

COTTON FARMERS URGED TO USE WEATHER DATA FOR EFFICIENCY

Listen frequently to radio broadcasts of probable weather conditions and use this information in planning application of insecticides or defoliants.

That's advice to cotton farmers from the National Cotton Council.

Advance knowledge of weather not only may help the cotton farmer avoid waste of materials but also may increase efficiency of insecticides or defoliant applications, the Council reported.

In cotton insect control, weather conditions may determine the farmer's choice between dust or spray insecticides. By becoming acquainted with weather terminology and utilizing this weather data accordingly,

farmers can better judge the best time to apply insecticides.

In some cases insect infestation may warrant the farmer's taking a chance on poisoning despite the fact that rainfall may be indicated. Such a choice rests with the individual farmer, the Council stressed.

Some defoliants are activated by dew or moisture on the leaf. In several of the more arid areas, probable dew conditions are indicated in weather broadcasts, thus providing a guide for efficient defoliation.

In some cases, probable wind velocities and forecast, a factor of particular importance since winds affect efficiency of defoliants or insecticide coverage.

Fifth Annual Health Conference Oct. 15

Farmers, housewives, doctors, and health leaders alike are expected to participate in the Fifth Annual Rural Health Conference at the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh, October 15, according to Charles E. Spencer of Raleigh, president of the North Carolina Health Council, and Dr. George F. Bond of Bat Cave, chairman of the committee on Rural Health of the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina.

The Rural Health Conference is particularly aimed at getting rural people, who constitute approximately 66 per cent of the state's population, to attend. Says Dr. Bond, "Above all, what we want is the attendance of the rural people—and we want a program which will be most useful to them. The purpose of this conference is to find out what we need in rural health and how to get it."

Several thousand questionnaires have been distributed by the 36 member agencies of the North Carolina Health Council requesting that rural residents who plan to attend the conference list what they consider the most serious unmet health need in a particular community. From these questionnaires will come the subjects to be discussed in several panel discussions.

Mr. Spencer says, "We believe this is a fine opportunity for service to the rural people we serve, and a time when rural people, doctors, community workers, and other interested people can get together for some real discussion of North Carolina's health problems."

The theme of this year's conference is "Better Health for North Carolina's Rural People."

The Annual Rural Health Conference is sponsored jointly by the North Carolina Health Council and the Committee on Rural Health of the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina.

More Nutrients Saved By Using Grass Silage

Research and experience have shown that grass silage is a more effective way to preserve feed nutrients than field-cured hay, especially in humid regions. C. W. Overman, county agent for the State College Extension Service, reports. Saving feed nutrients is important at any time, but is of greater importance this year when defense production goals call for record farm output.

Any farmer can make grass silage, even if he lacks silo space or silage-harvesting machinery, U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) specialists say. Grass can be ensiled in a trench or stack, and it need not be chopped.

While trenches and stacks are not as efficient in preserving silage as conventional upright types, they are satisfactory and offer more possibilities of saving labor in making and feeding silage.

Studies by the USDA's Bureau of Dairy Industry show that if careful methods are used in making and feeding silage, the amount of good silage for fall and winter feeding amounts to 60 or 80 per cent of the crop when stored in sealed stacks and from 75 to 85 per cent when stored in sealed trenches. On the other hand, the amount of good silage is 80 to 90 per cent when stored in properly reinforced conventional tower silos and 90 to 95 per cent in a gas-tight steel silo.

Mr. Overman suggests using siloing methods which keep spoilage losses as low as possible when the crop is to be made into silage and carried over for feeding the following year.

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Elementary Schools Of State Reduced 50% Since 1950

In North Carolina there were 5,474 elementary schools taught in 1929-30. There were 2,697 schools of this type in 1950-51. Thus there has been a reduction of 2,777 such schools during this period, or more than 50 per cent.

The reduction has been constant. This has been true for both white and Negro schools, the former having decreased from 3,110 in 1929-30 to 1,436 in 1950-51; whereas similar schools for Negroes were reduced to 1,261 in 1950-51 from 2,364 in 1929-30.

Based on size of school according to number of teachers employed there is a decreasing trend in number of small schools and an increasing trend in a number of large schools. This is true for both races, the rate, however, being greater in the case of schools for white pupils.

In 1950-51 there were 63 one-teacher elementary schools for white children and 233 for Negroes. In 1929-30, there were 987 schools of this kind for whites and 1,153 for Negroes.

