

## Pre-Sprouting Sweet Potatoes Can Mean Bigger Profits to Farmer

Tar Heel sweet potato growers are missing a savings of \$40-\$50 per acre if they are neglecting the pre-sprouting practice.

Farmers can save this amount by pre-sprouting the seed stock in storage just prior to bedding, according to Henry J. Covington, extension horticultural specialist at North Carolina State College.

"The process is inexpensive and simple," says Covington. "It increases early sprout production and reduces the amount of seed stock you must bed for plants."

The idea is to get the potatoes to push out sprouts the longest of which are one and one-half inches by the time the farmer is ready to bed them.

Pre-sprouting is most beneficial for slow, poor sprouting varieties such as Gold Rush, Nugget and Centennial. It takes 30 days for these three. Porto Rico can be pre-sprouted in 21 days.

"We have been recommending 25 bushels of Gold Rush to produce enough plants in two pullings to to set an acre in the field. If you pre-sprout, you can reduce this to 15 bushels, a 10 bushel savings per acre. This amounts to \$40 to \$50 an acre," Covington pointed out.

The seed stock should be given ideal curing conditions for 30 days just prior to bedding. The ideal conditions are 85 degrees F., and 90 per cent relative humidity.

Covington said that while most curing facilities may not be tight enough to maintain the ideal humidity, this doesn't mean pre-sprouting can't be done.

It does mean that the process may take longer and the sprout production may not be as great.

The air where the potatoes are being pre-sprouted must be kept as moist as possible. The walls should be sprayed at least twice daily and the floor should be wet if it is soil or concrete.

The humidity shouldn't be maintained at 100 per cent nor should the surface of the potatoes be kept completely wet. These conditions will produce white rootlets.

After pre-sprouting the usual recommended practices of seed treatment and bedding should be followed, according to Covington.

He cautioned that the potatoes should be placed in the bed carefully with the roots situated so that the sprouts are as near straight up as practical. "Be careful to cover with soil two inches deep so the sprouts remain upright," he added.

A few of the longer sprouts may be showing when the job is completed but the farmer should not be concerned about these, said Covington.

The plastic cover should be used as usual, removing it during the day when the plants generally start emerging. However, it may be needed for cold spells and late frost.

"Don't bed too early," Covington warned. "If anything, bed a week later than usual as plants can be produced using plastic covers in four weeks after bedding, if the weather is favorable." Around February 25 is regarded as a good time to start the pre-sprouting process.

The pre-sprouting recommendations are based on work done in Mississippi by USDA scientists Leaton Kushman and Marshall Donier. Kushman is now with the USDA at State College.

### MASSEY'S HIT AGAIN

A chilly thief broke a rear window of Massey Motor Company Tuesday night and stole the change from a pop vendor. Damage was more than the money lost.

### Moist Toasted Coconut Is "Tops"

By Betty Barclay

If coconut is a favorite topping, you'll love the new moist toasted coconut! Ready to use and perfect for decorating cakes, pies, and ice cream balls, it is a real time-saver, and delicious, too. Try this excellent topping and see!

**Toasted Coconut Honey Spread**  
 1/2 cup honey; 2 tablespoons melted butter; 1/2 cup moist toasted coconut; 1/2 teaspoon grated orange rind; 1 tablespoon orange juice (about).

Blend honey and butter. Stir in coconut and orange rind. Then add orange juice until of soft spreading consistency. Serve on toast, waffles, pancakes, French toast, or toasted English muffins. Makes about 1 1/2 cups.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE NORTH CAROLINA JONES COUNTY

