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Cotton Bulletin Just Published

"Seven Steps to Efficient Cotton Production," a new bulletin which emphasizes ways to keep down costs and increase financial returns from cotton acreage, was published this week by the State College Extension Service, and copies are available on request.

The bulletin was prepared by J. A. Shanklin, extension cotton specialist, in cooperation with W. L. Nelson, professor of agronomy, Agricultural Experiment Station, George D. Jones, extension entomologist, and others. It is printed in two colors and amply illustrated with both black and white and color photographs.

The seven steps presented by the authors are: (1) Plant recommended seed. (2) Lime and fertilize as needed. (3) Distribute the fertilizer properly. (4) Mechanize planting and cultivation. (5) Apply side-dressing according to need. (6) Follow complete insect control program. (7) Sell cotton on grade and staple value.

One of the illustrations shows a perplexed farmer trying to decide which of three roads to take in his cotton-growing program. One is labeled "poor practices" and leads to a yield of half a bale per acre and a return of only \$25. The second, labeled "usual N. C. practices," leads to a yield of a bale per acre with a return of

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about \$60. The third, labeled "improved N. C. practices," leads to a yield of a bale and a half and a return of \$113 per acre.

Copies of the publication, Extension Circular No. 345, may be obtained from the local county agent or by writing the Agricultural Editor, State College Station, Raleigh, N. C.


Spring Clean-up On Farms Is Urged

"With the coming of spring the sixth takes on a new look which means that we should help nature by making it clean-up time around the farm," County Agent Lacy F. Weeks, of the State College Extension Service said this week.

A few hours spent now to clean out hazards may result in saving many days during the busy season later on, he said.

"A place for everything and everything in its place" is the primary safety rule emphasized by the National Safety Council. Disorder is responsible for putting one of every five accident victims in the hospital.

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Agent Weeks offered the following hints for farm families, and needless to say, the majority goes for town families as well:

Gather and dispose of all tin cans.

Pick up all loose wire. It's easier to find before grass and weeds have grown.

Dispose of all broken glass.

Check and repair fences. Fix gates so they swing easily.

Clean feed rooms, graineries, corn cribs, wood sheds, farm shop and put all in order.


Don't provide hiding places for rats or breeding places for insects.

Burn all refuse, including the branches from pruned trees.

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