

State Colleges HINTS TO HOMEMAKERS

Miss Ruth Corbett
State Fair Demonstration Agent

QUESTION: Is it profitable to finish steers on grass?
ANSWER: It might well be, according to Lemuel Goode, E. R. Barick, both of State College School of Agriculture, and J. W. Hendricks of the Piedmont Experiment Station.
The three have concluded, after following the growth and development of 10-two-year old Hereford steers at the Piedmont Station near Statesville that steers finished on grass alone are practical and profitable in North Carolina.
When the steers were purchased in the fall their weight was 758 pounds. After wintering on accumulated pasture and 900 pounds of low quality hay per head, the average weight was 765.5 pounds. The steers were quite thin when turned on pasture in the spring.
During a 130 day pasture period, the steers gained an average 248 pounds each. Hot weather and short pasture held the gains down during the last 33 days.
A local packer slaughtered the steers on July 9. All carcasses graded U. S. Good and the average dressing, after an overnight shrinkage, was 54.5 per cent. The initial cost of the animals was \$192.97 per head; the average selling price was \$289.17 per head—an increase of \$96.20 per head.
The researchers concluded that a program where feeder cattle are purchased in the fall and finished mostly on pasture and roughage is particularly adapted to farms that do not have the labor or land to establish a breeding herd. Among their warnings, however, are "Do not overstock pastures, buy only healthy, thrifty cattle, and winter them cheaply on good roughage."

Horticulture Show Is October 14-18

Everything literally "from fruits to nuts", and including also vegetables and decorative plants and flowers, is included in the Horticulture Products Show scheduled at the 1952 State Fair scheduled in Raleigh October 14-18.
H. R. Niswonger, in charge of extension horticulture at State College and one of the superintendents of the Fair Show, says premiums have been raised by \$275.00 over the offerings in the 1951 State Fair. Exhibitors will compete for a total of \$1,766.50 this year.
Three classes comprise the horticulture department: (1) fruits and nuts; (2) vegetables; and (3) decorative plants and flowers. Directors of the respective classes are George C. Klingbeil, Henry M. Covington and J. B. Gartner. All extension horticulturists of State College.
Associate superintendent, with Niswonger of the department is Albert A. Branalyga, in charge of the Coastal Plain Vegetable Research Farm at Raeford. The fruits and nuts will be judged by Prof. M. E. Gardner, head of the department of horticulture at State College, and the vegetables will be judged by Robert Schmidt, as-

Tricks To Trade Of Getting Most From Appliances

Unless a homemaker can keep up with her labor-saving equipment, she won't get the full returns for the money invested in it. United States Department of Agriculture household equipment specialists have observed that older women, especially, need to realize that it pays to change their ways to suit the new appliances.
State College Extension Home Management Specialist Mamie Whisman, agrees that sometimes new equipment can be handicapped or even harmed by old habits. When equipment isn't properly used, the job will not be so well done, it may require unnecessary time and effort, and it can mean more repairs to the machine.
Close analysis of the instruction booklets given out by dealers may help to solve the problem. But unfortunately, homemakers do little more with the leaflet than carry it home and throw it away—without once looking to see what it says. It's too bad that dealers can't hand out a new set of habits to homemakers as they do instruction bulletins.
In laundering equipment it is often misused. Precision is very important when using an automatic washer, but how many just shake the box of detergent over the machine without carefully measuring the proper amount? Both of these very common practices can mean a poor washing job and a strain on the machine.
"Monday's the day we wash our clothes." Or so the nursery rhyme goes. It's much more efficient and economical today to spread the washing through the week, doing one load each day instead of attempting four or five in one day.
And this "load-a-day" system is much easier on the hot water supply. Many mothers have even discovered that by washing more often their growing children need fewer clothes.

