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Farm Questions and College Answers

Question: What dates are best for planting Atlas wheat?

Answer: F. J. Bell, small grain specialist for the State College Extension Service, says the recommended seeding dates for Atlas are October 10-31. Planting between these dates, he says, will promote good growth and enable the plants to develop more tillers. The suggested seeding rate is five pecks per acre.

Question: How much pulpwood is produced in North Carolina each year?

Answer: Quite a bit! Assistant Extension Forester John Ford of State College says the total in 1950 was 1,024,000 cords, or 27 per cent more than in the year before. If all the pulpwood produced in the State last year could be piled together, it would make a pile four feet high, four feet deep, and would reach from Raleigh to Corpus Christi, Texas—a distance of more than 1,500 miles! Farmers in 88 counties received more than 12 million dollars from their marketing of pulpwood in 1950.

Question: Where can I obtain Atlas seed wheat to sow this fall?

Answer: A good supply of Atlas seed is on hand, since an excellent crop was produced last season. See your county agent for information about local sources of seed, or write the Crop Improvement Association at State College for a list of certified Atlas growers.

GARDEN TIME

By **ROBERT SCHMIDT**

If you intend to plant strawberries this fall, it should be done soon. You may have difficulty obtaining plants this early but plants set now will become established and give you better plants and a better crop next spring than from plants set later. By fall planting you get berries only from the plants you set—they will not make runner plants.* For eastern and Piedmont sections use the Massey variety—it has been very satisfactory during the past few years. Do not plant everbearing varieties except in the mountain areas. They have not been generally satisfactory in North Carolina.

If you have an established strawberry bed and have not fertilized the plants this fall, do so at once. Use any good garden fertilizer and at the rate of 1-2 gallon to 1 gallon per 100 feet of row depending on the fertility of your soil. If the rows are narrow, the fertilizer may be drilled in on each side of the row. If the rows are wide, broadcast the fertilizer over the plants at a time when the leaves are dry and brush the fertilizer off the leaves. This fall application is very important for Piedmont and mountain areas. In the Coastal Plain areas another similar application should be made in December or early January.

If you are growing Boysenberries or other types of dewberries, the grass should be cleared out of them and the vines straightened out on the ground so that they can be easily gathered up and tied to stakes or wires in the spring. If any new plants are desired for spring planting, throw a shovelful of soil over the tips of the vines. They will form roots and buds during late fall and winter and may be cut from the vine and planted in the spring when the vines are tied up.

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