

Get Cotton Ready For Smooth Ginning

Cotton picking and ginning are just around the corner now and it is a good time to remember that neither "green" nor "damp" cotton can be ginned without lowering the quality of the lint, says C. L. McCaslon, extension gin specialist at State College.

Every year North Carolina growers lose many thousands of dollars early in the season by not allowing their cotton to "ripen" before it is carried to the gin. It's a poor policy to raise good cotton and then have it damaged in the ginning process, because it has not been allowed to thoroughly dry out and get in condition for the best job of ginning.

There will be a shortage of labor during the cotton picking season and there will be a tendency to go into the fields too early in the morning. Although many gins are now equipped with hullers and dryers, the best gin in the country cannot produce high quality lint from dirty, trashy, and damp cotton.

With cotton at relatively high prices, the grower has the opportunity of getting some mighty good premiums for cotton of normal to high quality. Slight differences in grade will make big differences in profits. Cotton should be picked as early as possible after it opens because the longer it is left in the field, exposed to the sun and rain, the lower the quality.

In storing cotton, it is good policy to put it just in front of the door of the cotton house. The next afternoon the cotton can be moved back just far enough to make room for the day's picking. Then on the third day, it can be moved back still farther. Turning the cotton in this way several times allows it to dry out properly and get in good condition for ginning.

Plan Farm Labor Needs In Advance

On the basis of a farm manpower survey in North Carolina, the departments of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology at State College have made nine suggestions to growers for action at the farm level.

They suggest that those who have a surplus of labor and equipment, at any time, should work out some sort of exchange or trade with farmers who do not have enough labor and equipment.

Several farmers should get together, as on the neighborhood plan, and study their joint labor needs and then plan how the available labor can be used most effectively.

All farmers, whether or not they are short of labor, should prepare a farm labor plan so that they can get work done on time. A work schedule should be prepared, especially for the critical periods.

Every farmer should study each farm job carefully and eliminate any task which is unnecessary and then do each remaining task more effectively.

Plans should be made for using the family labor more completely, especially jobs for boys and girls during after school hours, on Saturdays and holidays.

Make full use of all available labor-saving equipment. Farmers who have this machinery can help win the battle for production by making their equipment available to neighbors on a custom or trading basis.

Keep equipment in repair at all times and workstock in good working condition.

Wherever possible, make shifts from heavy to light labor-using enterprises.

Farmers may find it advisable, in order to keep their best labor, to devise a profit-sharing scheme.

"Hello, Frisco, Hello"



Alice Faye and John Payne are shown in a romantic scene from their latest picture, "Hello, Frisco, Hello," an all-star musical coming to the State Theatre next Thursday and Friday.

Production of Pigs Increase In State

North Carolina sows farrowed 970,000 pigs from December to June of this year as compared with 628,000 for the 10-year average for this period, J. J. Morgan, State Department of Agriculture statistician, reported recently. This is a 19 per cent increase over 1942. The number of sows farrowing last year was 28 per cent larger than in 1941, and the number this year is 21 per cent over the June-to-December figure for 1942.

Morgan said that indications point to a 27 per cent increase in the number of pigs this fall over that of last fall, and 75 per cent more than the 10-year average.

Tomato Crop This Year Much Larger

Indications are that North Carolina truckers and Victory Gardeners will harvest over 180,000 bushels of tomatoes within the next two months as compared with 120,000 bushels last season, the State Crop Reporting Service said recently. The 10-year average is 107,000 bushels.

The acreage this year is up 500 acres over 1942's 1,500 acres and indications point to a yield of 90 bushels to the acre as against 80 to the acre last year.

BELVIDERE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Rogerson, Miss Sybil Rogerson, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Rogerson, Jr., spent Sunday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Surtis Chappell.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Blanchard and children, Euna Mae, June and Paul, of Hobbsville, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Chappell, on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Arba Winslow, of Whiteston, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. White on Sunday evening.

