

"A Bale Or More In 1955" Is Project Among Ag Officials

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N. C. farmers should seriously consider doing some experimenting on cotton this year. Why? Let us step and consider: the average cotton yield has not increased in the last twenty (20) years. This is a serious situation when we consider that all other crop yields have more than doubled during the same time. Other crops yields have increased by using five (5) very simple practices.

1. Improved varieties and good seed
2. Heavier fertilization to suit the crop
3. More plants per acre

4. Control disease, insects and nematodes.
5. Harvesting to suit the given crop.

Now is the time to start for 1955 toward increasing your cotton yield. Chances are you have not used enough fertilizer so on at least a part of your crop let me urge you to increase your top dressing. This can't give you an exact recommendation but you can safely increase your Nitrogen topdressing. In addition let me urge you to use from 50 to 75 pounds of 48 to 50 per cent potash. If you did not use a heavy potash fertilizer. This additional potash will keep the leaves green and help mature more and heavier bolls.

You should have a final stand of 3 to 4 stalks per foot of row. This is thicker than most farmers leave as you will find if you measure off 10 to 12 feet of rows and count the stalks. The heavier fertilization and a thicker stand will increase yields and the cotton will not grow too big a stalk.

We always know that cotton will be attacked by top lice, boll weevils, boll worms, and red spider. Some years they are worse than others. We know that they are coming. "Let's not put it off, let's put it on." So many times we do not have equipment to poison cotton. Yet at the same time, we can always find, buy, or borrow some type equipment to poison tobacco. It will not cost very much, as 100 pounds of dust will easily dust one acre 7 times using 14 lbs. of dust each application. Remember too that no one dust will control all cotton insects.

In the past Wayne County and Eastern N. C. was a real cotton area. In the last 10 years a large number of farmers have stopped or drastically reduced their cotton acreage even in those years that we did not have allotments.

In 1955 let's try our best-let me encourage you to leave it a little thicker, step up your topdressing, and poison as much as is needed.

SIDE DRESS COTTON EARLY. We often get complaints from farmers that they do not receive benefits from applying nitrogen as a side dressing according to recommendations. The farmers feeling that he does not either get a response from nitrogen, or the nitrogen affects the cotton production adversely under insect conditions especially late boll worm damage. While investigation shows that these conditions while true are often caused by applying the nitrogen too late. Results of experiments in North Carolina show the importance of early side dressing at the time cotton is chopped against late dressing or split application. The following information is summarized from these test:

When 60 pounds of actual Nitrogen (equivalent of 300 pounds of 20 per cent ANL) was used as a late side dressing, 1250 pounds of seed cotton per acre was produced. When 21 pounds of Nitrogen (equivalent of 100 pounds of 20 per cent ANL) was used as early side dressing and 40 pounds of nitrogen (equivalent of 200 pounds 20 per cent ANL) was used as late side dressing the yield was increased by 175 pounds of lint to 1425 pounds of seed cotton per acre.

The greatest increase came when 60 pounds of actual nitrogen was used as an early side dressing. This gave an increase of 375 pounds of seed cotton over the yield when the same amount of side dressing was used as a late side dressing.

GOOD BUTTERMILK RECIPES—

Buttermilk muffins can be made in half an hour and they are a quick bread all members of the family will like. Use 1 cup enriched flour, 3/4 teaspoon baking soda, 1 teaspoon each of salt and baking powder, 1 cup enriched corn meal, 1-4 cup melted shortening or bacon drippings, 2 tablespoons sugar, two eggs well beaten and 1-1/2 cups sour or buttermilk. Sift enriched flour with baking soda, salt and baking powder. Mix with enriched corn meal. Combine bacon fat, sugar, and eggs. Add sour or buttermilk and combine with dry ingredients. Beat only until smooth. Fill well greased muffin tins two-thirds full. Bake in hot oven (435 degrees F.) 15 to 20 minutes. Makes 12 to 15 servings.

Buttermilk sherbet as a cool, refreshing dessert for the family on a hot summer day. Ingredients: 2 cups buttermilk, 2-3 cup sugar, 1 cup crushed pineapple (drained), 1 teaspoonful vanilla and 1-8 teaspoon salt. Mix buttermilk with all other ingredients. Freeze quickly to a mush. Turn into a bowl and beat with egg beater. Return to tray and complete freezing.

COOKING WITH MILK—When you are cooking with milk, be careful not to let it boil. Milk scorches easily so you may want to use a double boiler. People who do not like the taste of plain milk usually like it combined with other foods in cooked dishes.

Milk is so high in food value that it is considered a food rather than just a beverage.

Smith also majored in business administration and belonged to one of the honorary business fraternities.

Miss Taylor received the bachelor of science degree.

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Today we have time. We have time to study each individual soldier, to see where he fits best, to give him the best possible training.

with a minimum of physical discomfort. The Army is not a summer camp or a social club. It is a place where everyone works hard. But today's training program is quite a good deal different from that of 15 years ago. Remember that when ex-servicemen tell you of their experiences.

One of the big complaints was that a man could not work where he wanted and where he had skills. This of course was not wholly true, not even partly true. Today, before you enlist, you have the priceless opportunity to indicate the branch of the Service and the specific schooling you want.

Remember, your chance to get into a specialist school to start the training you want for a worthwhile career depends to a great extent on whether you enlist.

In order to put a modern army in the field, there are over 100 separate and different kinds of occupations needed. More than 300 occupations are open to enlisted men, and many are open also to women. They range all the way from carpenter, telephone installer, or plumber to electrician, photographer, or surveyor. Almost any job in civilian life has its counterpart in military life. Of course, the kinds of work will be different and the Army is interested in developing only those skills and aspects of a job that have military usefulness. But the kind of background you can receive will be invaluable for your later career.

The 300 kinds of jobs for soldiers and Wacs referred to above fall into 10 occupational areas. Before you enlist, you may indicate two choices for special career training. There are more than 100 career courses in special schools for men and 14 for women callouses in the Army. See your local Army Recruiter at the U. S. Post Office, Kinston, on Thursday for further information.

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A religious education major, Miss Carlton received the bachelor of arts degree. She was secretary of the Women's Recreation Association during her junior year and was a member of the Young Woman's Association.

Smith received his English and also received the B. A. degree. He was a member of the honorary ministerial and classics societies and was an assistant in the English and Latin Departments.

Murray majored in business administration and was a member of one of the honorary business fraternities.

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