

Hybrid Seed Corn Good Investment

More emphasis is being placed on the idea that a farmer cannot afford to pass up hybrid seed corn any longer, according to A. D. Stuart, State College extension agronomy specialist.

Stuart quotes Dr. Robert C. Eckhardt, regional coordinator, Southern Corn Breeding Program, Mississippi State College, as saying "the best investment a farmer can make is to buy hybrid seed corn each year. The farmer who goes to the crib and picks out his seed from the hybrid seed corn he grew for feed last summer may lose \$125 or more for each bushel of corn he selects from the crib and plants."

Eckhardt says that in tests across the South, "F1" double cross hybrid new corn, the kind that the farmer buys from the seedman, outyielded second year (crib corn) by an average of 33 per cent. Hybrid seed corn costs the farm-

er about \$1.50 to \$2 per acre for seed each year. Feed corn from the crib may produce 75 bushels of corn per acre on good land with plenty of water and fertilizer, but first generation hybrid seed corn will produce 100 bushels per acre on the same land.

Stuart says the reason this "F1" first generation hybrid corn yields more than advance generation "crib" corn is because of hybrid vigor. The farmer planting corn from the crib is planting corn that has been inbred for one generation. Close breeding causes a reduction in vigor and yield, he explains.

Farm storage loans, under which farmers can borrow up to 80 per cent of the cost of buying or building additional storage structures, or dry equipment, are available from Commodity Credit Corporation through local ASC committees at 4 per cent interest.

The 1956 corn crop allotment for 27 commercial corn counties in North Carolina was announced as 888,604 acres, compared to last year's allotment of 890,177 for 23 counties.



A TRIPLE BLESSED EVENT occurred on the Thad O. Chafin farm in Fairview community Monday night when this Oxford-Hampshire ewe had three lambs—an uncommon happening in the sheep-raising industry. Two of the lambs are

bucks, the other a ewe. A great deal of emphasis has been placed lately in the county on increasing farm income by growing more sheep.

(Mountaineer Photo.)

Soil Conservation Course In Schools To Be Discussed

Conservation education in Haywood County schools will be discussed Tuesday morning at the courthouse at a meeting of Soil Conservation District supervisors with county school officials.

Van C. Wells, chairman of the soil supervisors, said that invitations to the meeting have been sent to Faraday C. Green, chairman

of county commissioners; Lawrence B. Leatherwood, superintendent of county-system schools; Rowe Henry, superintendent of Canton District schools; Rev. Lawrence Newman of St. John's School; Mrs. Grace Stamey, Mrs. Carl Ratcliffe, and Mrs. Alma Browning, school supervisors. Also attending will be Virgil L.

Holloway, county farm agent, and T. W. Bridges, district soil conservationist.

In a letter to the school officials, Mr. Wells wrote:

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Price Installs 500 Feet Of Drain Tile In Ditch

By ROY R. BECK
Soil Conservation Service

Elmer Price of Jonathan Creek community has just finished installing 500 feet of field drain tile in an open ditch that had divided his crop field in two parts. The ditch grade was lowered for better drainage and 6-inch tile is running a good stream of water.

Mr. Price built a nice rocked-in spring at the head of the ditch. This spring is just 20 feet behind the house. A riser pipe installed now will permit Price to dispose of roof water as soon as gutters are installed on the house.

William A. Wilkinson of Hyatt Creek community is going to farm narrow contour strips of corn across hill pasture land, then seed new pasture after the corn. In this way, he plans to get good pasture established on the whole hill while controlling erosion in the process.

Van Wells, chairman of the board of Soil Conservation District supervisors, is grazing about 15 head of

Short, cross-slope fences, used to keep cattle from coming down off a hill at a steep place, have been used successfully by Paul Hyatt of Eagles Nest Road. Mr. Hyatt forces the cattle to come off the hill over a stony, moist, north slope, where erosion is not a problem. While developing a conservation farm plan, Mr. Hyatt showed how he has been planting white pine and spruce on the steepest land and by using lime, fertilizer and seed, has grassed over some badly eroded pasture land. Mr. Hyatt plans to move about three acres of row crops from a hillside onto nearly

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