Miss Irene Copeland was the guest of Miss Catherine White Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Byrum and son, of Norfolk, Va., were week-end visitors in the home of E. L. Chappell.

Misses Cassie, Eva Rae and Norma Winslow were dinner guests of Misses Zenova and Jean Chappell on Sunday.

Miss Blanche Chappell, of Norfolk, Va., is spending her vacation with her mother, Mrs. Maude Chappell.

Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Chappell and son, Billy, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Chappell on Sunday afternoon.

BURGESS CLUB MEETS

The Burgess Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. Irvin Whedbee on Wednesday afternoon. The meeting was called to order by the president, who read the 24th Psalm.

The Club members sang "The Old North State" and repeated the Collect. The roll was called and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

During July the Club will meet at 3 o'clock, instead of at two.

Miss Maness made announcements concerning the curb market. She also reminded the members to be thinking over the recreational meeting to be held in August, which will take place of the regular meeting that month.

Food conservation was discussed and the demonstration on drying apples was interesting and timely.

Mrs. Whedbee conducted a guessing contest with Mrs. Sidney Layden winning the prize.

Those present were Mesdames Winston E. Lane, J. B. Basnight, Charles Ward, Sr., Sidney Layden, Irvin Whedbee, Tommy Mathews, H. S. Davenport and R. G. McCracken. A visitor, Mrs. Paul Bonner, was also present.

Pretty, Please

"So you have bought an automobile, have you? Do you drive it or does your wife drive it?" "Neither of us drive it. We coax it."

White-Fringed Beetle Now In Seven Counties

The white-fringed beetle—enemy of beans, cotton, corn peanuts, potatoes and soybeans—has been found in seven counties of North Carolina, H. Brannon, head of the Entomology Division of the State Department of Agriculture, has announced.

The beetle was first discovered in the United States in Florida in 1936. "The insect attacks several hundred plants and is an extremely serious addition to the many insect pests now in the State."

The entire infested area, pointed out Brannon, is now under Federal and State quarantines and there are around 40 Federal inspectors in the State engaged in scouting, quarantine enforcement, and control activities.

The adult white-fringed beetle is about one-half inch in length. It is dull grey or brownish gray in color, with a lighter band around the side. Only females are known and though the insect has rudimentary wings, it is unable to fly.

Anyone finding an insect similar to this description first should kill the specimen by dropping it in alcohol, and then should put it in a small box and mail it to the division of Entomology, State Department of Agriculture.

SNOW HILL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Moody Harrell and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mercer, at Rayside, Sunday afternoon.

Miss Maxine Harrell has returned to her home at Eure, after visiting her sister, Mrs. James Harrell.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Harrell, of Norfolk, Va., visited Mr. and Mrs. William Whedbee Sunday.

Pfc. Alton Barclift, of California, and John Barclift, of Nixonton, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harrell Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wood, J. T. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cartwright, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Cartwright, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. Will Hoffer, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Mathews, Mrs. W. M. Mathews, Mrs. William Whedbee, Barbara Lee Sawyer, Marjorie and Jean Whedbee and Josephine Knight attended the third quarterly conference at New Hope Methodist Church on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wood spent Sunday in Norfolk, Va., with Mr.

and Mrs. Wainie Knight.

Pfc. Alton Barclift, of Los Angeles, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Benton, Sallie Ann and John Marvin Benton, of Old Neck; Mrs. Richard Barclift, Mrs. Sidney Young, Mrs. J. G. Barclift, Misses Carolyn, Elizabeth Ann, Nina Marie and Barbara Ann Barclift, and Shelton Thomas Barclift, all of Nixonton, spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harrell.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Cartwright, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cartwright visited Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Stallings,

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to friends and neighbors for the many kind expressions of sympathy, the flowers and the use of cars during the death of our beloved wife and sister, Mrs. Lessie Perry. THE FAMILY.

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STOVE RATIONING STARTS IN AUGUST

Barring last minute changes, Stoves are scheduled to be placed on the list of rationed articles early in August.

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