

Poultry Owners Offered \$2,160 In Prize Money

Raleigh, Sept. 18 — Prizes totaling \$2,160 will be offered the "fine feathered friends" of the poultry world at the State Fair at Raleigh this year, J. Wade Hendricks of Statesville, director of the Department and assistant director in charge of the Piedmont (Statesville) Test Farm, announced today.

"More than 2,000 of the choicest birds in North Carolina will be in display at the Fair and indications point to an increase of 25 per cent in the number of exhibitors and 20 per cent in the number of birds," he said. Seventy-five breeds will be shown.

Entries in the poultry department will not be accepted after October 2 at 6 p. m. Prof. N. W. Williams of State college and B. F. Ricketts of Zanesville, Ohio will be judges.

Dr. J. S. Dorton, Fair manager, said that "as usual, premiums will be limited to North Carolina exhibitors," adding that "again we expect to boost the amount of premiums in all agricultural departments of the 1940 exposition.

Meanwhile, Dorton has announced that "an elaborate amusement and entertainment program" has been booked for the Fair this year, including nine Broadway acts and a Revue under the direction of George Hamid of Radio City, New York; the World of Mirth Shows with "a mile-long midway"; AAA auto races; A. M. A. Motorcycle races; Lucy Teter and His Hell Drivers; harness;

horse racing sanctioned by the U. S. Trotting association.

The State College Extension Service, State Department of Public Instruction, Vocational Agriculture and Education divisions; the N. C. Experiment Station; N. C. State College; N. C. and U. S. Department of Agriculture and other state and federal agencies are cooperating in presenting the agricultural, industrial and educational exhibits.

FARM QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Question: What is the closing date for carrying out soil-building practices under this year's farm program?

Answer: North Carolina farmers have until October 31 to carry out soil-building practices under the 1940 AAA farm program. This means that growers participating in the program must complete their soil-building practices by the end of October if they expect to receive credit on this year's program.

Question: How should apples be graded?

Answer: The first step comes at harvest time. It has been estimated that one-sixth of the apples discarded as culls were disposed of because of rough handling at picking time, or rough treatment on their way to and in the grading and packing shed. A thorough knowledge of U. S. Standard grades is also necessary in classifying apples. Then, too, the fruit

must be free from spray residue, dirt or any defects that will seriously detract from the appearance or keeping quality of the fruit.

Question: What preparations should be made before pullets are placed in the laying house?

Answer: Before the pullets are moved to the laying house, the structure should be cleaned and disinfected thoroughly. If the house is not cleaned carefully before the disinfectant is applied, maximum disinfection cannot be secured. One pound of lye placed in five gallons of water makes a very satisfactory disinfectant. The house should have a good wood or preferably a waterproof concrete floor. Dirt floors are a potential menace since they cannot be cleaned thoroughly.

CROWD EXPECTED FOR FARM EVENT

Field Day Expected To Draw Large Crowds Over State.

Raleigh, Sept. 17 — More than 8,000 farmers, their wives and other are expected to attend the 24th annual field day at the Coastal Plain Station at Willard Thursday, September 12, to hear outstanding speakers and view agricultural research progress on field trips.

Speakers will be J. M. Broughton, Democratic nominee for Governor; Lt. Col. G. W. Gillette of Wilmington, U. S. Army district engineer; Col. J. W. Harrelson, Dean of Administration, State college and James H. Clark of Elizabethtown, Commissioner

of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott will introduce Broughton.

State Senator Roy Rowe will preside as chairman for the day and D. S. Coltrane, assistant to the Commissioner of Agriculture, will be chairman of the demonstration program.

M. G. Mann of Raleigh, Manager of the N. C. Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association and Jack Fislser of Ivanhoe, Sampson county, will be speakers on the woman's program with Mrs. Estelle

T. Smith, State College district agent, presiding.

Exhibits by State College Extension Service and U. S. and N. C. Departments of Agriculture specialists will include tobacco grading, egg grading, dairying, poultry, horticulture, zoology, small fruit and truck crop diseases and nursery. A farm machinery and railway express exhibit will also be included.

D. H. Boney of Teachey will be superintendent of contests.

Field trips will be made under the supervision of Dr. Charles Dearing, assistant director in charge of the farm.

The event is sponsored by the U. S. and N. C. Departments of Agriculture and N. C. Experiment Station.

BETTER

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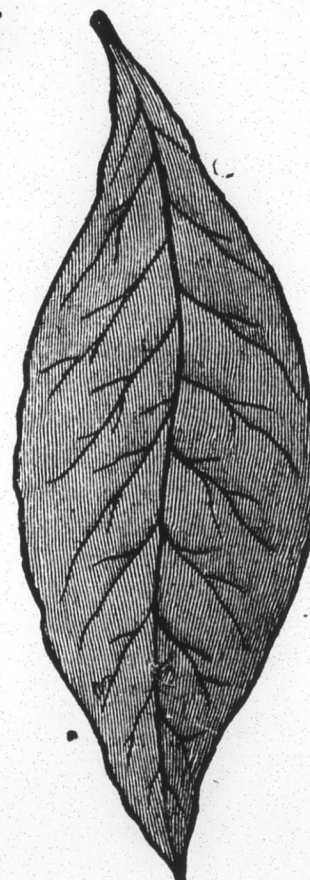
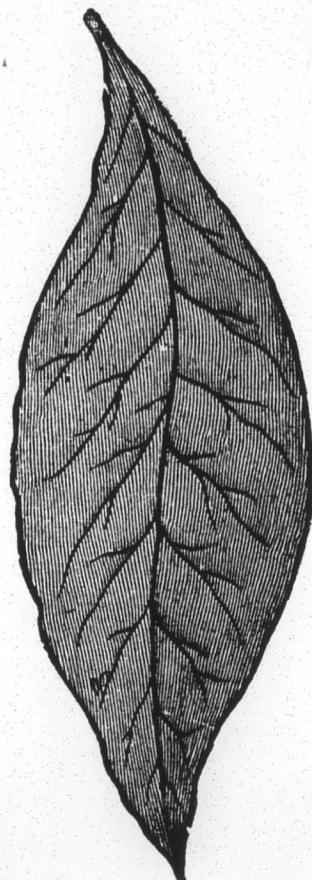
than where the two materials were not used, reports Fred Floyd, a Swain county demonstration farmer.

INCOME

Cash income from the sale of American farm products in September and October is expected to total close to \$2,000,000,000, predicts the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

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