Under and by virtue of an order of resale of the Superior Court of Jones County, made in the Superior Court in a special proceeding therein entitled C. R. (LUBE) JARMAN and wife, BERTIE M. JARMAN, W. R. COOMBS, and wife, AILEEN H. COOMBS, DAN R. COOMBS and wife, VELMA COOMBS, WOODROW COOMBS and wife, EVELYN COOMBS, SPENCER COOMBS and wife, EDNA MAE COOMBS, BLANCHE C. HEWITT and husband, EZEKIEL HEWITT, LILLIE C. GRADY and husband, JACK C. GRADY, BRADFORD COOMBS, single, HORACE COOMBS and wife, MARY COOMBS, THOMAS COOMBS and wife, MARGARET COOMBS, vs. N. R. COURIE and wife, MAYRE PHARO COURIE, ANNIE RUTH DAUGHERTY EUBANKS and husband, JAMES L. EUBANKS, RUBY DAUGHERTY MURPH and husband, JOHN MURPH, JAMES KENNETH DAUGHERTY, non compos mentis, JOHN DAVID DAUGHERTY, non compos mentis, SARAH DAUGHERTY BELL and husband, FLETCHER BELL, MARION EDWARDS KNIGHT, unmarried, GEORGE ANDREWS and wife, if any, R. F. MCCOY and wife, MYRTLE MCCOY, JAMES E. MCCOY and wife, EVELYN MCCOY, MARJORIE TAYLOR BEE and husband, ROBERT LEE THELMA TAYLOR COOMBS and husband, LEMUEL COOMBS, SARAH I. BURKETT and husband, FLOYD BURKETT, JESSE TAYLOR, minor, LINDA TAYLOR, minor, BRENDA TAYLOR, minor, and JIMMY J. TAYLOR, Life tenant, and DOLLIE JARMAN CHASE, Claimant, and GEORGE R. HUGHES, Trustee, and signed by His Honor Walter P. Henderson, Clerk of the Superior Court of Jones County on the 26th day of February, 1963 upon an advance bid, the undersigned commissioner will on the 13th day of March, 1963 at twelve o'clock noon, at the courthouse door in Trenton, North Carolina, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash upon an opening bid of Five Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$5,825.00), but subject to the confirmation of the court, a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Cypress Creek Township, Jones County, North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows:

Carolina being known as a portion of the Bob Jarman Tract containing 197.14 acres more or less according to plat prepared by William H. Utley, R. S., said plat of record Jones County Registry in Map Book 8, page 1. Being also a portion of the same lands described in that certain deed of record Jones County Registry in Book 44, page 255.

The terms of said sale are cash and the successful bidder will be required to deposit ten per cent of the first thousand dollars of said bid and five per cent of all in excess of One Thousand Dollars in evidence of good faith.

This the 26th day of February, 1963.

Darris W. Koonce,  
Commissioner  
Darris W. Koonce, Attorney  
Trenton, N. C.  
Feb. 28, Mar. 7

### NOTICE OF RE-SALE OF LAND BY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COURT

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF an ORDER OF RE-SALE made by the Clerk of the Superior Court of Jones County on February 13, 1963, the said Order being entered in that certain action entitled:

W. L. MOORE and wife,  
DAISY MOORE

vs.

MABLE MOORE GRAY  
and husband,  
C. MANLY GRAY and  
DORTHA MOORE,

the undersigned Commissioners of Court will offer for sale at 12 o'clock NOON, on FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 1963, AT THE COURTHOUSE DOOR IN TRENTON, JONES COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described lands, to-wit: BEING LOT NUMBER 1, containing 335.7 acres, LOT NUMBER 2, containing 16.8 acres, and LOT NUMBER 3, containing 33.9 acres, as shown on a map entitled "ESTATE OF WALTER L. MOORE, Chinquapin Township, Jones County, North Carolina," made and platted in March and June of 1956 by E. C. Armstrong, Registered Surveyor, and recorded in Map Book, Page 2, Jones County Registry, said survey and map having been made by the said E. C. Armstrong, Registered Surveyor, pursuant to an Order of Court entered in the above-entitled action.

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Sevin is not recommended for the control of red spider mites. Remember this and use either Malathion or Kelthane for the mites. Sevin is effective for the control of Japanese beetles on grapes, roses, and many other crops which are attacked by this spreading pest. The Japanese beetle must be reckoned with because a heavy population can cause severe damage in short time. Don't let it get the best of you.

Since certain stages in the life cycle of the Jap beetle are passed in the soil, treating you lawn will help in control programs. In addition, soil treatments will also as-

sist in controlling moles by destroying their food supply — grubs, for example, which also damage grass roots.

Chlordane and Heptachlor are two insecticides recommended for grub control, ants, etc. The granular form of these materials is probably easiest to use. Applications should be made according to instructions given on the container.

Most everyone likes lettuce but many varieties are difficult to grow in the home garden. Don't give up until you try Buttercrunch, an All-American winner for 1963. This variety is reported to stand longer than the Bibb types without bolting (sending up seed stalks) and to maintain crispness and quality longer under conditions of high temperatures.

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