

Agriculture

Poet pens of tasty zucchini

Plan on these yields from food crops maturing now:

	Fresh	Frozen	Canned
Beans, snap, green, wax	1 bu.	30-45 pt.	15-20 qt.
Corn (in husks)	1 bu.	14-17 pt.	8-9 qt.
Peppers, sweet	3 pep.	1 pt.	
Okra	1 bu.	35 pt.	17 qt.
Squash, summer	1 bu.	32-40 pt.	16-20 qt.
Apples	1 bu.	32-40 pt.	16-20 qt.
Pears	1 bu.	40-50 pt.	20-25 qt.
Plums	1 bu.	38-56 pt.	24-30 qt.
Tomatoes	1 bu.		15-20 qt.

Fertilize clematis this week with two to three tablespoons 8-8-8 per plant.

Butterfly bushes (Vitex) may be cut back after blooming for another show of blooms in a couple of weeks.

Check petunias for legginess. Trim closely for new blooms in three weeks.

Sow biennial seeds now. Try foxglove, sweet william and hollyhock. Plant these flowers where you want them to grow. The first year produces leaves, the second year yields flowers.

Perennials should be started in flats and transplanted to their permanent positions this fall.

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A light side dressing for veggies is in order now. When using fertilizer such as 10-10-10 be careful — keep away from tender roots to prevent burning.

This is an occasion when compost is highly valuable as it not only feeds your plants but strengthens soil composition for subsequent plantings.

Have you ever used insecticidal soap? I hadn't until the Agro-Chem people sent a sample. I tried it on several varieties of greens with good results against leafhoppers and aphids. Unlike Sevin, a soap mixture



may be used up to the day of harvest.

Took care of squash bugs on my zucchini, too. A lot of people don't like zucchini. My friend L. P. thinks it is socially overrated:

"It's always been considerably posh To tell zucchini from squash;

I must admit

I'm a bit of a twit—

Both make an unpalatable nosh."

He goes too far:

"Sing praises for the lovely zucchini, Praised by Escoffier and Houdini? My plebeian taste

Prefers library paste—

I guess I'm just an old mame."

So much for a crotchety palate. What can you say about someone who recently served a dessert of twinkles at a dinner party for eight?



County Extension Chairman Bill Jester led a tour on the Billy Williams farm in

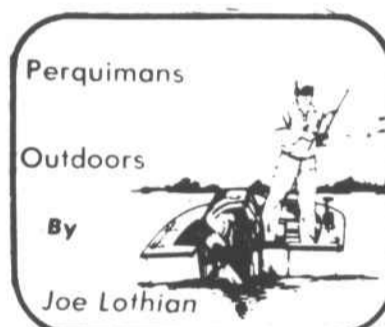
Perquimans recently. Approximately 30 farmers viewed fruits and vegetables

on the tour. (Photo by Val Short)

Troubles plague sportsmen

Several years ago I had the opportunity to do a little bear hunting up in Maine and I thought it was one of the greatest hunting areas I had ever seen, and I still do.

Not once did we run into a posted sign or have a land owner refuse permission to hunt on his property. But things change, and the sportsmen in Maine are having big problems.



The first change came when the use of hounds to hunt bear was prohibited in certain areas (sound familiar?) and soon after hounds were declared illegal when hunting bear everywhere in the state.

This only affected a small percentage of sportsmen so most just overlooked it.

Next came the move in federal court to close the hunting season on black ducks. This would have effectively stopped everyone in the Eastern Flyway (Atlantic) from shooting any black ducks.

Again this was pretty much overlooked by most sportsmen and sportsmen's groups until it went to federal court almost unopposed. Fortunately, the judge, a lady, decided to leave this decision up to the biologists and again the sportsmen were saved from their own worst enemy, themselves.

Well, now the sportsmen in Maine face a challenge that could in the long run effect all of us.

For the first time, not only in the states history, but in the nations history, a hunting season will open or not open pending a statewide voter referendum.

Maine's two year old moose season will be on the line to the voting public. The sportsmen have started a statewide organization to fight this; but to this date have lost every court

battle to stop the vote.

By now you're probably wondering what this has to do with Perquimans County. Well, directly, nothing at all, or does it?

Last hunting season, right here in Perquimans County, there was a move to outlaw the use of hounds to hunt deer in certain areas of the county. (Sound familiar?)

Maybe this seems too unimportant to worry about now, but could the deer hunter in this county stand a public referendum asking the general public to decide whether or not to allow deer hunting in this county?

