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Lime Application Ideal As Conditioner For Soil

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second in a series of articles on the use of lime on farmlands, written by A. L. Ramsey, assistant farm agent.)

efficiency of the potash in the soil. building at Waynesville High In the same experiments, the profits from muriate of potash appli- ing Program will be explained and cations on limed soils were just other general information on GI about double the profits of the benefits given. same applications on unlimed soils. Carolina experiments showed that cultural teacher at WTHS. 76% of the potash leached from an acid soil, whereas only 22% of lized. the potash was leached out on well limed soil, so liming makes more of this very essential element available for plant use.

The old saying that lime makes the father rich and the son poor was true before the advent of commercial fertilizers, because lime the plant food elements in the soil Now with commercial fertilizers. nowever, we can economically replace the fertilizer elements retinuous high production with the use of lime and fertilizer

above as a crop tolerant of high acidity, the Mississippi Experiment Station results show that yields were very nearly doubled when Lime doubled the yield of red clovyields of corn and wheat were inguminous winter cover crops.

The danger of overliming is well shown by the early experiences of 712 pounds per acre when ferti- are unproductive,

Korean Vets To Hear Of GI Farm Program

American veterans of the Korean conflict are invited to a meeting at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sep-The use of lime increases the tember 6, at the Agricultural School where the Veterans Farm-

The announcement was made by In connection with this, North John H. Nesbitt, vocational agri-

Several liming materials are available to the farmers in this area, however, bulk dolomitic timestone is still the most economical form. Many farmers have found that bagged limestone is convenient for them to use on steeper areas where they must distribute enabled the father to produce it by hand, but several farmers larger crops by making available have concluded that they can make good wages by bagging this limestone themselves. Hydrated lime is a good liming material, seventyfour pounds of it being equal to moved in the crops, and get con- 100 pounds of ground limestone. but the cost is almost prohibitive in this area. Basic slag, a by-pro-Although soybeans are listed duct of the iron industry, contains calcium and a small percentage of

Liming should be done several months prior to seeding a crop lime was used on their acid soils. that is high in its lime requirement. The lime should be plowed er in Virginia rotations, and the down or harrowed into soil that is being fitted. There is no wrong creased considerably. Liming is time to apply lime, however, and essential to get large yields of le- this is particularly true on our mountain pastures that have yet to get their first application.

Because of the high rainfall in farmers who tried to grow alfalfa this area, it will take one ton of in North Carolina. They found, lime every four years on the averafter many failures, that they had age acre of soil to maintain the to add boron to their alfalfa to desirable conditions that we get get it to thrive. Liming even to from liming, but it may take as the point of good alfalfa produc- high as three or four tons on the tion will create a necessity for heavy soils for the initial or first boron. In Tennessee, the results application. If you have solls that of 43 demonstrations showed that have not been limed in the past boron would increase the yield of five years, take a soil test, then alfalfa 1,088 pounds per acre where lime as the laboratory suggests. no fertilizer was used, and about Soils which contain too little lime

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but in Crabtree community-Weaver Chambers gazes skyward at a stalk of his corn which towers 16 feet in the air and is expected to grow another foot by harvest time. Mr. Chambers has a field of corn and tobacco near his home in Crabtree and additional acreage in Iron Duff community, (Mountaineer Photo).

OUT WHERE THE TALL CORN GROWS-not lows in this case,

Changes In State Tobacco Program Reviewed By ASC

H. D. Godfrey, state administrathat there have been several re- present allotment reduced.

changes in the method of opera- with their neighbors in their efforts added. tion of the adjustment program on tobacco for this year and next. One of the most welcome of these changes, Godfrey said, is the one that eliminates credit for overplanting. In previous years, under the Law, it was possible for a farmer to increase his planting history and consequently his tobacco allotment by consistent overplanting and payment of penalty. Public Law 21, he said, eliminates any credit for overplanting for this and future years

The increased rate of penalty as cited as another major change. Last year, Godfrey said, the penalty for overplanting flue-cured tobacco was 21 cents a pound. For this year, that rate has been increased to 40 cents a pound. The 21 cents represented 40 per cent of the previous year's sale price; the 40 cents represents 75 per cent of the previous year's sale price.

