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Be Careful When Using Weed Killer

If your corn has been injured by the chemical weed killer 2, 4-D there is probably an explanation, but it is not an easy one, says W. G. Westmoreland, weed control specialist for the State College Extension Service.

He says reports of 2,4-D injury to corn are coming in from all sections of the state. Recent research indicates that where ideal growing conditions exist—plenty of soil moisture, the right temperature and soil fertility—for some five to ten days before treating with 2,4-D, corn can be very easily injured.

Improper application of the chemical can be blamed for part of the injury also, says Westmoreland. In the past few years the use of 2,4-D for weed control in corn has become "quite widespread," in North Carolina, says the specialist. In working out details of applying the chemical it was found that it is necessary to

direct the 2,4-D solution in such a manner as to prevent its going into the bud of the corn plant. In some instances small amounts of 2,4-D on the stalks caused certain injuries says Westmoreland.

In general it was found that one-half pound of 2,4-D acid equivalent per acre was sufficient to control susceptible weeds and that of properly used, this small amount had little or no effect on the corn. An amine salt formation was suggested to the farmers for various reasons.

Injury to corn takes the form of twisted stalks, slight to severe temporary yellowing of the plant, deformed brace roots, stunted growth or onion-like leaves coming out of a very tight bud. It is known that some of these injuries are an indication to expect lower corn yields, says Westmoreland.

This year North Carolina farmers have apparently had conditions right for injury. When the air and soil temperatures began to warm up in May, conditions were practically ideal for corn growth. The same was true for the weeds. These ideal growing conditions coupled with the careless use of 2,4-D accounts for most of the corn injury, says the weed control specialist.

Once corn is seriously injured by 2,4-D there is little chance of recovery. If the injury is slight to medium, a reduced yield may be expected, but generally the corn will produce a near-normal crop.

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ARE MODERN COWS HIGH-RUNG NEEDING SPECIAL CARE? YES.

North Carolina School Board Association

Principals on the program include President John D. Messick of East Carolina College, and NCSBA officials headed by Dean Guy B. Phillips, Executive Secretary - Treasurer of the association, Chapel Hill and Directors L. C. Kerr of Clinton and Dallas Herring of Rose Hill. State Association President B. J. Ramsaur of Lenoir also will participate on the program.

Registration begins in Austin Building on the East Carolina campus on Friday, August 6, at 5 o'clock followed by a banquet in North Dining Hall, with Dallas Herring presiding and Dean Phillips making the keynote address.

Group sessions in Austin Building begin at 8:30 o'clock, with School Board chairmen of county and city organizations meeting with Dr. Allan S. Hurlburt, department of public instruction, Raleigh, and President Ramsaur; district committee chairmen meeting with Dr. J. K.

Long and Dr. Junson White, of the ECC Department of Education; secretaries with Dr. Leo W. Jenkins, dean of the college; and membership groups with Dr. Wilbur M. Jenkins, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; Gordon Ellis, Wil-

3,109 Speedsters Caught In July

RALEIGH—The Motor Vehicles Department reported today 3,109 arrests for speeding on North Carolina highways last month.

Speeding, reckless driving and driving without an operator's permit normally lead the department's regular monthly summary of moving traffic violations.

No operator's permit with 965 arrests was in second place and reckless driving with 599 in third.

None of the offenses require revocation of driving privilege as of the first count.

Other violations reported for July included: failing to stop for a stop sign 655; faulty equipment 643; improper passing 368; improper lights 289; driving on wrong side of road 291; and following too closely 183.

The total number of Tar Heel offenders came to 7,497 for the month. Out-of-Staters added another 1,977 to the list.

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