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Good, strong wood of last summer's growth is best for this purpose. The cuttings may be made in lengths of eight to ten inches and tied in bundles of 25 to 50 cuttings. If you have access to cooling storage (38 to 40 degrees F.) the cuttings may be stored in boxes of moistened peat or sand. Otherwise they may be buried in a mound of sand or sandy soil outdoors where they can be shielded from the sun's rays.

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Big Dividends Are Reported From Boll Weevil Control

The Negro farmers in Sampson County have found that cotton insect control pays 2-3 dividends. According to Frank Faison, Negro county agent for the State College Extension Service, farmers who followed a good spraying or dusting program made a bale and a half to the acre. Those who did not made less than a bale to the acre, he says.

The number of applications also affected the amount of boll weevil damage Faison says. Paul McNeil Sr. of Route 1, Dunn, dusted part of his crop six times, producing a one and one-half bale per acre yield. On another field McNeil dusted only three times and his yield was little more than a bale to the acre.

Faison also reports that a number of farmers used red spider treatments with good results. "In every respect, the Negro farmers of Sampson County did their part in helping to make a bumper crop this year," he says.

Crops Grow Best Where Soil Is Limed

North Carolina crops grow best where the soil is limed. According to E. R. Collins, extension agronomist at State College, lime is often needed to get the best yields per acre from cotton, peanuts, soybeans, Ladino clover, and many other crops. Even tobacco land in many cases needs lime, the specialist says.

For example in North Carolina Experiment Station tests on Norfolk loamy sand, areas not limed produced 1,188 pounds of seed cotton per acre. Areas treated with half a ton of lime produced 1,479 pounds of cotton, and areas treated with one ton of lime produced 1,807 pounds of seed cotton.

On soybeans, an average yield increase of seven bushels per acre was obtained in tests over a three year period.

On Ladino clover, a yield of 3,115 pounds per acre was obtained when no lime was added. But with one ton of lime added the yield jumped to 5,882 pounds.

Collins says records over a period of years indicate that one to two tons of lime in North Carolina needs more lime. On peanuts and corn one field in every two needs liming. And on cotton, soybeans, Ladino and other pasture, alfalfa, and sweet potatoes, the percentage of fields needing lime is at least two out of every three.

These figures are averages for the whole State. They may or may not apply to a particular farm. The only way a farmer can be sure, says Collins, is to have a soil test.

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DUPLIN BASKETBALL

Last week games:
WASAW 26, KENANSVILLE 21.
(Girls' Game)
Warsaw 13 5 6 2-26
Kenansville 8 5 7 1-21
Winners' high scorers: Doris Brown 12, Angeline Gore 12. Defensive leaders: Dot Byrd, Inez Taylor.
Losers' high scorers: Mae Sumner 8, Matthews 5. Defensive leaders: Brown, Alphin.
Duplin County game: Warsaw has 3-1 record.
PENDERLEA 61, ROSE HILL 26.
(Boys' Game)
Penderlea 10 17 13 21-61
Rose Hill 7 13 7 5-32
Winners' high scorers: Frank Griffen 23, Buren Van Bavel 16.
Losers' high scorers: Fussell 14, Jones 10.
ROSE HILL 44, PENDERLEA 26.
(Girls' Game)
Rose Hill 8 18 14 6-44
Penderlea 7 4 9 6-28
Winners' high scorers: Waters 22.
Losers' high scorers: Newton 11
WARSAW 31, KENANSVILLE 22



QUESTION: How much live stock should be grown to supply a family of five for one year?
ANSWER: Specialist at State College says the following animals should be grown:
(1) Two dressed hogs weighing 250 pounds each
(2) One beef weighing 500 pounds on foot.
(3) One hundred baby chicks to furnish poultry meat and 35 pullets for layers.
(4) Two cows bred to freshen at different times of the year.

Order Chicks Early Specialist Advises

"Order early to get the kind of chicks you want," is the advice of a poultry specialist at State College.

Thomas B. Morris says poultrymen who want quality chicks for 1952 should place their orders as early as possible. "Hatchery books are usually filled early for the better bred chicks. Your order should be placed by the middle of December in order to get the best chicks when you want them," he says.

The specialist advises growers to consider the breeding habits of the chicks they plan to buy. Producers who are not familiar with a particular breed or strain, he adds, should consult their county agent or other

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Mrs. S. N. Hawks, tobacco expert will conduct a meeting at the County Court House for Negro Farmers, Friday December 14, at 2 p. m. It has been announced by R. E. Wilkins, Negro County Agent for the NC Extension Service. Mr Hawks will discuss new varieties, new fertilizers, spacing, topping, plant bed management and sucker control.

All farmers and veteran farmers are urged to be present and on time.

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