

### Yield Of Soybeans Can Be Increased

Extension Circular No. 295, "Profitable Soybean Yields," has recently been revised by the State College Extension Service and copies are available free upon request.

The publication, prepared by E. R. Collins, W. L. Nelson, and E. E. Hartwig, lists eight steps to greater profits from soybeans. These are: have your soil tested and limed, provide adequate fertility, prevent fertilizer injury, plant an adapted variety, provide enough plants, treat seed to prevent diseases, prepare a

good seed bed, and control weeds early.

According to the circular, tests in six eastern counties indicate that soybean yields can be increased by as much as 12.4 bushels per acre through proper use of lime and fertilizer. At \$2.75 per bushel, this increase in yield would bring an additional net return of \$25.90 per acre.

The Ogden and Roanoke varieties are recommended as the best available. The Roanoke excels particularly in the lighter soils of the Coastal Plain region and is also good in the Piedmont.

Persons desiring a copy of the new circular should see the local county agent, or write direct to Agricultural Editor, State College Station, Raleigh, and ask for Extension Circular No. 295.

The American Legion is a fighting organization. It was formed by fighting men of the AEF in France in March 1919.

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### Orange Corn Yields Show Big Increase

In just three years Orange County farmers have increased their corn production by an estimated 200,000 bushels without increasing the acreage planted to this crop, says Dan S. Matheson, county agent for the State College Extension Service.

In other words, he says, the average corn yield in the county has jumped from 20 to about 35 bushels an acre since annual corn production contests were started just three years ago.

Mr. Matheson made the statement at a recent meeting at which 1000-Bushel Club certificates were awarded to 11 Orange growers for the 1948 crop. Previously, only one man in the county had ever qualified for membership in the club.

Winner of the contest this year was J. L. Phelps of Cedar Grove, who produced 136.4 bushels of N. C. 27 hybrid on one acre. Mr. Phelps received a prize of \$75 from the Bank of Chapel Hill, sponsor of all three contests.

The first prize and six additional prizes of \$5 each for township winners were presented by W. E. Thompson, vice president of the bank. Soil Conservationist R. L. Mohler presided at the meeting, and Frank H. Jeter, agricultural editor at State College, was the principal speaker.

The 39 participants in the 1948 contest made an average yield of 89.9 bushels per acre. The lowest yield in the group was 40.9 bushels—more than double the county average of three years ago.

Hundreds of thousands of American boys and girls have taken part in the American Legion sponsored High School Oratorical Contest, which is an effective citizenship program.

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**LOOKING AHEAD**

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**Wanted: Men and Money!**

There are two chief ingredients in the American recipe for prosperity and economic well-being. The first is men, honest-to-goodness men. These must be men who are not afraid of work, who will not be stopped from getting a job done. They are men who believe in honest work, who give value for value received. They have pride and satisfaction in doing a good job well. Indeed, our American workmen (there are today few Americans who do not work) have no equal anywhere.

Then there is money. Money is the most popular exchange for work. We "make" money. Therefore, we can say that money is stored-up work. Another name for this stored-up work is capital. We Americans have found that if we take money and men, then let them both work together for full production, the result is a prosperous and progressive community. In the main, the recipe needs good workmen and plenty of capital.

**Use the Recipe**

The formula has worked wonders for us. Our nation has benefited by having so many good and honest people. By using the tools that capital has bought, we produce the things that all of us need. Will this formula continue to work us wonders and bring us the kind of prosperity that is the envy of the world? Can we keep these good living standards that seem so commonplace to us? Yes, if we can depend on the ingredients of our recipe: men and money! In a nation of free people, men and money can continue to do the job.

We have the men. Employment is good. Yet, there is danger that we may lose the other half of the team that has made America great. Money (capital) to buy the tools of production is getting hard to find. Since 1930, America's stock of tools has gradually slipped back to where it was in 1920. This is the first period in our history that we didn't gain in the tools of production. Our tools are of less total value, and they also provide fewer horses (horsepower) to workmen.

**A Nation's Builders**

Now, if we had no men of vision and promise, we certainly could not expect the money to do its part. But we do have men. America has intelligent young men, willing to build their dreams into realities.

What need have they with money? You see, "harebrained" ideas, like Alexander Graham Bell's telephone, require money for development. New products, new manufacturing processes, new inventions, new businesses—all must have capital. In a free economy that permits competition, capital works hand in hand with men to give the nation the jobs and the goods that it needs and wants. Men and money!

**Boost the Team!**

In losing the money, there is also danger of losing the men. Inventiveness and ambitions may be killed, when rewards are not available. If we do not have capital to invest, to explore new developments and new businesses, with hope of larger profits ahead, then what happens to your men? They don't invent, and they don't develop anything! No new jobs, no new products, no progress. No getting ahead. It's national suicide.

Why is there so little money today for investment and risk? Our tax system puts heavy burdens on incentive. Taxes take away the money. Twenty-five cents out of every national income dollar in America now goes into taxes. Half the total income of Americans making \$3,000 or more annually is turned over to tax collectors. With strict economy in government, this would not be necessary. We must give risk money a real chance to team with men. Only that way may we keep America prosperous and jobs plentiful.

Because of Legion effort and sponsorship, mustering out pay and terminal leave were granted World War II veterans.

Since the inception of the Junior Baseball program, the Legion has provided citizenship training through the playing of a game for more than 6,000,000 American boys.

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