

# FARM & GARDEN NEWS

## INFORMATION NEEDED FOR NEW COTTON CONTRACTS

Farmers who plan to sign 1935 cotton adjustment contracts will find it helpful to assemble the necessary data before the signing campaign starts, says Charles A. Sheffield, of State College.

County Agents will be supplied in the near future with blanks upon which growers may apply for contracts, he points out, and the growers who have all the data ready will be able to fill out the blanks without trouble delay.

Growers who did not sign the 1934 cotton contracts will be given an opportunity to qualify for rental and parity payments by cooperating in the adjustment program this year, Sheffield says, and the contracts will be established on the same basis as the old ones.

He urges growers to gather ginning tickets, sales records, and other means of proving their production during the base period, 1928-32 inclusive, and also the following two years, 1933 and 1934.

Growers will be asked to give the total number of acres on their farms number of acres in cotton, wheat, tobacco, peanuts, and rice; the average line weight of their bales for each of the years, the total lint produced each year, their cotton acreage each year, and the lint yield per acre during each year of the base period, Sheffield says.

## GRADE AND STAPLE SHOULD GOVERN COTTON PRODUCTION

The type of cotton grown in North Carolina should be governed by the requirements of local mills, advises P. H. Kime, seed specialist at State College.

"Every year, our mills use more than twice as much cotton as is grown in the State, he says, "and they have shown a willingness to buy North Carolina cotton when they can secure the quality and staple length desired in large, even-running lots."

The staple lengths greatest in demand range from 15-16 to 1-16 of an inch. Fortunately, Kime points out, the highest yielding and best varieties of cotton for North Carolina produce these staple lengths.

There is little demand at home or abroad for shorter staple lengths he adds, and growers who produce such cotton are finding the most difficulty in marketing their crop.

"It is encouraging to note that North Carolina growers are turning more and more to the long staple varieties," he says, "but there is still a great need for more of the longer staples."

The variety of cotton best suited to the soils of each grower's farm should be the kind for him to plant Kime said. Recommendations may be obtained from local county agent or from the State College agricultural extension service at Raleigh.

Tests made at the branch station near Statesville have shown that the following varieties produce staple lengths as listed below:

Mexican number 58-14, 1-1-16 inch; Mexican number 128, 1-1-6 inch; Coker Cleveland number 884-4, 1-1-16; Coker Cleveland number 3-5, 1-1-32 inch; Carolina Foster 5, 1-5-32 inch; Coker Foster number 6, 1-1-8 inch; Farm Relief, 1-1-16 to 1-3-32 inch; Humco Cleveland number 20-3, 31-32 to 1 inch.

## TIMELY FARM QUESTIONS ANSWERED AT STATE COLLEGE

Q.—How can seed oats be treated to prevent smut?

A.—A fifty percent formaldehyde solution sprayed over the seed oats will effectually prevent smut. The spray may be applied with a small hand machine such as is used around the house to kill flies. The oats are shoveled from pile to pile and each shovelful is sprayed as turned. The seed are then left in the pile or put in bags and left for several hours or overnight before planting. Seed treated with this solution, are not harmful for feeding purposes if they are stirred several times so that all the formaldehyde evaporates.

Q.—Aside from the brooder house what equipment is necessary for handling chicks in a brooder?

A.—At the start each 100 chicks should have access to a five foot feed hopper and two one-half gallon waterers. Two mash hoppers four inches high, six inches wide, and five feet long should be provided for each 100 chicks after the third week. Be sure to allow plenty of floor space as overcrowding will increase any inherent disease and will

also cause colds which may develop into serious trouble. At least one half of floor space should be allowed for each chick.

Q.—When should Irish potatoes be treated for planting?

A.—Seed potatoes should be treated before cutting into seed pieces. Dissolve four ounces of corrosive sublimate in two quarts of boiling water and add it to 30 gallons of slightly warmed water. All mixing should be done in a wooden or earthen vessel. Wash the potatoes and then set in solution. The first batch should be soaked one hour with fifteen minutes added for each batch after the first. After ten bushels have been treated throw the solution away and make up a fresh treatment. Allow the potatoes to dry before cutting into seed pieces for planting.

## BRIEF NEWS

### ITEMS

Students in the first grade of a Currituck county school raised a pig from the age of a few weeks to a weight of 160 pounds this year under the supervision of their teacher.

The Edgecombe Mutual Livestock Association recently shipped 67 head of hogs, weighing a total of 13,835 pounds, to a Richmond Market.

Soil erosion workers in Franklin county reported that they terraced one far mat a cost of only \$1 an acre.

Martin county's 1363 peanut adjustment contracts have been checked and tabulated. Most of them were found to be fairly accurate.

County and community committees for administering the cotton adjustment program are being elected by the growers this year. Last year they were appointed by the county agents.

Most of the 15,000 pounds of lepedeza seed ordered by the Hermet county farm agent has been distributed to the farmers.

A large number of Bertie county tobacco growers are requesting for an increase in their 1935 allotments. Western North Carolina farmers are showing a great deal of interest in the land use and conservation program sponsored by the TVA and the agricultural extension service of State College. The program is designed to improve farming practices and, in the end, raise the standard of living in the mountain counties.

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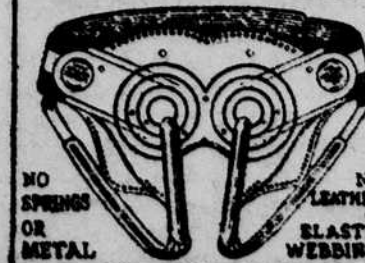
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