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### STATE COLLEGE HINTS STATE COLLEGE TO FARM HOMEMAKER ANSWERS TIMELY FARM QUESTIONS

By RUTH CURRENT  
State Home Demonstration Agent

Plugging too many electric appliances into one outlet not only cuts the current and means less power and dimmer lights; it also may overload the circuit and blow a fuse, Rural Electrification advisors say. It pays to have enough outlets and to have them conveniently placed. The time to install them most economically is when the house is wired.

With conveniently placed outlets there will be no need for long extension cords which are not only unsightly and inconvenient but also may cause trouble if they are placed so that they may easily be damaged—under a rug, for example, or in front of a doorway.

Defective cords cause an increasing number of trouble calls, the advisors say. Lightweight cords become frayed and worn in time and then are a definite fire hazard.

A simple "reminder" list in the kitchen will increase your work efficiency 10 to 20 per cent. Do you not always forget one item—the salt, the pepper, napkins, etc.—when you set the table? Do you hop up and down all through the meal to get forgotten articles? Why not list everything—for breakfast for lunch, and for dinner—and hang the lists on the kitchen wall in a convenient spot? These reminders will eliminate much friction and complaint as the family finds that they no longer have to ask for things.

What do the children do with their time in the home? Do they assist in sharing the home duties?

**QUESTION**—What are some factors to consider in determining the best combination of enterprises on a particular farm?

**ANSWER**—Maintenance of soil fertility, rotation of crops, labor distribution, distribution of income, use of unutilized land, use of by-products, spread of risk, efficiency in use of buildings and machinery, capital available, and personal preference.

**QUESTION**—What are some general farm jobs which should be done in September?

**ANSWER**—Clean and oil machinery that is to be stored. Clean granary and cribs and prepare for storage of corn, soybeans, cowpeas, peanuts, and lespedeza seed. Make the corn crib rat-proof. Make a complete check of the farm and reduce all possible fire hazards. Pay special attention to heating and lighting equipment and fuel storage. Arrange for fall supply of fertilizer. Haul out manure.

Children deprived of opportunities for practice in relying on their efforts may never acquire this training in later life. The mother and father with misspent affection who wear themselves out by doing everything for the child are not only making things harder for themselves but are depriving the child of a chance to learn self-dependence, self-reliance, and initiative.

on land to be seeded to small grain. Keep the farm record book up to date.

**QUESTION**—Is North Carolina producing enough hybrid seed corn to supply its own needs?

**ANSWER**—No, only about one-third enough, according to Dr. R. P. Moore, director of the North Carolina Crop Improvement Association at State College. The 3,900 acres planted to foundation seed this year will produce enough certified seed to plant about 30 per cent of the State's corn crop in 1949. The leading hybrid seed varieties being grown are N. C. 27 yellow, produced on 1700 acres, and Dixie 17, produced on 1200 acres.

**QUESTION**—How can the amount of corn in a crib be estimated?

**ANSWER**—Multiply length by height (all in feet) to obtain cubic feet. Divide by 3.5 for corn with husks; 2.5 for husked ear corn.

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