



Question: When should broccoli be planted?

Answer: Dr. Fred O. Cochran, professor of horticulture at State College, says broccoli is a cool-season crop and must be produced in the spring or the fall. However, it is somewhat like cauliflower in cold hardiness and will be damaged by heavy freezes.

In eastern North Carolina, broccoli should be grown between late February and early June, or between July and December in the fall. In mountain areas the spring crop should be put in the field in late March and harvested in June and early July. The fall crop should be planted in late June and harvested in October and early November.

Early-maturing varieties should be used. The two most satisfactory are

Early Green Sprouting and De Cicco.

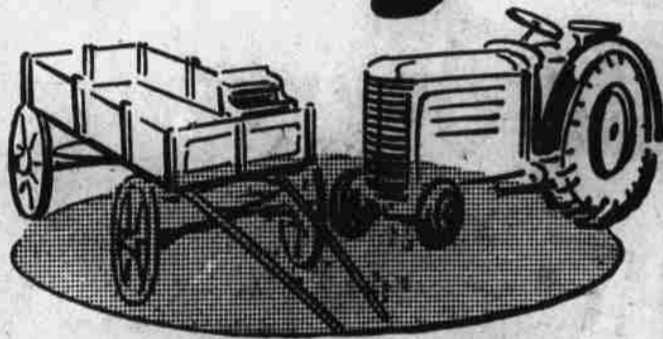
Tests by the North Carolina Experiment Station show a definite need for adding boron to the fertilizer before planting, since a deficiency of boron greatly reduces the yield. Applications of 10 to 20 pounds of borax per acre have given excellent results.

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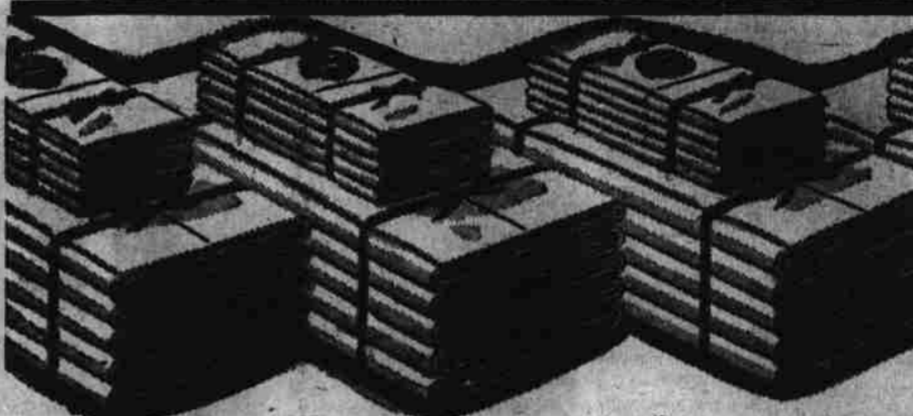
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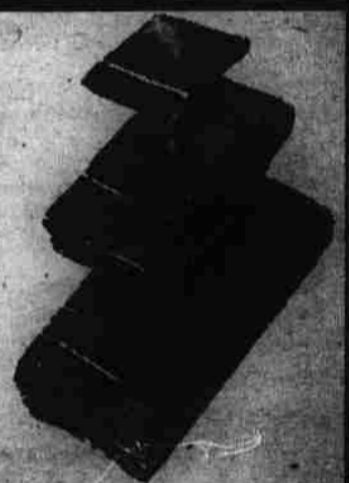
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