

## Soil Needs Testing

Each year, a great deal of damage is done to many North Carolina crops by improper placement of fertilizers. This does not necessarily mean too much fertilizer is being used but rather that it is being used improperly. Fertilizer injury may result in poor seed germination, stunting of early growth or outright death of the young plant. With a new planting season rapidly approaching now is a good time to consider the importance of proper fertilizer placement reminds Mr. E. L. Dillingham, County Extension Chairman.

While almost everyone realizes that the use of fertilizers is a necessity for profitable crop production, many growers do not realize that the placement of plant fertilizers may also make the difference between a good crop and a crop failure.

Fertilizers containing or potassium can cause fertilizer injury when placed in direct contact with the seeds or transplants. When fertilizer is applied at planting time it should be banded 2-4 inches to the side and 2-4 inches below the seed. In general, no more than 50 pounds of nitrogen or potassium should be applied at planting time unless it is properly banded. Even with proper banding equipment it is desirable not to exceed 80 pounds per acre of

nitrogen or potassium combined says Mr. Dillingham.

With crops like tobacco or vegetables where 'at planting' fertilizer applications normally exceed these guidelines, great care should be taken to assure that fertilizer comes in direct contact with the roots of the transplants at setting time. With these crops best results have been obtained by transplanting between two bands of fertilizer about 8 inches apart. The next best method is to place a single band deep enough so the fertilizer is at least 4-6 inches below the roots after the plants are set. If large amounts of nutrients are needed to build up low soil nutrient levels or if more nutrients than are normally suggested are to be used, consideration should be given to broadcasting at least part of them. Another factor to keep in mind is that phosphorus requirements of the crop should be supplied before or at the time of planting since phosphorus is in great demand during the seedling state and is not as efficiently used when applied as a topdressing.

The best way to determine the line and nutrient needs for a crop is to have your soil tested. There is still time to have your soil tested for this year's growing season. Soil sampling supplies are available at your County Agricultural Worker's Office. Following the suggestions on your soil test report and placing the fertilizer properly will help to assure a profitable yield.

## WAMY working Toward Income For Rural Group

A pioneering project aimed at creating new opportunities for low-income rural people will be undertaken shortly by W.A.M.Y. Community Action, Inc., with the start of a Human Resources Planning Project.

The job of the planning project will be to systematically gather information on the problems facing low-income and the resources available for solving these problems, and then to help planning committees draw up a sound plan for bringing in resources to meet the needs.

The project will operate in Watauga, Avery, Mitchell and Yancey counties, and will be financed for the first eight months by grants of \$25,000 apiece from the North Carolina Fund and the U. S. Office of Economic Opportunity. It will be administered by W.A.M.Y. Community Action, Inc.

Eight persons will be employed on the planning staff. One staff member will concentrate on maintaining up-to-date information on the needs of the low-income persons and measuring their progress; another will concentrate on finding and securing resources from federal and state government agencies, and from private foundations and companies.

The information gathered by the planners will be made available

to local governments and agencies for their own use, as well as to the board of directors of W.A.M.Y.

The planning grant is an experimental project of the Office of Economic Opportunity. It is one of fourteen such grants being made in the nation and the only one being made in a rural area.

The North Carolina Fund and the Office of Economic Opportunity expect W.A.M.Y. to get wide participation by local officials and low-income people in the anti-poverty planning process.

## Rabies Clinic To Be Held

Please watch the Yancey Record for a schedule of time and places that Rabies Clinics will be held in Yancey County, beginning on Saturday, April 15th at 10:00 a. m. and ending Saturday, April 22nd in the afternoon.

We know that all dog owners have not been having their dogs protected against this deadly disease. However, we warn you that we know about all of the people who do not, and please do not cause us to have to deal drastically with you.

Posters will be put up all over Yancey County. Dr. J. C. Cornwell will be the clinician. The District Health Department. By: Jake F. Buckner, R. S. District Sanitarian

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