GARDEN TIME ROBERT SCHMIDT N. C. STATE COLLEGE

Commercial strawberry growers in North Carolina usually make a new planting in late winter or early spring. Plants set at that time will produce many runner plants during the growing season, all of which produce full crops the next spring. The development of matted row beds by this method requires considerable cultivation and hoe-work in order to keep down grass and weeds especially during August and September. There is no other way-out for commercial grower.
However, the home gardener with a small planting can escape some of the disagreeable grass fighting by setting his plants in the fall, early enough to become established before winter. Plans set now will produce a good crop next spring but will produce runner plants this fall. Therefore, in order to obtain a crop comparable to that produced by the usual matted row, it is necessary to set a much larger number of plants than if planted in the spring. The plants may be set as close as 8 to 12 inches apart in the row and double rows may be used. Unless you have a berry patch of your own from which to get plants or have a friend who has some it may be difficult to get plants now. The nurseries do not like to dig their plants until later in the season after runner production has ceased. The Massey and Albritton varieties are recommended for North Carolina. Everbearing strawberries are recommended only for the mountain areas.
If you have an established strawberry bed, be sure to give it an application of good garden fertilizer now. One gallon of a 5-10-5 or 6-8-6 mixture for 100 feet of row should be satisfactory. If applied on top of the plants, it should be put on when the leaves are dry and immediately brushed off the plants.

Color Parade Is Beginning In Mountains

RALEIGH — North Carolina's annual autumn color parade is making its October march down the Blue Ridge and Great Smoky mountain.
Late September found ash and sugar maples transformed to brilliant reds at higher altitudes, and visitors to the highest mountains in Eastern America recognized them as heralds of color that by the first week in October will begin clothing the mountains from 2000 to above 6000 feet. Normally the color peak is attained around mid-October and extends into early November.
October has become one of the favorite travel months in Western North Carolina and accommodations along the Blue Ridge Parkway and adjacent to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park are remaining open. They
For instance: Mother and I always do the milking while Daddy does the heavier chores. For six years I have taken care of my own bedroom. We understand that Daddy plows and gets the ground ready for garden; then Mother and I put in the seeds and plants and do the hoeing.
"I cannot imagine what it would be like to live in a home where the family did not discuss and plan together the work to be done."
Mrs. Grimsley explains that many times children will complain because they can't have all of the things their friends have. Many families discuss money matters with their children so they will understand the family circumstances.
"I frequently when children object to helping, it is because they have the same job over and over again with no prospects of taking turns."
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Three Constitutional Amendments To Be Decided By Voters Of State

Three proposed amendments to the State Constitution will appear on the state ballots in November when North Carolina voters go to the polls to choose the candidates of their choice. These amendments deal with county tax levies, vacancies in the General Assembly and in certain State offices, and voters should study these issues so that they will be able to intelligently mark their ballots.
An amendment "limiting the amount of total State and county tax which may be levied on property to twenty cents (20c) on the one hundred (\$100) valuation" will be decided upon by North Carolina voters. At present, North Carolina counties are restricted by law to assessing no more than fifteen cents on each \$100 property valuation for general fund purposes. The amendment seeks to heighten the ceiling to twenty cents. Special levies on the county tax list are not affected.
Another item on the ballots will deal with an amendment to fill a vacancy occurring in the General Assembly by death, resignation or otherwise by immediate appointment of the Governor, upon recommendation of the executive committee of the ceased or resigned member was affiliated at the time of his election. This would change the present method of filling legislative vacancies through special elections and authorize the Governor to appoint a replacement.
The third decision of Mr. John Q. Public will be made upon an amendment providing a uniform method of filling vacancies in certain State offices. Under the law as it now stands, vacancies in state offices, created by death or resignation, must be filled at the next general election following the occurrence, even if the vacancy develops only a few hours before the polls open.
"Such was the case a few days prior to the 1950 general election when Associate Justice A. A. F. Seawell of the Supreme Court passed away. The proposed amendment would provide that a vacancy on either the Supreme or Superior court bench, occurring within 30 days of a general election, would be filled by an appointee of the Governor and that the new man would hold

Sharing Farm Duties Makes Happier Life

Shared responsibilities make life easier and happier for everyone. Planning together creates a spirit of interest and cooperation according to Corinne Justice Grimsley, State College Extension Specialist in Family Relations.
Quoting 4-H girl, Mrs. Grimsley says: "We have found that by planning and working together we get much more done and it is easier that way. Mother, Daddy, and I talk over the jobs to be done, deciding upon the jobs for the week and plan the fairest and best way of doing our work day to day.
"Our work varies because of the seasonal jobs that have to be done, but with the regular weekly and daily work, we each know what our own job is and assume the responsibility expected of us."
office until the next general election, thereby doing away with a hasty election of a candidate.

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