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**Crop Yields Increased
By Use of Legumes**

Raleigh, N. C.—There have been many notable examples over North Carolina during the past year of how soils may be improved in fertility. The method used is simple since it includes largely the turning under of legumes.

"Some of these examples included a tobacco crop which sold for over \$500 an acre, a twenty-seven horse cotton crop that made over a bale to the acre and many unusually high corn yields," says E. C. Blair, extension agronomist at State college. "Interest in livestock is increasing in the state and a large part of the land now planted to such cash crops as tobacco, cotton, peanuts and other crops may be shifted to feed crops for livestock with a good cash income from the animals, as well as an increased yield of the money crops made on less land. The way to do this is to follow the example of those men who are making the best use of legumes in their crop rotations."

Mr. Blair states that C. H. Gorham of Edgecombe county made 72 bushels of corn per acre where he plowed under clover as compared with 33 bushels where no clover was used. Removing the clover as hay decreased the yield by five bushels per acre. J. F. Cowan, of Hertford county, made 49 bushels of corn per acre where he used no vetch as a cover crop and 87 bushels where a volunteer stand was plowed under. G. E. Callahan, of Bladen county, has been following a good crop rotation since 1923 and now sells about \$3,000 worth of tobacco, cotton, beef, pork, and poultry products from 32 acres of cultivated land. C. M. Foy, of Jones county, and T. J. Purdie, of Cumberland, are two other farmers who have found that a crop rotation with legumes will bring better yields of the main cash crops and will leave the remaining acreage for producing feed and food crops.

The idea of a systematic crop rotation is old, states Mr. Blair, but in actual practice it is new, and more landowners are becoming interested each year.

**Short Courses Planned
For Winter Months**

Raleigh, N. C.—Practical short courses for poultry growers and beekeepers of North Carolina will be held at State college during the month of January according to recent announcements.

The beekeepers of the state will gather for two days, January 26 and 27. This course will be given under the direction of Dr. Z. P. Metcalf, head of the department of entomology, who will be assisted by C. L. Sams, extension specialist in beekeeping, Frank B. Meacham, assistant professor and H. H. Root, general

manager of the A. I. Root company. Mr. Root is a national authority on bees and beekeeping. Dr. B. W. Wells, botanist, will give a lecture on nectar-producing plants in North Carolina. The State Beekeepers association will hold its annual meeting on January 27.

The sixth annual poultry short course will be held during the week of January 23 to 28. Both men and women may attend this course and the entire staff of the poultry department will be used in the lectures and demonstrations to be given. Dr. B. F. Kaupp, head of the poultry department, has some interesting facts on poultry disease and other laboratory problems that will be of great interest. He states that about 200 poultry growers are expected to attend. Last year there were 75 persons present and the increasing interest in modern poultry raising leads him to believe that a much larger number will attend this year.

The annual meeting of the State

Poultry association has been called for the evening of January 23 during the time of the short course. The hatchery section of the association will hold its meeting on Tuesday night, January 24.

Each of these two short courses are free to residents of North Carolina. Rooms may be secured near the college at low prices and meals in the college dining hall are very reasonable.



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