

# Albemarle Crops Not Damaged By Storm

## BUT DROUGHT ON IN CURRITUCK

And This Is Making Sweet Potatoes Show Up Rather Badly on High Sandy Land Says N. T. Aydllett.

Storm damage to crops in Currituck County was very slight this week but signs of too little moisture are reported on high sandy land by N. T. Aydllett of Aydllett & Owens who visited that county a few days ago.

The wind has caused some little little damage by burning tender young sweet and Irish potato plants with sand but the effects were slight Mr. Aydllett says.

The stand of Irish potatoes in Currituck is estimated by Mr. Aydllett at present at 75 per cent. The sweet potato acreage, he says, will be far below that of the past several seasons.

Many farmers have countermanded their orders for sweet potato fertilizer changing for orders for cotton formulas. Mr. Aydllett advised several of his friends against putting in too much cotton. He believes that it will be better to continue to set out sweet potato slips even though it should be necessary to continue until until May 20 rather than go in too heavily in cotton.

Some changes noted in the agricultural development of the Currituck section by Mr. Aydllett are: diversification, rotation of crops, and a growing tendency toward cover crops.

"Some of the farmers have trucked their land to the starvation point, Mr. Aydllett said Friday. "Conditions are much better than they used to be however. This year patches of rye were to be seen a few weeks ago all over the county as a cover crop. Farmers are now strong for watermelons, cotton and corn for feed, whereas they used to plant nothing but potatoes and buy all their feed."

Sheriff Griggs and J. W. Forbes are two farmers who are leading the way in rotation and cover crops according to Mr. Aydllett. Others are following their example and the idea is spreading over lower Currituck with rapidity.

and shipped in and the necessity for permanent pastures is strongly felt by County Agent Falls and others who have made a study of agriculture.

One argument against pastures has been set forth: that as much money can be made in one acre in truck crops as three or four in hay. This may be true but it is also a fact that rotation of grasses and clover greatly improves the land while too much trucking on the same out of land burns out the plant food and leaves the farmer in the middle of a bad fix. Another angle is that of over production. Produce your own feed and then the surplus of money crops will be clear profit, is the advice of County Agent Falls.

Among those purchasing supplies and equipment from the Buxton White Seed Company this week were: Coston Sawyer, Shiloh, poultry supplies; S. H. Gilden, Jarvisburg, cotton seed; J. W. Ballance, Shiloh, poultry feeds, Mrs. D. F. Bartlett, Shiloh, poultry feed; J. C. Gallop, Poplar Branch, seed corn; L. B. Woodhouse, Poplar Branch, feed; P. T. Owens, Powells Point, seeds; Howard Forbes, Jarvisburg, cotton seed; E. C. Owens, Point Harbor, cotton seed; Rufus Hewitt, Route Four, City, seeds; and A. N. Winslow, Belvidere, cotton seed.

A large Ferguson drill was bought recently by Frank Whitehurst of Route 3 from the Spence Hollowell Company.

## FIRST MAY PEA POD IS BROUGHT TO CITY

One of the first May pea pods of the season was brought to Elizabeth City this week and was examined by several visitors to the offices of the Spence-Hollowell Company on the desk of Camden Blades. The pod is of course not mature but several little peas can be seen.

This pod if allowed to remain on the ground would have matured about a week earlier than the principal portion of the crop. It is expected that shipments will begin in about 15 days. All over the County May peas are in bloom and some like the one on Mr. Blades desk are beginning to pod.

## GROWS TRUCK FOR LOCAL CONSUMER

Frank Upton's Farm on Outskirts of City an Interesting Exhibit of Crop Diversity in Albemarle.

A demonstration of the diversity of crops that may be raised successfully for market in this section may be found on the 15 acre farm of Frank Upton just outside of Elizabeth City on the Hertford road.

Mr. Upton is cultivating his place somewhat differently from the practice of this neighborhood and the results are being watched with interest by farmers on all sides.

The purpose of the large variety of truck crops planted by Mr. Upton is to supply the Elizabeth City market. He will probably ship some produce but in the main he has just about enough of each variety to satisfy the local demand.

A perfect army of hot beds is used for the preliminary growth of many plants and he is equipped to water much of his acreage artificially. Mr. Upton says he plans to install a Skinner irrigation system in time.

