

### Survey Shows Weeds Cost N. C. Farmers \$100 Million Annually

Weeds may be flowers in disguise to the poet, but to North Carolina farmers they are costly pests. For the first time, an estimate is available on just how costly.

A. D. Worsham, extension agronomy specialist at North Carolina State College, has compiled figures which show that weeds are costing Tar Heel farmers at least \$100 million annually.

This is equal to about 12 per cent of the gross income North Carolina farmers expect from their crops in 1962. For some crops, however, such as cotton, the percentage is much higher.

Worsham estimates that weeds cost North Carolina cotton growers over \$24 million in 1962. This is nearly one-half the gross farm income expected from cotton.

Here are some of the estimated losses cotton farmers suffered this year: less in yield, \$10.2 million; extra hoeings and cultivations, \$7 million; loss in quality, \$1.6 million; cost of herbicides, \$337,500; loss in land value, \$250,000; extra cost of insecticide program, \$204,000 and increased cost of harvesting, \$75,300.

In addition, Worsham estimates that five per cent of the cotton planted in North Carolina each year valued at \$2.7 million, is abandoned because of weeds.

Worsham gathered the figures with the help of many crop specialists at the college for use in a report to the Southern Weed Conference in Mobile.

His figures are considered minimum losses, because some estimates, such as losses due to the reduced quality of some crops, were impossible to obtain. Also, estimates were not obtained on some of the smaller crops grown in North Carolina.

Here is a crop-by-crop breakdown on the losses: corn, \$13.4 million

cotton, \$24.1 million; soybeans, \$4.5 million; peanuts, \$3.2 million; grain sorghum, \$406,000; small grain, \$1.2 million; pastures and hay crops, \$18.4 million; tobacco, \$10 million; vegetables, \$21.1 million; and ornamentals, \$4.5 million.

Worsham points out that weeds are a far greater drain on the economy of North Carolina than the \$100 million loss suffered by farmers.

The highway department, electric power companies, industrial plants, railroads and individual homeowners spend an additional million fighting weeds.

"And if you would add the doctors' bills which result from poison ivy and ragweeds, the figure would really be astronomical," Worsham added.

State Agriculture Commissioner L. Y. Ballentine has often said that an intensified effort to reduce weeds would be one of the most profitable investments North Carolina could make.

Worsham believes that the long range outlook for reducing weeds and weed losses is good, as more and better herbicides become available.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture estimate that total weed losses in the United States amount to \$3.8 billion annually. Only soil erosion does greater farm damage, USDA says.

### "Mary J. Smith." If she prefers, or if the form of the contract specifies the full middle name, she may write "Mary Jones Smith."

This is the customary form of signature used by a married woman when she signs as maker of a promissory note or as drawer of a check. Government savings bonds, corporate shares, shares in federal savings and loan associations, shares of building and loan associations, deed to land, titles to automobiles, and insurance policies are generally issued to married women in this manner.

Indorsements or transfers of ownership of property evidenced by writing should, of course, follow the form of name used in such documents. For example, if Mrs. Smith receives a check payable to Mrs. John T. Smith, she should indorse by writing "Mrs. John T. Smith."

There is nothing illegal in Mrs. Smith signing her contracts or documents as "Mrs. John T. Smith." They are not void if she does. In fact, many wives sign their checks in this form. Their signature cards at the bank are in this form. If such wives want to affect a change of signature at the bank, they should advise the bank.

A person can use any name or scribble he wants as a signature. In business and legal matters, it is merely more correct for a married woman to sign her name as "Mary J. Smith" or "Mary Jones Smith." The prefix "Mrs." is not used as part of the signature.

Emily Post says: "The only times when a lady of quality signs her name 'Mrs.' are these: in a hotel register; in business telegram, to a servant in her own employ, or to an order letter possibly to a tradesman. And then it must be 'Mrs. John Smith.'"

The proper way for a married woman to sign a business or formal letter is to write "Mary J. Smith"

### Today's Christmas Carol Is Descendant Of Lively Folk Dance

Today's Christmas carol is a domesticated descendant of a lively folk dance.

The carol started out in the Middle Ages as a circular country dance, called a "carole" in French, according to World Book Encyclopedia. Some of the early Christians looked askance at dancing, however, and the carol soon lost its steps.

The lyrics of the songs that had accompanied the dance began to change, too and eventually the "Macaronic" style appeared. This consisted of tacking a Latin phrase on to the popular lines, so that the people sang:

Make we joy now in this feast  
In qua Christus natus est

They didn't necessarily understand the Latin, although it carried on the sense of the song, but the stately Latin words gave them a religious image.

In 1223 St. Francis of Assisi started the custom of placing a creche, or miniature Nativity scene, in the church at Christmas time. People began to act out the events of the Nativity — one of the steps in the development of mystery plays — and then to compose carols to sing with the plays.

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or "Mary Jones Smith," and then underneath, in parenthesis ("Mrs. John T. Smith.") The name underneath is for information only, and is not the signature.

In writing to friends and acquaintances who know perfectly well to whom she is married, she may simply sign "Mary Smith." To acquaintances who may possibly have difficulty in knowing actually to whom she is married, she may add under "Mary Smith," in parenthesis, ("Mrs. John T. Smith.")

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