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POOR GINNERIES CAUSE N. C. FARMERS GREAT LOSS



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North Carolina had a total of 2,874 gineries in 1916; of this number 2,514 were operated and 360 idle. The average number of bales ginned by each of these active establishments was 293 bales, which is less than half the number of bales ginned by the average active ginery in most other states. The large number of so-called gineries in North Carolina are relics of ante-bellum times. A goodly number of them are truly relics and worthless. These relics have been handed down from the old self-contained large plantations of years ago. The use of these old, out-of-date outfits at the present time is as uneconomic as picking the lint off by hand was when these old establishments were installed.

The improper ginning of cotton is the source of a great loss to our farmers and I feel sure that they do not appreciate the gains that would be theirs should they have their cotton ginned at a modern gin.

A misconception among farmers that is partly responsible for this condition is the fact that they feel that the lowered grade is more than offset

by the increased weight. They fool themselves. The buyers make allowance for the loss that is sure to occur in weights by paying less for the cotton. The buyer who handles many bales from many farmers is in better position to judge how much green cotton will lose than the farmer who only raises a comparatively few bales. You can rest assured that the buyer will protect himself. As an example: Mills are at present paying about 1c a pound, or \$5.00 per bale, more for old cotton than new.

The ginning of cotton at old style gineries that fail to get out all the leaf and dirt possible has always been uneconomic and unprofitable. The farmer who has felt that he was selling dirt and leaf for the price of cotton has fooled himself only. He has been putting his necessarily limited knowledge against that of the spinner who was and is able to tell to the ounce how much waste a bale of cotton contained.

O. J. McCONNELL,
Cotton Grading,
Raleigh, N. C.



WASTE EXTRACTED BY MODERN GINNEY.

SAVE THE SWEET POTATO CROP

Though North Carolina produces a good crop of sweet potatoes each year, a conservative estimate places the loss due to poor storage facilities at 50 per cent of this crop. Also, through lack of storage facilities prices for potatoes are lowered at digging time by the dumping of more potatoes than the market can care for. This produces a shortage from the latter part of March until the last of July when the early crop begins to make its appearance. For this reason the Division of Horticulture in co-operation with the National Department of Agriculture is now conducting a campaign to have as many storage houses built in North Carolina as possible.

The sweet potato crop this year will be the largest in the history of the country. North Carolina will produce the largest crop in the history of the State, and will thus provide a surplus of a product that will be needed to take the place of other foods which have become high and scarce, owing to the war conditions. With this large crop on hand the question has arisen as to the best methods to save all of the crop harvested.

Experience has proven that storage houses are more to be depended upon than the old style earthen banks. These houses are wooden, hollow-wall structures with a special system of ventilation, and may be constructed to hold varying amounts from 500 to 50,000 bushels of the roots at one time. They have proven very suc-

cessful in keeping the potatoes, having been tried both in an experimental and practical way, at the Pender branch station. At this station it was found that the loss in the houses was practically nothing, while a third of the roots were lost when placed in the old-style banks. In some cases the whole bank has been a total loss, or 20 per cent of the potatoes injured from the standpoint of marketable stock.

Many large growers over the State have already manifested much interest in these houses, many having built new houses or remodeled their old ones.

The Division of Horticulture is supplying, upon application, plans for building the houses, and will give advice in the erection and operation of them. It is estimated by Mr. R. G. Hill of the Horticultural Division that the building of houses advocated by his division will mean a saving to the farmers or the community, and will also mean that needed food will be saved to supply the market that now cannot be supplied during every year from March to July.

Extension Circular No. 30, "The Storage of Sweet Potatoes," and Farmers' Bulletin No. 847, "Potato Storage and Storage Houses," will be supplied free of charge, as long as the supply lasts, to all making application.

F. H. JETER, Agri. Editor,
Agricultural Extension Service.

CALOMEL DYNAMITES A SLUGGISH LIVER

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Thought He Might Be Curious.
One day when riding in the country with their parents the children were obliged to sit in the back of the buggy. It was quite comfortable if they sat still, but a trifle small for much turning about, so there were numerous cautions to be careful not to fall out. When little brother was observed gazing intently down the road his sister questioned him thus: "What you looking back for; to see if you fell out?"

Faith Sublime.
We wonder if there ever was a woman whose faith in her husband was so absolute that when she found the small shreds of a letter in a feminine handwriting in his wastebasket she didn't try to piece them together but dismissed the matter from her mind with the reflection that of course it was a business communication.—Cotabius (O.) Journal.

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