

State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

QUESTION: Does body weight affect the ability of hens to lay?

ANSWER: R. S. Dearstyn, head of the poultry department at State College, says: "To produce eggs intensively over a long period of time requires that the bird have an ample reserve of food materials stored in the body. If this is depleted through heavy laying, poor diet, parasite infections or by any other cause, it is a danger signal. Be cause of the necessity for maintaining body weight, it is advisable for the poultryman to check weights at frequent intervals during the season of lay. Probably the simplest and most practical way to do this is to feel the breasts of about 5

to 10 per cent of the birds after they have gone to roost at night. Should they be going light, stimulation of feed consumption should be practiced. This is usually brought about by the use of lights or by feeding wet mash or pellets as a supplement. Care should be taken, however, that the birds do not become overfat, for such birds do not perform up to standard."

QUESTION: Please give me some information about Dixie Bright 27 tobacco.

ANSWER: This is a new variety released last month for the first time. Developed by plant scientists of the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Dixie Bright 27 has high resistance to Granville wilt. It is an improvement over Oxford 26, the present widely used wilt-resistant variety. It has a higher yield and a

larger, less brittle leaf. The fact that the plant does not grow so tall as that of Oxford 26 means that the new variety is not so likely to be damaged by winds. In 1948 at two locations, the average value of Dixie Bright 27 was \$777 per acre. That of Oxford 26 was \$630. At 10 locations in 1949, the average value of Dixie Bright was \$726, while that of Oxford 26 at 15 locations was \$549 per acre.

QUESTION: How can brown rot in peaches be controlled?

ANSWER: Brown rot caused heavy losses to North Carolina peach growers last year, and now is the time to plan control of the disease for the 1950 crop. Research shows that the modern way to reduce brown rot in peaches is to hold blight in the blossoms to a minimum. This can be done through the application of at least four sulfur sprays, beginning with the first bloom and repeated every three days during the blossom stage.

the last of March, and indications now are that there will be a scarcity of broilers on the market between March 20 and April 15. Thus farmers who put in chicks now can expect to realize a fair return for their labor and investment.

"Failure to put in broiler chicks now because the price of broilers is unfavorable only tends to disrupt the supply of hatching eggs, baby chicks, and the poultry program in general," says Parrish.

Assistant State 4-H Leader Named

Appointment of Lyman B. Dixon, assistant farm agent in Northhampton County, as assistant State 4-H Club leader for the State College Extension Service was announced this week by L. R. Harrill, State 4-H club leader.

Dixon, a native of Greene County, will fill a post which has been vacant for several months. He attended State College, where he majored in field crops and graduated in February, 1943. He then entered the Army Air Corps and subsequently served in the United States, Southwest Pacific Theater, and Japan.

Discharged from the service in January, 1946, Dixon shortly thereafter was appointed assistant agent in Northhampton.

He is married to the former Miss Elva Deane Barrow of Jackson.

Harrill said Dixon was selected for his new post because of the outstanding 4-H Club program which has been conducted in Northhampton.

A survey of the U. S. Department of Agriculture shows that 75 per cent of the population over 60 years of age is suffering from a deficiency of calcium, protein, iron or some of the vitamins.

Continued Buying Of Chicks Advised

Poultrymen should not let current low prices for broilers discourage them from buying chicks now for future broiler production, says C. F. Parrish, in charge of extension poultry work at State College.

Parrish says it is to be expected that the broiler market will become saturated occasionally and prices will decline below production costs. But poultrymen should realize, he says, that such a condition is only temporary, and that it is necessary to produce broilers every week in the year if market outlets are to be maintained.

The State College poultryman also points out that broiler chicks going into the brooder house now will not be ready for sale until

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