I, for one, would hate to see it come to that. It may be time for the area sportsmen to gear up and start a county wide organization to look after each others rights. I hope we don't wait too long.

Wild turkey population is on the comeback in North Carolina

RALEIGH — The wild turkey, its statewide population decimated by destruction of habitat and overhunting in the early part of this century, is on the comeback in North Carolina, but according to wildlife officials, the expansion of turkey numbers is being threatened by a few well-intentioned but misguided turkey enthusiasts.

According to Brian Hyder, the wild turkey specialist for the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, the wild turkey population in N.C. has nearly doubled in the past 10 years as a result of changes in the turkey hunting season, better protection and expanded turkey stocking program. He says that the expansion of wild turkey numbers is being threatened, however, by individuals who are raising semi-wild turkeys and releasing them in nearby woodlots. "There are several serious problems with releasing pen-raised turkeys to the wild," said Hyder. "Foremost among these is that releasing pen-raised turkeys birds is not an effective way to establish a turkey population in the wild. The Wildlife Resources Commission released

thousands of pen-raised "wild" turkeys bck during the 1930's and '40's. None of them survived to establish a reproducing population of turkeys."

Hyder said that releasing pen-raised turkeys to the wild is a use of energy and resources that could be better channeled into more productive methods, "but more important than mischanneled energy and resources is the threat that pen-raised turkeys cast over our expanding population of truly wild turkeys.

"Since 1970 we have live-trapped 520 wild turkeys from areas which sizeable turkey populations and relocated them to 30 turkey restoration areas scattered across the State.

It has come to our attention recently that a few individuals in eastern N.C. have released semi-wild turkeys adjacent to and in some cases in the same areas where native wild birds have been stocked. The problem with this is that pen-raised turkeys are often carriers of diseases such as black-head, fowl pox and coccidiosis for which wild birds have

little resistance. Past studies have shown that the introduction of pen-raised turkeys into areas which have a population of wild turkey generally means an elimination of the wild birds by disease.

"We have tremendous potential for the expansion of the wild turkey population in N.C.," Hyder continued. "We have an estimated 10,000 birds in the State now but we have suitable habitat to support 40,000 or more, and that's the goal we're working toward. We need the support and involvement of all the State's turkey enthusiasts, but we all need to be working in the same direction, with proven methods, toward the same goal."

Hyder points out that it is illegal to release pen-raised turkey to the wild in N.C. and suggests that persons interested in wild turkey restoration contact the Wildlife Resources Commission at 512 N. Salisbury St., Raleigh, N.C. 27611, or join the N.C. Wild Turkey Federation. The N.C. Wild Turkey Federation president is Wayne Orr, 33 Southwicke Dr., Arden, N.C. 28704.

NNCT sets committee meetings July 19

Northeastern North Carolina Tomorrow has scheduled two committee meetings for July 19.

The quality of life committee will meet at 10 a.m. at the Elizabeth City State University Graduate and Continuing Education Center, according to Floyd Spellman, committee chairman.

The committee will be reviewing the child care activities, public housing, initiating a communications

network and two requests for endorsement, one for a proposed ban on phosphate detergents and another on the Peat Methanol Associates project.

The agriculture and natural industries committee will meet at 12 p.m. at Soundview Restaurant near Roper.

According to committee chair Mary P. Lilley, the meeting will

feature a special report on the Farm Management Program that is unique to Nash County.

The committee will also discuss the farm loss seminars being planned and the status of legislation regarding the jetties at Oregon Inlet and the status of mosquito control programs.

The committee will also act on the two requests for endorsements.

Teletip can assist with insect control

Thanks to the damp weather we've had this spring, there is a bumper crop of mosquitoes and fleas.

Advice on controlling these and other household pests is as near as your telephone, reminds Mrs. Paige Underwood, Home Economics Ex-

tension Agent, Perquimans County.

Extension Teletip, a state-wide, toll-free answering system has information on controlling 21 different household pests. To get this help, just call 1-800-662-7301 and tell the operator the number of the message you want to hear.

Here are the messages and their number:

Ants, 2701; cockroaches, 2702; fleas, 2703; millipedes, 2704; moles, 2705; termites, 2711; ticks in the home, 2712; ticks that can cause diseases, 2713; and tick removal and control, 2714.

Also wasps, hornets and yellow jackets, 2715; woodpeckers, 2716; voles, 2717; bees, 2720 and 2721; bats, 2725; clothes moths and carpet beetles, 2729; fire ants, 2731; grasshoppers, 2732; mosquitoes, 2735; and powder post beetles and wood borers, 2737.

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