

Grow More Roughage For The Dairy Cow

If the increased number of cattle and poultry in North Carolina are to receive the quantity of feed required during the winter of 1944, more feed must be grown this summer. Surplus supplies of feed have disappeared and it is no longer possible to obtain the desired amounts of grain from the West.

John Arvey, Extension dairyman at State College, warns milk producers to grow more hay crops and silage for the feeding of their animals. At the same time, he points out that there are in a more favorable position than hog and poultry growers. The cow has made excellent use of comparatively large amounts of roughage.

He suggests soybeans, Sudan grass and millet, which may yet be planted, as good sources of hay, and calls attention to the fact that liberal fertilization will greatly increase their yields.

In the western part of North Carolina, corn may be given additional nitrogen to good advantage.

"We are faced with the problem of growing more feed or reducing our livestock," says Arvey. "We have to see if we can grow more feed and a long growing season. It's up to us whether we will adequately feed our growing livestock industry, which last year had sales of more than 100 million dollars—a record for North Carolina."

He notes that many farmers do not give their dairy cows sufficient hay, grass and grain to enable them to produce as they should. To these growers he not only suggests greater feed production but also a better feeding program for higher yield of milk.

Almost two million pounds in the United States have malaria cases each year.

State College Hints To Farm Homemakers

(Ruth Curran, N. C. State College.) In these busy times no one can afford to spend all day doing housework, or to neglect it because of outside activities. A good manager in the home works quickly and easily, gets the job done and has time left for other things.

Almost everyone can learn to be more efficient. There is a short and easy way to do every task. Unnecessary motions and steps need to be eliminated. Equipment should be arranged so it is stored at the place where it is used.

A bed made carefully once a week should require very little daily care. Covers will stay in place if the corners are pinched right. Each morning the sheets can be smoothed out, the pillows plumped up, and the spread pulled back into place in a minute's time.

Practice good posture while you sweep. Stand upright, with your weight on the balls of the feet. To prevent slouching, use a long-handled dust pan to take up the dirt. Hang up the broom and dust pan when you have finished.

Lots of us have gotten into the habit of throwing away the outer, dark green leaves of lettuce, yet they're good for us. Actually, they are richer in vitamins and minerals than the inner bleached leaves. Shred them into the salad bowl or serve them wilted with a hot dressing. Another trick is to run these outer leaves into the soup pot.

Do you shampoo your hair every week or ten days?

Have you the will power to keep from biting your finger nails?

Tractors now operating on steel wheels will have to stay on steel for awhile longer, says WFA reports. Rear tires of tractors are made with the same facilities as those now used for military equipment.

Lumber requirements for the third quarter of 1944 are greater than probable supply by almost 1.12 billion board feet, according to War Production Board estimates.

County agricultural extension committees are making plans to aid returning veterans who wish to become established in farming.

Record Production Seen For Oat And Wheat Crop

RALEIGH.—In the June crop report just released, the Crop Reporting Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture declared that all crops especially truck crops, were in need of rain. Wheat and oat crops are excellent.

According to the release, the dry hot weather has sharply curtailed the production of commercial early Irish potatoes, and snap beans and the un-matured other truck crops.

PEACHES—The production of the total farm and commercial peach crop was estimated at 2,280,000 bushels on June 1, compared with 252,000 bushels in 1943 and the ten-year average of 2,074,000 bushels. Weather conditions in May were generally favorable for growth and development of the peach crop. Temperatures were unusually high during the latter part of May and rains were infrequent, but the moisture in the soil and reports indicated no shortage of moisture.

IRISH POTATOES—On June 1, growers of commercial early potatoes were anticipating a harvest of 2,600,000 bushels, less than 75 percent of the 3,460,000 bushels produced in 1943 and 76 percent of the 10-year average of 4,744,000 bushels. Indications are that 6,000 cars will move by rail and boat and about 800 carlot equivalents by truck. Yield per acre is indicated at 117 bushels as against 165 last year.

WHEAT—Conditions on June 1 pointed to a wheat crop of 9,930,000 bushels, larger than the record forecast on May 1, with the yield of 30 bushels per acre indicated. Last year's yield was 22.5 bushels to the acre.

OATS—Spring weather has been favorable for the growth and development of the fall-sown oat crop, and a record production of 7,812,000 bushels is in prospect—despite the fact that many fields came up to irregular stands. This production, if realized, would be over 1,000,000 bushels more than the record crop of 1942 and 1,835,000 bushels more than the 5,977,000 bushels grown last year.

HAYS—Indications on June 1 pointed to a hay crop of about equal to that of last season, but nine points higher than the 10-year (1932-42) average. Rainfall in most areas has been sufficient to provide ample moisture for good stands of hays. Lespedeza hay has been hurt some by the dry-day weather but can be greatly improved within the next few weeks with favorable weather.

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