Two and three-teacher schools during the same period decreased from 1,919 to 663. Large schools, those having ten or more teachers, on the other hand increased from 522 in 1929-30 to 894 in 1950-51. In other words there was a net increase of 372 new large elementary schools within 16 years.

The number of elementary schools, white and Negro, in county and city units for the school year 1950-51 totaled 2,697, of which number 463 were city units and 2,234 county units.

More than half (62) of the 100 county units have no schools for white pupils in the 1-3 teacher group. Sixteen county units have no Negro schools in this group. Among the 48 units that have 190 schools for white pupils of this size, the range

is from 21 in Ashe to one in several units. Among the 84 county units that have 793 Negro schools of this size, the range is from 38 in Caswell to one in a number of units.

One very noticeable phase is the fact that on the whole small schools are mainly in mountain counties in the case of the white race, but mainly in counties in the eastern section in the case of Negroes.

There are only 25 schools for white children among the city units that have less than seven teachers. There are 6 Negro schools of this size in city units. The size of schools among these units is governed largely by density of population, and so such units do not as a rule have many small schools. Two hundred twenty-three of the 299 schools for whites had 10 or more teachers and 79 of the 164 schools for Negroes were of this size.

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Sunday School Lesson

(Continued from Page Seven) bulwark of strength and the foundation on which their whole national life rested. David was not a perfect man and the biblical account is quick to point this out. He sinned—but he confessed his sin to God and God forgave his sin. He made mistakes, but he profited from these mistakes and became a bigger and better man. David has gone down in history as Israel's greatest king and is described as a "man after God's own heart!"

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Sense and Nonsense

"Governor, you promised me a job."
"But there are no jobs."
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was produced in the first quarter of 1952, according to the National Production Authority.

The last record year of cotton duck production was in 1943, when 150,000,000 linear yards were produced.

Circumstances do not shape men, but reveal them. —Lamennais.

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Recent Rains Help Strawberry Growers

The past month of earth-loosening rains has given strawberry growers an opportunity to reset plants, according to H. R. Niswonger, in charge of horticulture extension for N. C. State College.

Last spring, according to Niswonger, over 300,000 strawberry plants were set by 4-H members, however drought and hot weather caused entire sections of plants in rows to die. Still, there was a surplus of new plants in sections of the rows not killed. Plants from these areas now can be transplanted to the vacant spaces, Niswonger points out.

He advises farmers to select well-rooted runner plants, with four or five leaves, for resetting. Set the plants at the width of a hoe and not over eight inches apart in the row late in the evening. The crown should be level with the ground. Do not cover the crown or center of the plant with dirt, Niswonger warns.

He recommends fertilization the latter part of September with three

A "Human" Bird

The hunter's bird dog came to a point looking straight at a stranger. The hunter looked all around, but couldn't see a single bird. Finally, he said to the stranger, "That's odd. My dog never did that before."

"Perhaps I can explain," said the stranger, "my name is Partridge."

"TRANSITIONAL COTTONS" DEVELOP NEW TREND IN LATEST FASHIONS

"Transitional cottons"—that's the fashion story for late summer and early fall.

And "transitional cottons" are the answer to the fashion-decree that says, "when its September it's time for fall and winter clothes no matter what the temperature reading."

These new fashion stunners are dresses, suits and coats made of dark cotton suitings, tweeds and tweedy denims, the National Cotton Council reported. They look like winter, but feel like summer.

With the appearance of regular tweeds and wools, the new "transitional" have the feel and hand of cotton that make them easy to wear. They feel soft, never scratch or irritate the skin.

Esther Reifer has selected Bates' cotton tweed for a coat dress with important black contrast and huge side pockets. A double-duty outfit, it's equally smart when worn with or

without a removable black cotton knit dickery. The ideal dress for July as well as for December, because cotton in this new weight and texture is seasonless.

Korday uses simtex burnt-colored denim for a short-sleeved dress jacket. To make the tiny waistline important, bright red and black cotton knit is an attention-getter. To make the waistline small, the rib knit hugs the body, can be pulled in as tightly as one's waistline allows.

Fashion's newest darling is menswear cotton suiting in fall colors. Dorothy Cox of McMullen selects Thomas' suiting for her late-summer, early-fall dress. She uses the bold stripe on the diagonal, contrasts the direction of the stripe in the bodice and skirt. With a zippered front closing, the dress is a quickie to get into, a smartly comfortable one to wear.

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