A specialty of cucumbers and to-

matoes is only a small portion of the produce raised. Among the vegetables he grows are beans, potatoes, peas, cabbage, canteloupes, peppers, egg plant, carrots, parsnips, radishes, lettuce and parsley.

On a comparatively small acreage Mr. Upton cultivates intensively and his place is more a large home garden than a farm.

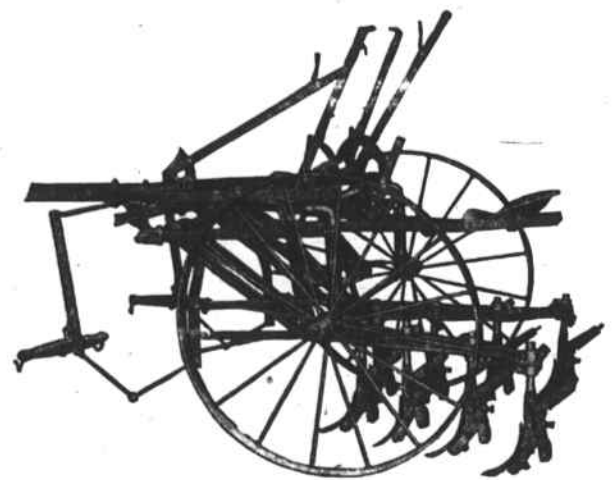
It is probable that owners would find the local market saturated if they tried cultivation on the same principle but the experience carried on by Mr. Upton denounces the adaptability of this soil and climate to the cultivation of other truck crops than those generally produced. It may lead to more diversification of crops in this locality.

## ADVISE FARMERS DECREASE COTTON ACREAGE THIS YEAR

St. Louis, May 2.—(Special)—Daniel Sully, long identified with cotton trading, has advised farmers to decrease their cotton acreage the coming season to force the price up.

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## Farms News and Views

Bright sunny weather with the exception of the stormy period of one or two days this week found farmers engaged in actively cultivating their crops and securing containers for the beginning of the May pea season. A little more rain is needed to secure the maximum of yield on May peas in this entire section in the opinion of practically every one interested in the crop.

The character of the soil is such that when dry weather continues for a long period it becomes so "thirsty" that the average shower is quickly absorbed and the land cries for more. On high land there is a real need at present for rain to insure a good yield of May peas.

An evidence of plans on the part of farmers with forethought to dust their cotton thoroughly with calcium arsenate this year is the sale of dusters to several by the Spence-Hollowell Company. Among those who have already placed orders for their cotton dusters are Flora and Garrett, C. C. Thompson, and J. N. Winslow.

C. C. Miller and Charles Barnett Pasquotank County farmers bought Buckeye spring trip cultivators from the Elizabeth City Buggy Company this week.

Some of the farmers who have bought new cultivating machinery from the Spence-Hollowell Company this week are: B. O. Morris, Route 1, McCormick-Deering; J. G. Miller, Route 3, McCormick-Deering spring trip; C. R. Styles, Moyock, Beisey; C. L. Harris, Route 1, International peg brake; G. L. Twiddy, McCormick Deering peg brake; W. T. Brickhouse, Route 1, McCormick Deering spring trip; R. C. Hoffer, Hertford Route 3, McCormick Deering, spring trip.

Two farmers who are determined not to let the weeds get the jump on them are D. J. Wood of Camden, and F. E. Upton of Camden. They each purchased a weeder this week from the Spence-Hollowell Company.

Hezekiah Copeland has a new top buggy which he purchased a few days ago from the Elizabeth City Buggy Company.

Pin brake Buckeye shovel cultivators were bought recently by E. H. Hughes of Camden and George W. Price a Pasquotank County farmer from the Elizabeth City Buggy Company.

The Foreman Stock Farm ordered a two horse line drill this week from the Spence-Hollowell Company.

W. E. Hinton of Route 3 and Willie Williams of Bartlett bought Black Hawk this week from the Spence-Hollowell Company.

The question of feed is a pertinent one in this section of the country. Everyone realizes that it is expensive to buy hay and other feeds produced in another section

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The day when conditions like this were unavoidable has passed. The farmer of today need have no concern about the markets on which his peas and potatoes are sold. Those details are handled by an organization which devotes its entire time to the business of finding the best markets from day to day, and in sending the products it receives to these markets.

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