

### Cotton Damage In State \$46,150,000

Insect damage to the 1950 cotton crop in North Carolina amounted to \$46,150,000, destroying 85 per cent of the total harvest, according to an official preliminary estimate compiled by the National Cotton Council. B. C. Lineberger, chairman of the North

Carolina-Virginia unit of the Council, says. "Insects kept approximately 196,000 bales of cotton and an estimated 88,000 tons of cottonseed off the market this year. Based on average prices, his list would have brought North Carolina farmers some \$39,118,000 and the seed would have meant an additional profit of \$7,032,000," the Council spokesman said. "Throughout the Cotton Belt," Mr. Lineberger said, "an estimated 16.5 per cent of the crop, valued at ap-

proximately \$598,565,000 was destroyed. In dollars and cents, losses in 1950 were second highest on record, exceeded only by 1949 when damage amounted to more than \$17 million." Chairman Lineberger announced that the National Cotton Council will hold the fourth annual Cotton Insect Control Conference in Memphis, December 7-8, to discuss insect damage in

North Carolina, Virginia, and other Cotton Belt states. This conference at the Hotel Peabody will bring together state and federal entomologists, representatives of the insecticide industry, agricultural education workers, and cotton industry leaders to plan an integrated program of cotton insect control for 1951.

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