

Farmers to Boost Fall Oat Acreage

Present indications are that slightly more than 250,000 acres of oats will be seeded in North Carolina this fall, an increase of 5 percent over the 1941 acreage, says Dr. Gordon K. Middleton, agronomist of the Agricultural Experiment Station at N. C. State College.

Best possible returns from this quarter million acres will be obtained only by those growers who materially increase their per acre yields, the agronomist explained.

That an improvement can be made, he went on, is suggested by the fact that while the average yield in North Carolina was 22.6 bushels for the three years, 1938 and 40, the average in experiment Station tests was from three to three and a half times as great. The Lee variety has been popular in the Piedmont counties for 18 to 20 years, largely because of its resistance to cold, while Fulgrain has been more widely grown in the coastal plain and to some extent in the Piedmont.

Lee and Fulgrain are still good varieties for these two areas, Dr. Middleton said, but chief interest now lies in a group of new varieties carrying resistance to both smut and rust, and with the told resistance of Lee.

Among the most promising are selections originating from a cross Lee and Victoria. North Carolina has distributed two varieties from this cross, one known as Letoria and other as Letina.

Winter hardiness tests showed Letoria to be a harder variety than Lee, and Letina about equal to Lee. Both carry good resistance to rust and smut, but are not absolutely immune to all strains of either.

Dr. Middleton suggested that Letoria, Letina, and a third new variety, Stanton, be tried extensively this fall in the place of Lee in the Piedmont, and Victorgrain, Letina, and Stanton in the Coastal Plain.

MOVING

Record-breaking volumes of winter cover crop seed, which will help farmers beat the threatened nitrogen shortage, are now moving into the South from production areas in the Pacific Northwest.

MULES

The Army mule, long a standby for drawing escort wagons and other vehicles but rather generally replaced a few years ago by motor transport, is now making a remarkable comeback.

G-Men Check Seized Articles



All contraband seized from enemy aliens is carefully gone over in the F. B. I. laboratories in Washington, D. C., says The March of Time in "The F. B. I. Front." Hidden evidence is often exposed by such modern technical apparatus as black light, and the most innocent article may contain valuable information or even dangerous explosives.

Wrecked Hitler's Fifth Column



Heading an organization of agents and field offices spread in a network across the U. S. is F. B. I. Director J. Edgar Hoover, shown in a March of Time's "The F. B. I. Front." In his files at Washington are records and data on subversive elements he started collecting even before Munich. Prompt action by G-Men in this war wrecked Hitler's most powerful weapon in the U. S.—his hoped-for fifth column.

State College Hints to Farm Homemakers

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Nowadays everyone is interested in thrifty meat dishes. Good stew is an old standby and here is how to make it. Allow about 2 pounds of lean raw meat without bone for a good all-meat stew for six persons, but the more meat you have the more nourishing and tasty will be the stew.

To make a good stew first flour and then brown the meat in fat before you add water. Brown the vegetables a few minutes in well-flavored fat. Vegetables are at their best when you cook them quickly, so don't add them until the meat is almost done, it not quite tender.

It doesn't matter whether the water is cold or hot. Add enough water to cover the meat and simmer slowly until the meat is tender. Don't boil. Many cooks like to add a slice of onion for savory flavor. If the stew is not thick enough by the time the meat is tender mix 1 or 2 table-spoonfuls of flour to a smooth paste with a little cold water. To the paste add several spoonfuls of the hot stew and then stir the mixture into the rest of the stew, and cook until smooth and thick. Season to taste with salt and pepper and a little chopped parsley if you have it.

Predictions right now are that the plentiful foods during the coming months will be: cereal or grain foods, lamb and mutton, poultry, dairy products, and most fresh vegetables. Foods that will not be plentiful are: sugar, of course, and canned foods, beef and pork, and possibly lard.

Maybe you will want to serve your family more whole-grain foods, different kinds of bread and cereals. Study the cooking of lamb and mutton and the different ways of using cheese, eggs and poultry.

FIFTH

Agriculture ranks fifth in the list of occupational deferments from Selective Service, being led by production workers in aircraft, ships, ordnance and ammunition.

FRUIT

Total fruit production in 1942-43 is expected to be slightly less than record 1941-42 production, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

BRISTLES

Revival of interest in American hog bristles for use in brushes is reported, since manufacturers are no longer able to secure the imported bristles.

U.S. Marines - by Kret



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Straight From The Shoulder

John Barboe

It is necessary today as never before that we face the problems of life squarely and without flinching. Soft people want speculations; strong people want truth. We cannot solve the complex problems of our age by coloring them with wishful thinking or by ignoring them completely.

We grant that building houses, obtaining food and clothing and waging war are practical issues that demand immediate and careful consideration. If man were merely flesh and bones we would count these enterprises as the ultimate end of every field of endeavor, whether social, economic or agricultural.

Many thinkers today taboo any thoughts that give rise to definite action regarding God and the salvation of the souls of men. We needn't give the message of the Bible to a hog. All a hog is interested in is a sty and mud and swill; he is not bothered with reasoning powers or a soul. Men are different! We are immortal souls! We are morally responsible to an omnipotent God. Our concerns must necessarily be higher than food, clothing and social activity. We must live "tomorrow" as well as "today." A hog lives only "today." Therefore it is just as important to give consideration to the needs of man's immortal soul and God's provision for it as it is to concentrate on the immediate problems of today.

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