

Polk County Wins In Gains From Peanut Cotton Improvement Dusting Are Large

Polk, while a relatively small cotton producing county, has gone from the bottom of the ladder to the top in recent years in the North Carolina one-variety cotton improvement program, which includes the growing of cotton of superior quality through a definite seed renewal program; better methods of fertilization, cultivation, and harvesting; and improved methods of ginning and handling the crop.

County Agent J. A. Wilson of the State College Extension Service says that the farmers of Polk County grew short staple, poor-quality cotton in 1938 when the one-variety plan was launched. There was no seed renewal program. Most of the farmers planted their own seed or purchased them from neighbors. The few growers who were planting improved seed received no premium for their cotton and there was little incentive for investing hard earned money in better planting seed.

The farmers organized themselves and under the direction of Wilson conducted a series of demonstrations in which 8 different varieties of cotton were tested. Prizes were offered for the farmer who could pick out the best variety of cotton and raise the most to the final yield. The growers studied the size of bolls, earliness of maturity, and other factors.

They then selected Coker 199 as the best cotton for the section; ninety farmers organized as a one-variety group and elected J. H. Gibbs as president; one one-fifth of the cotton acreage in the county was planted to the chosen variety. In 1939 a total of 1,687 bushels of certified seed were brought in and a seed renewal program was worked out. They climaxed their work by win-

ning the silver loving cup for 1944 as the county showing the greatest gain in cotton improvement work in North Carolina. Gibbs is still president of the association and working for the best interests of the growers of his section.

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Marshall, King Pledge Victory to 'Bond Front'

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Army has overcome what in the past would have seemed to have been insurmountable obstacles and the Navy has promised full unconditional surrender, Chief of Staff General George C. Marshall and Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King said today, in commenting on the Mighty Seventh War Loan.

General Marshall said: "We in the Army have overcome what in the past would have seemed to have been insurmountable obstacles. So have you. That is where the enemy miscalculated—for to Americans, nothing has ever been impossible. Yours is a hard to win—a heavy responsibility. But we of the Army have confidence that you will again achieve the impossible."

MARSHALL

Admiral King said: "We have had two wars to wage. One of those wars is just beginning. That means that your own labors, far from over, are also just beginning. The Navy, like the Army, has one objective. The unconditional surrender of the enemy. We will attain that objective because of people of good faith. People who have demonstrated their patriotism and their willingness to undertake the most gigantic financial task ever undertaken by a free people."



KING

State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

QUESTION: How can I kill possums?

ANSWER: Use a solution of sodium chlorate, made at the rate of one pound of the material to the gallon of water, and spray it on the plants, says Prof. B. W. Wells of the Botany department at State College. He also reports that a new and very effective chemical called ammonium sulfamate has been developed recently but it is not available at this time. As to the sodium chlorate, Prof. Wells warns that this chemical is very active and must be kept away from fire at all times. It should never be stored near sulphur. It must be kept off the clothing.

QUESTION: Should breeding cockerels be dubbed?

ANSWER: This is especially necessary for the breeds that develop large combs and wattles, says C. F. Parham, in charge of Extension poultry at State College. Dubbing reduces fighting and picking, following the tearing of combs and wattles. It permits the cockerel to eat out of hoppers more easily. Dubbed cockerels give better fertility, which makes for high hatchability of eggs, because of the better physical condition of the bird. In dubbing, hold the head of the cockerel firmly in an erect position. With a small pair of strong scissors, cut the wattles close to the neck as they hang. Cut the comb by starting at the rear and cutting toward the front, at a point where the comb widens out on top of the head. Dub cockerels at about 3 to 10 weeks of age and on a warm day to reduce bleeding.

QUESTION: Can I raise queen bees and nuclei for sale?

ANSWER: Queen rearing and breeding is a very specialized job, says Prof. Ross O. Stevens of the Zoology Department at State College. The problem is to get the young queens properly mated when they leave the colony at about six days of age. Even though you produce a large number of good queens in your colonies, the chances of 5 matings at once at your bees is not very great. Probably there are all kinds of bees in your territory.

QUESTION: How will production be determined in the State Five-Acre Cotton Contest?

ANSWER: Five points will be selected in five different sections of the contest field, according to J. A. Shanklin of State College, who is in charge of the contest. At each point 20 feet will be measured in a row middle and a count of the bolls and stalks will be made on the two adjacent rows. As the cotton opens 40 open bolls will be gathered at each of the points in calculating bolls per pound, length of staple, and the percent of lint. To get the average

width of row, measure across the field and divide by the number of rows. Rechecks of high yielding fields will be made as soon as possible after first estimates are made.

When someone's barn burns, there's always the expression: "The work of years gone up in smoke." The same thing happens when the farm woodland burns.

Never pour boiling water over cold dishes, or cold water on hot dishes. Harsh scouring and strong soaps may also damage dishes.

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We never may know what the future will make Of the boys that we carelessly meet. For many a station is now at school, And presidents play in the street. The hand that is busy with playthings now The reins of power will hold, So I take off my hat and gladly salute This man who is twelve years old.

Maxine Smith

As the Delegates convene at San Francisco

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