be "on hand" and has ordered all Maine seed potatoes shipped at once. Most of the dealers have already received their first shipments and the rest are to be received in a short time.

FARMERS TO FIGHT THE BOLL WEEVIL

Indications are found on every side that the farmers of Pasquotank county will put into practice the boll weevil methods recommended by the Government, according to G. W. Falls agricultural agent, who is conducting a series of meetings at rural communities over the County.

Mr. Falls had an address on Tuesday that he felt sure a large number of farmers would fight the weevil hard on the next crop and that most of them would go about their weevil control work in the proper manner.

The meeting which was scheduled at Newland last Thursday was rained out but the others were held according to plan. Talks have been made by Mr. Falls with the lantern slides illustrating the life of the weevil at Epworth, Okisko, Fork, Weeksville, and Herea. The postponed meeting will be held at Newland Wednesday night and a meeting at South Mills Thursday night will end the series.

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Every farmer who expects to plant cotton this year should not fail to attend this meeting. Those who do not practice weevil control methods will suffer from the weevil on their next crop. Learn how to combat the weevil with the least expense and in the most effective way.

Farm News and Views

THINKS POTATO PRICES BE FAIR

Shel Scott Hopeful Of Potato Outlook For Year But Urges Smaller Acreage

Prices to the farmers for the potato crop this year will probably be on a good average level, according to the opinion of Shelton Scott of Brock & Scott. Mr. Scott says much will depend on the marketing of the South Carolina and Virginia crops but that he expects an average price will be made by Albemarle farmers.

Share farming will be much less this year than last," said Mr. Scott Friday. "This will likely have a tendency to cut down the potato acreage but I do not expect there will be much reduction in potato growing."

Mr. Scott estimates last year's potato crop handled through Elizabeth City at three quarters of a million dollars and expects this year's crop will equal that amount. If fewer potatoes are grown the price will be a little higher.

Abbott. He thinks the fact that a number were "bit" last year on their peas will cause some decrease in pea acreage this season.

Rev. W. C. Baines of Simonds Creek was in Elizabeth City Tuesday to buy back a mule he recently sold. Mr. Baines said most mules had several faults, but as this one had only one: meanness, he bought him back.

Among the farmers hauling fertilizer to their farms now are A. J. Jennings, Route 2; S. S. Overman, Route 1; and John A. Harris, of Route 1. Mr. Overman and Mr. Jennings are bringing in their peas and returning with fertilizer.

In the account of the Hyde County farming methods published in the Daily Advance on Saturday as an interview with F. C. Cuthrell it should have been stated that farms in Hyde which formerly produced two barrels of corn to the 1,000 corn hills now produces six barrels. The word "bushels" was used through an error.

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MEETING TUESDAY AT COURTHOUSE

Interest in the meeting which will be held in Elizabeth City at the courthouse on Tuesday has been increased by the efforts of individual and firms who are working to combat the boll weevil in the Albemarle section.

The banks of Elizabeth City have contributed the cost of printing a large number of posters of general nature which were distributed over the city this week.

Several interested firms contributing to the advertisement appearing on this page, urging attendance at the meeting.

Through the medium of posters and newspaper advertising and public relations and the personal work of many the meeting is being boosted and indications are that the farmers of Pasquotank and the neighboring counties will turn out next Tuesday morning in full strength to hear the agricultural specialists.

The subjects to be discussed at the meeting in Elizabeth City include "Variety of Seed," by Professor Garren from the division of agriculture of the State College of Agriculture and Engineering; "Insect Habits," by W. Bruce Maboe, extension entomologist of the agricultural experiment station; "Practical Farm Operation," by T. O. Taylor; and "Fertilizers," by Professor C. A. Whittle of the soil improvement committee of Atlanta.

Grover W. Falls, agricultural agent for Pasquotank County, says that the farmers of this section will not have a better opportunity this year to get the best expert knowledge and information that has been acquired on boll weevil control.

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