

State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

QUESTION: My neighbor milks the same breed of cows I do. Why are his butterfat tests higher?

ANSWER: While the butterfat averages for the main breeds are: Ayrshire, 4 per cent; Guernsey, 5 per cent; Holstein, 3.4 per cent; and Jersey, 5.2 per cent, individual cows of the same breed will vary widely in their butterfat production.

QUESTION: What tools are most suitable for taking soil samples?

ANSWER: There are a number of tools such as a soil tube, sizer, narrow trowel, or flat spade that can be used successfully. Under most conditions the soil tube is the easiest and most rapid tool to use. However, this tool cannot be used in gravel, hard or dry sandy soils. Tests show that the tool used does not materially affect the results of the test as long as a core, or slice of soil is taken at the desired number of places in each field.

QUESTION: Why not test subsoil samples?

ANSWER: Research studies have shown that cropping practices have little effect on the results of soil tests on subsoil samples. Lime and fertilizer is not being applied below the plow layer except in a few instances. Knowledge of the subsoils in a general area is sufficient without testing samples from each field on which recommendations are made.

Casserole Dishes Save Time For Busy Homemakers

If you want more time for your family or for various community activities, one-dish dinners will be the answer. Many of these dinners can be baked in the oven and cooked with the electric timer so that you won't have to stay home to do the cooking.

Here's a one-dish dinner offered to you by Virginia Wilson, State College extension nutrition-

Serving In Korea



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ist, that's just as good as it is easy to make:

ONE-DISH DINNER

1/2 cup sliced onion, 2 tablespoons fat, 2 tablespoons chopped green pepper, 2 cups cut snap-beans, 1/2 pound ground beef, 1 cup sliced carrots, 1 cup tomatoes, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 2 cups cooked mashed potatoes, melted butter.

Cook onion and green pepper in fat until soft (about five minutes). Add ground beef and cook until beef loses red color. Add snap-beans, carrots, tomatoes, salt and onion. Cook about 20 minutes. (This may be poured into a casserole dish and baked in the oven) Turn before serving, top with much potatoes. Brush lightly with melted butter. Place in oven until potatoes are lightly browned.

COTTON QUIZ

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Plant Bed Nematode Attack Butter Beans

This is a good time of the year to start thinking about next year's tobacco crop, says Ben Harrison of the Bethlehem community of Nash County. "If I had treated by tobacco plant bed last year I'd have produced more tobacco."

J. P. Woodard, county agent for the State College Agricultural Extension Service, says Harrison treated his tobacco fields for nematode control last summer, but figured the plant bed was relatively free of the tiny organisms. He took the plants from the bed and planted them in the field. His crop was about average.

After his tobacco was in the field he planted butter beans in the tobacco plant bed. Not until he started marketing his butter beans did he realize that his plant bed was heavily infested with root knot nematodes. He told Woodard that some of the butter bean roots had knots on them "as big as pecans."

Harrison realizes now that he carried nematodes from the plant bed into the fumigated fields, nullifying the effect of much of the fumigant. He is now making preparations to treat both plant beds and tobacco fields for the 1954 crops. Woodard says he is almost sure of a better crop, too.

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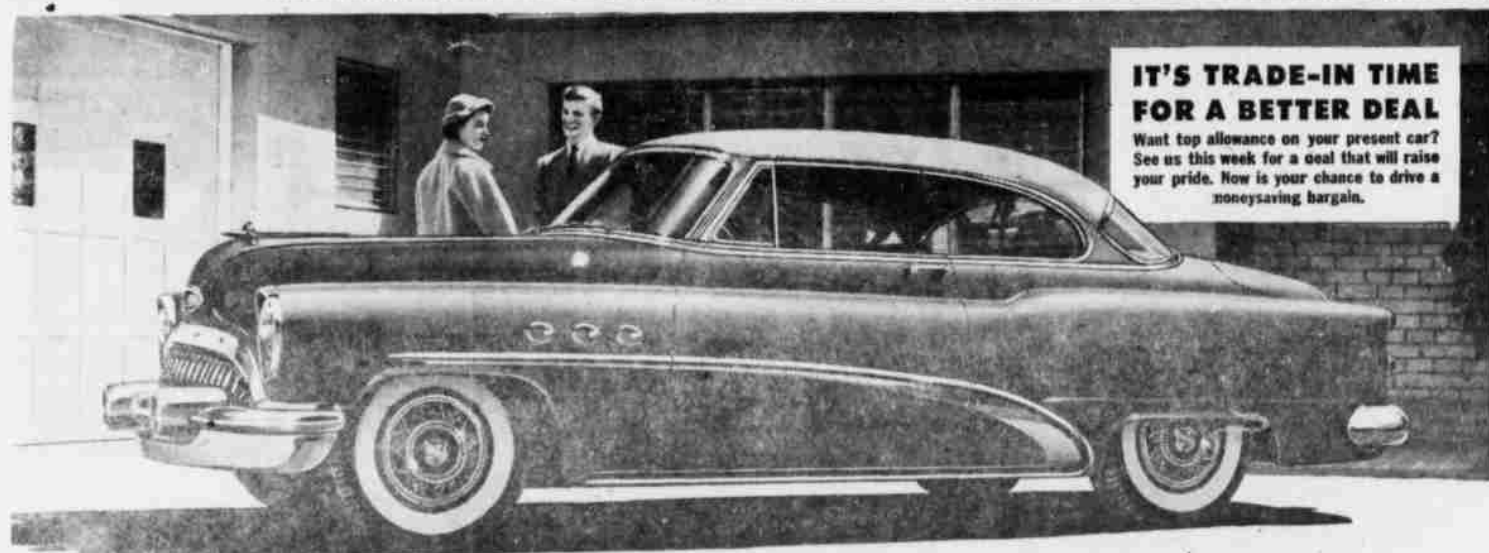
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