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## Cows, Hogs Help Save Down Corn

Corn blown over and thoroughly soaked by recent high winds and heavy rains isn't regarded as a complete loss. Much of it can be salvaged.

Getting the corn out of the field and dried as quickly as possible is one recommendation. The other is to use livestock to harvest the downed grain. In both cases, the time element is important.

These are observations by North Carolina State University grain and livestock specialists.

Conventional dryers with perforated metal floors and supplemental heat or batch dryers can be used to dry harvested corn. If no drying facilities are available, the grain can be spread on a dry floor to a depth of not more than six inches and stirred often enough to prevent heating.

A. D. Stuart, extension corn specialist, said ear corn can be dried just as shelled corn. Hopefully, the ears will dry sufficiently in the field to allow harvesting before mold sets in.

NCSU specialists are suggesting to farmers that market hogs and mature or near-mature cattle are best to use if the grain can't be gotten out of the field.

A. V. Allen, specialist in charge of extension animal husbandry, said there was some danger that molds may develop on the fallen corn. "I doubt if the threat of toxic molds is very great, however," he added.

Allen said he would use cows rather than young animals. "The older animals can handle it better. I wouldn't put lightweight calves in these fields," he pointed out that growers with substantial amounts of fallen corn, but no cow herd, might want to consider buying 700 to 800-pound steers to go on the fields.

Dr. J. R. Jones said he wouldn't hesitate to run hogs into fields where corn has been blown over. "I think it would stay down a good while before it starts to mold," he said.

"But I would use market hogs or sows with pig litters. I wouldn't recommend putting bred animals in these fields." The specialist added that the fields should be stocked heavily enough to clean them up in "a reasonable length of time."

Dr. Jones believes the ideal size market animal to glean the grain, field would be those of about 110 pounds.

## Fad Following Can Be Good Therapy

RALEIGH--There's no doubt about it. Teenagers are great followers of fads. They wear what some adults consider weird clothes and funny hairdos; they say and do strange things.

But parents should remember that fads are a symptom, not a disease, believes Leo Hawkins, extension family relations specialist, North Carolina State University.

Fads are the symptom of the age-old urge for independence, he explains. It's the same desire that has prompted the young to be "different" throughout history.

Perhaps the best way to entrench a fad is for parents and other adults to say they don't like it, Hawkins observes. Then the fad, which may have started out as a symbol of identity, becomes a full-fledged symbol of rebellion against "the establishment."

A recent survey indicated almost half the girls and a third of the boys questioned had bought certain garments against the wishes of their parents, notes Hawkins.

What does it mean? What should a parent do when his child wears rag-bag clothes and goes barefoot?

That depends on the family, Hawkins says. But it is usually best if parents treat the fad as a symptom--the current sign of a need for independence.

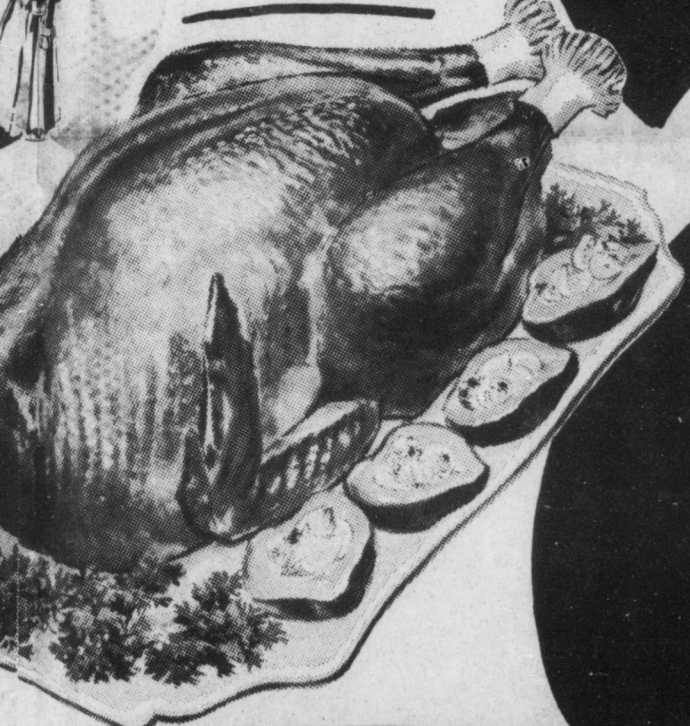
Teenagers are bound to rebel in some way, Hawkins observes. It may be best to let them rebel through clothes or hair, rather than in some far more serious manner.

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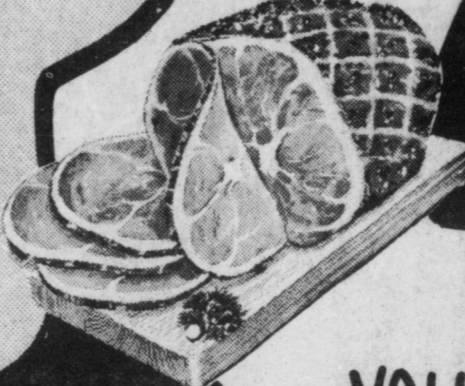


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