

### FARM QUESTIONS ANSWERED

**Question:** How can I prevent diseases in my stored sweet potatoes?  
**Answer:** The fungi causing rots in stored sweets are brought from the field and live over in the rotten potatoes therefore the best preventative is to keep the house clean and do not place any diseased potatoes in storage. Where the soil is infected with black rot, the potatoes should not be put in storage and all other diseased sweets should be destroyed at harvest. If these precautions are taken and the house kept at the proper temperature during storage, the potatoes should be free from disease.

**Question:** Are brick brooders a success from a practical standpoint?  
**Answer:** Many thousand brick brooders have been installed in North Carolina during the past few years and the owners report excellent results when the brooders are properly constructed and used with judgment. Their chief value lies in the fact that fuel may be secured on the premises at very low cost. Chicks also seem to grow out well and feather out early where the brooders are used, especially where a pail of water is set on the brooder to increase the humidity.

**Question:** When should seed peanuts be selected for planting next year?  
**Answer:** Seed should be hand picked both before and after shelling and all mildewed pods and damaged kernels discarded. Weather-damaged peanuts are not fit for planting and care should be taken to protect all nuts after digging. Poor stands are often caused by planting seed of low vitality and if there is any doubt as to the quality of the seed it is best to have them tested for germination. After the last selection, the seed should be stored in a dry place until ready for planting.

### PREPARE NOW FOR PIG LITTERS

The successful swine producer, like all other good farmers, looks ahead.  
 He prepares now for things he plans to do this winter and next spring, said H. W. Taylor, extension swine specialist at N. C. State College.  
 Now is the time to plan for the spring litter of pigs, he added. "If you have not already done so, plant some clover, rye, wheat, oats, or barley on a field where hogs have not ranged since it was last cultivated."  
 "Keep all hogs off the field until the sows are ready to farrow next spring. This will provide a clean range for the pigs to run in until they are four months old, or until they attain a weight of about 100 pounds."  
 "Sows for spring farrowing should be bred by the early part of November, at the latest. October 15 to November 1 is the best period."  
 "If you do not have a portable farrowing house, see your county agent or write the agricultural editor at State College for a copy of blue print No. 160, which gives full instructions for building such a house for one sow and a litter of pigs."  
 Taylor also suggested that in November some crop should be planted to furnish winter grazing for the swine herd. Castrate pigs when they are four to five weeks old.

**PACIFIC VOLCANO ERUPTS**  
 Los Angeles, Cal. — Radio advices from a steamship anchored near the scene tell of a spectacular eruption of a volcano on Fernando Island, one of the Galapagos group off the coast of Ecuador. The noise of the explosions as millions of tons of red-hot lava flow into the sea was said to be deafening.

Jackson County farmers will conserve soil this winter by stopping gullies with small brush dams.

Build a self-feeder: one will save the labor of mixing and feeding slop and also keep before the hogs at all times the feeds they should have. Feeders built by plan No. 217 will accommodate one to seven hogs, and one by plan No. 61 will accommodate up to 25 hogs. Plans may be secured free from the agricultural editor at State College.

**MINERS' BIG CONTRIBUTION**  
 Washington, D. C. — The largest single contribution thus far made to the Democratic campaign fund is that of the United Mine Workers of America, headed by John L. Lewis, with total donations of \$342,148.

**FREAK WILL PROMISES TROUBLE**  
 Toronto, Canada — When Charles V. Miller died in 1926 he left a curious will. To every Protestant Minister in Toronto he left one share of brewery stock; to the minister of three other towns, one share each of race-course stock; to the Toronto mother who in ten years produced the greatest number of children the residue of his estate, now valued at \$750,000. The "baby marathon" ends this Saturday and

five mothers with ten entries each plan to fight for the big prize. The real leader, Mrs. Martin Kenny, has twelve entries, but isn't sure that all of them were properly registered, a condition of the contest. Provincial authorities may intervene to prevent the waste of the estate in litigation.

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