

State College Questions And Answers

QUESTION: How does the yield of Arlington oats compare with those of older varieties?

ANSWER: During the four year period 1947-'50, Arlington oats produced an average of 96 bushels per acre in 20 Experiment Station and Official Variety Tests in North Carolina. In 15 tests conducted during the past two years, the average was 100.5 bushels. In the same 15 tests, Fulgrain averaged only 77.2 bushels and Victorgrain only 73.8. In eight of the 15 tests mentioned

st. hay fields were taken. Arlington led in these tests with 9,200 pounds per acre — more than 4 1/2 tons. Lee produced 7,300, Fulgrain 6,000 and Victorgrain 6,600 pounds.

G. K. Middleton, small grain breeding scientist, says Arlington is an unusually vigorous variety which is resistant to rust, smut and malax. The latter is a soil borne virus that is becoming more widespread. On farms where it is present, susceptible varieties should not be sown.

QUESTION: How many acres of cotton were grown in North Carolina this year for certified seed production purposes?

ANSWER: The crop improvement Association has inspected approximately 15,000 acres of Coker 109 Will cotton for certification.



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Reports from North Carolina apple producers as of September 1 indicate a 1951 apple crop of 900,000 bushels — an increase of 75,000 over the August 1 forecast.

Production of corn in North Carolina is currently forecast at 70,917,000 bushels, down three per cent from the August estimate.

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Baptist Geography In North Carolina Favors Substained Growth For Church

North Carolina's marked contrasts in geography, climate, customs and traditions, from the rugged mountains down to its broad coastal plains and on its "outer banks" area, find parallel also in its wide differences in religious life and church population. For example, one city, Kannapolis, has seventeen Baptist churches alone in its area, while in Eastern Carolina another city almost as large, Kinston, has only one Baptist church.

One entire county in the extreme Eastern part of the state has only one Baptist minister in its boundaries to serve every Baptist church in that county, which has less than one thousand members of that denomination in its whole area. By contrast, another county in the Western Piedmont area, has sixty Baptist churches with over 22,000 members. Down in East Carolina, Pitt county, with over sixty thousand population, has only seven Baptist churches; and Pitt is located in the vast Roanoke Association of seven heavily populated counties, having a total of over 350,000 people, or nearly one-tenth of all the population in North Carolina, and this entire area as a whole, has less than 25,000 Baptists in all its counties.

Yet with some areas thin in Baptist population, and others heavily developed in spots, almost unlimited evangelistic and missionary opportunities abound. North Carolina has witnessed a remarkable growth of Baptist forces in recent years, until now one half of all the church members of every denomination in all the state are Baptists. The Baptist State Convention, faced with such unparalleled opportunities for growth, spearheads its work of expansion and development of new churches through its far flung program of State Missions.

This vast program embraces 18 activities, such as Sunday school work, Training union work, summer assemblies, evangelism, purchase of lots for new churches; aid to pastors in needy fields, support of the Allied church league, work among the Indian people, department of rural church work, the summer student program, work among the silent people, schools

This compares with 8,600 acres inspected last year. Inspection includes establishing the source of seed and determining uniformity of plant and staple type. The seed will be checked for purity and viability.

challists at State College. Tests have been underway for two seasons but thus far corn heavily infested and placed in storage has not been fully protected by the material. Further tests are being conducted. The work thus far indicates the material has some value in reducing insect buildup in the initial infestation is not too high, but the length of period of effective control must still be worked out.

Two Johnston County farmers—Norwood Smith and T. C. Creech—are purchasing some sheep to round out the livestock enterprise

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Milton Whaley Gets Transfer

MOBILE, Ala. — MSgt. Milton James Whaley of Duplin has been transferred to Camp Stoneman, California, for subsequent transfer overseas.

Sgt. Whaley, who entered the service in 1931, attended Naval Diesel School in 1942 and while at Brookley Air Force Base served in the Marine Section.

His previous overseas assignments have already taken him to the Pacific and Asiatic Theatre of Operations.

Sgt. Whaley is a member of the Mason's and was also the Scout master of a Boy Scout troop. He has two children, Thomas Taylor, age 13, and Betty Jeanette, age 11.

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Grain Insects Cause Big Loss

Don't wait until your horse is stolen to lock the stables. Don't wait until your grain crib or bin is full to do something about protecting it from insects.

That's the advice of George D. Jones, insect control specialist for the State College Extension Service, who says insects attacking stored grain cause huge losses on North Carolina farms each year.

If grain is stored in a place where fumigation cannot be carried out satisfactorily, says Jones, there's little the farmer can do except sell it. The fumigation will be wasted unless all four sides and the floor of the storage area are gas tight.

It isn't too early, says the specialist, for farmers to begin thinking about corn storage. All storage bins should be cleaned of old corn and the walls sprayed with DDT. The old corn may be shelled and stored in a tight place. If it is infested it can be treated with a fumigant.

"After the crib is filled, it's too late to do much about killing insects," Jones cautions. "Most of the work has to be done in advance." A thorough farm cleanup, he adds, is one of the most effective weapons to use in fighting insects of any kind.

A commercial dust form of insecticide mixed with the grain, known as "grain protectant," is being studied by insect control spe-

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