In addition, farmers who fail to direct ASC reporters to all of the tobacco they have planted.

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tive officer for Agricultural Stabil- farmers who file false reports re- to maintain the price of tobacco ization and Conservation, today re- garding production and disposition through keeping supply in line with minded Tar Heel tobacco growers of their tobacco, will have their demand, Godfrey said,

Congress this year, made several on farmers who do not cooperate might have on these changes, he

cent changes made in the tobacco Next year, allotments and meas- ployees in each of the 100 North allotment and quota program. urements will be in hundredths of Carolina Counties will be glad to Public Law 21, passed by the an acre in an effort to crack down answer any questions farmers

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Very Essential

C. R. Pugh, State College extension farm management specialist, advises farmers not to get so busy that they forget to keep their farm record books up to date,

Since this is a season when farm ers incur a large proportion of to leave these things to memory, according to Pugh. Records, he says, are essential for accurate reporting of income and social security taxes, but it also helps the farmer find "leaks" in his farm

As one farmer put it, "I keep the records for Uncle Sam, but I make mighty good use of them myself," Pugh reports. He lists the following hints that may make record-keeping easier and more use-

1. Keep entries up - to - date. Don't overlook small expense items; they grow into surprisingly them

2. Tailor your record system to Sales Committee. your needs. Check on the information you need to file tax forms and farm business.

3. Describe the items bought or sold and the price. This helps determine the most profitable farm enterprise, or the cause of loss in an operation. If a particular expenditure seems too large, check on whether or not it was necessary.

4. List the name and social security number of hired persons, dates worked, and salary paid.

5. Summarize the record at vear's end Don't just add up items necessary to complete tax forms. With little effort, you can deearning a reasonable return for your labor and investment. Records will help you improve your management.

Raccoon Visits

HARRISRING, Pa. (AP)-Fred Marshall heard a scratching in his iving room early one morning. When he got out of bed he found big, snarling raccoon.

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ment will be September 1, 1955.

ment of the Sales Committee, do

13. All animals entering the

sale ring must be sold. No con-

signors will have a "No Sale" priv-

14. All calves to be delivered

to sale barn by 5:00 p.m. the day

before the sale to be weighed and

North Carolina Feeder Calf Sale to exceed \$3.00 per head. Hay and be held at the Asheville Livestock Market October 5 have been an-

nounced. They are: 1. Only calves of strictly beef under 300 pounds in weight will destructive freeze las their expenses, it's a good idea not breeding will be accepted for the be accepted. sale. Both steer and heifer calves will be included.

> 2. Calves sold through the sale must be field inspected by the Selection Committee prior to the not meet the qualification of the day of the sale. Selection Commit-sale may be rejected on the day of tee in each county to be headed delivery, by County Extension Service and aided by local farmers.

3. Calves will be sorted into official grades at the Market on the ilege. day of the sale by an official grader and will be sold in lots of such size as is deemed advisable by the Sales Committee.

4. Actual sales management, adlarge amounts when you total vertising, and other details of the sale will be left entirely to the

5. Producers will agree to have their calves mixed with those of to analyze the efficiency of your other producers according to grade and sex, and lots will be made un of calves of approximately equal weights, and each producer's calves will be weighed and the producer will be paid according to the weight of his calves in the lot.

6. All calves entered in the sale must be vaccinated for Blackley and vaccinated for Hemorrhagic Septicemia (Shipping Fever) at least 14 days prior to the date of

7. All bull calves will be castrated and completely healed. All termine whether or not you are animals must be dehorned and completely healed. 8. All heifer calves are guaran-

teed by the consignor to be oper on date of delivery. It is highly recommended that the bulls be removed from the cow herd by July

9. At the time calves are entered for the sale, each producer will be required to sign an agreement. Actual sales and advertising expenses will be prorated on a per oor and back down stairs before head basis, total expenses not to

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county's bumper melon The 4-H'ers, who st curb markets along U.S 1 and 220, find it to sell ice cold waterme bound vacationers at 20 a melon. They also sell and tomatoes

their applications with agent's office immedia

15. The sale will start promptcrop has been reduced ly at 1:00 p.m. on October 5, 1955. an estimated \$11 mll All farmers are urged to place of recent storms



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