

MACON COUNTY AGRICULTURE

In 1840 the average weight of fleece sheared from American sheep was less than 2 pounds. By 1900 it had increased to nearly 5 1-2 pounds. Today it is approaching 8 pounds. There is still room for improvement. Much of this difference has come from progressive weeding out of low producers and by breeding from the heavily fleeced sheep.

Silage made from corn containing moisture enough for proper preserva-

tion is more palatable to stock than that made from corn so mature as to need the addition of water. Usually corn should be harvested for the silo about a week or ten days before it would be cut for shocking. At this time the lower leaves on the stalk are turning brown and the green corn fodder contains about 70 per cent of moisture, which is enough for silage.

Wounds in potatoes are the most frequent source of storage rot, and careful handling during harvest and storage will decrease loss from this source. Cooling freshly harvested potatoes too rapidly may cause wound rot, because of the slowing down of wound repair. If wounds are properly healed before potatoes are placed in storage, and if sufficient ventilation is provided to keep them dry during storage, very low temperature is unnecessary to prevent loss by storage rot.

Well-fattened beef animals weighing from 700 to 1200 pounds are in increasing demand at livestock markets. Calves selected for fattening should be of the type that is wide, deep bodied, smooth, thick fleshed, and well grown, with short legs, and of good quality as shown by fineness of hair, medium bone, smoothness of flesh, refinement about the head, and a lack of paunchiness. Uniformity in size, weight, and color are also advantages in marketing.

The whole tomato plant, and not individual fruits, should be the basis for selecting seed for next session. The prevalent belief that an early variety of tomato may be secured by selecting seed from the first fruits to ripen is erroneous, says the U. S. Department of Agriculture, as on any one plant all fruits are equally able to transmit the tendency to earliness. The way to get earliness is to choose plants that produce ripe fruits first. Likewise, in selecting smooth-fruited strains of tomatoes,

it is important to choose plants bearing a uniform crop of smooth fruits rather than to select smooth fruits at random after picking from the vines.

Fall Plow for Permanent Pasture

At the Beltsville, Md., experiment farm, dairy specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture seed permanent pasture with a grass-seed mixture in the following proportions: orchard grass, 6 pounds; timothy, 5 pounds; redbud, 3 pounds; bluegrass, 4 pounds; red clover, four pounds; alsike clover, 2 pounds. This mixture has proved desirable for the vicinity of Washington, D. C. It is sowed about April 1 on ground that was fall-plowed and manured.

Guinea for Game

Guinea fow are used extensively as a substitute for game birds and guinea raising in small flocks on general farms is becoming more profitable. The demand in late summer at city markets is for young birds weighing from 1 to 1 1-2 pounds. As the fall season advances heavier birds are in demand. Guineas are fed in much the same way as chickens, but they need less feed as they are natural rangers and obtain much of their feed in that manner.

Weed Trees

What is a "weed tree"? According to the Forest Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, weed trees are the less desirable trees growing in a farm woodland or other timber stand. They are the trees which, when compared to others in the stand, promise the least return in terms of dollars and cents. In the northeast, blue beech, iron wood, and occasionally red maple are usually classed as weed trees, while in the South scrub pine is included in the list. Each region has its own weed trees. The most satisfactory way for the woodland owner to decide between "weed" and "crop" trees is to remove the dead and dying trees,

the trees overshadowed by larger trees, and those of such inferior form that it is evident they cannot produce valuable sawlogs.

"Inside" Information

If pockets cannot be placed on a child's dress because they spoil the design or if they cannot be used because of pleats or other features, make a pocket on the bloomers or drawers. Every child needs a pocket in every dress or suit.

Leftover egg yolks have many uses. They are a valuable source of iron and so should always be utilized. They may be hard-cooked in the double boiler, mashed and seasoned for sandwich filling. Raw or hard-cooked egg yolks make a good foundation for salad dressing. Several good egg sauces for fish or meat can be made with the yolks only, and soft custard for dessert is still another use.

One of the most common causes of failure in making sauerkraut in the use of too much salt. The right quantity is 2 1-2 per cent by weight

of the cabbage packed. When cabbage is to be fermented in very warm weather, it may be well to use a little more salt, but not to exceed 3 per cent. The salt should be evenly distributed. The red streaks sometimes seen in sauerkraut are believed to be due to uneven distribution of salt.

When sour milk is to be substituted for sweet in making quick breads and oakes use the same quantity of sour milk and enough baking soda to neutralize the acid, or one scant half teaspoon for each cup of sour milk. For griddle cakes and thin batters the soda and sour milk generally furnish enough leavening, but thicker batters and dough require some baking powder in addition. In substituting sweet milk for sour, use 4 teaspoons of baking powder for each spoonful of soda if no other acid ingredient is used, such as molasses. If such an acid is used, some soda is needed.

Miss Cora Lee Mock left last week of McLeansville, where she will teach this year.

MACON THEATRE

Saturday, September 21

Tom Tyler

IN

IDAHO RED

Mon.-Tues., September 23-24

Richard Dix

IN

WARMING UP

Here's the greatest BASEBALL PICTURE ever made! SEE IT!

Wednesday, September 25

Ranger

IN

THE ONE MAN DOG

Also—TARZAN THE MIGHTY.

Matinee, 3:30, Night, 7:30

Thurs.-Fri., September 26-27

Clara Bow

IN

THE FLEET'S IN

Clara in another "Flaming Youth" type picture. Wild and breath-taking!

Silver Dinner Knife to the ladies Thursday night.

Prices All Above Shows, 10 & 25c Beginning Monday, Sept. 23, all Night Shows will start at 7:30 O'clock.

Have You a Relative or Friend Who Has Left North Carolina

Every North Carolinian, man or woman, who has left the State is to be invited to return to his old State and old home county for the week of October 12-19—North Carolina's first great "State Homecoming Week."

Governor Gardner asks you to write in the space below the name of any former Tar Heel now living outside North Carolina you would like to have invited to "come home" for this State and county welcome. An official invitation will then be sent him or her, signed by the Governor and other State leaders, and supplemented by news and data about the old home commonwealth. Let every reader of this paper send a name!

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State Department of Conservation and Development, Raleigh, N. C. Gentlemen:—In accordance with Governor Gardner's request, I give below the name and address of a former North Carolinian I should like to have invited to come back to his old home State and county for the "STATE HOMECOMING WEEK," October 12-19.

(Signed).....

Name of former Tar Heel.....

His or her full address is.....

Native county is..... Occupation.....

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