

Growing Strawberries in the South

Washington, May 10.—The strawberry is the most valuable of the small fruit crops grown in the United States. The commercial value of the strawberry crop in 1909 was nearly \$18,000,000, and the acreage was one-half of the total of all small fruits. This does not include the small home-garden patches, which would probably double the value. Practically one-fourth of the crop is grown in the Southern States, according to a new bulletin of the U. S. Department of Agriculture (Farmers' Bulletin No. 664.)

Choice of Location.
An important consideration in growing strawberries in the South for the northern markets, according to the new bulletin, is to select a location where the climatic and soil conditions are conducive to the early ripening of the fruit, so there will be little competition from regions farther north. In many southern sections where strawberries are produced on a commercial scale, shipments practically cease as soon as berries from a more northern region begin to move in car lots.

Propagation.
The strawberry is propagated commercially by runners from old plants. The runner first forms leaves; then takes root. This young plant receives nourishment from the mother

plant until it is capable of self-support, when the runner dies. The new plant, as soon as it is well established, often sends out runners and forms other plants. These young plants that have not produced fruit are the ones used for setting new plantations.

Propagation by seed is never resorted to except for the production of new varieties, since no one can foretell what kind of fruit will be produced by a seedling plant. All new varieties, however, come from seed, either through normal variation in the seedlings or through variation induced by crossing two distinct varieties.

Selection and Preparation of Soil.
While strawberries will grow on nearly all types of soil, a sandy or gravelly loam gives the best results. In the South, a warm, quick soil, although poor, is preferable to a heavy retentive soil well supplied with plant food. Plant food can be supplied by the addition of fertilizers, but the physical condition of the soil can only be modified with difficulty by cultivation, drainage, and the addition of humus.

A soil containing large quantities of nitrogen should be avoided, as such a soil will produce a heavy, dense growth of foliage at the expense of fruit. Weeds will be more trouble-

some and the fruit will not ripen as evenly on soil of this type.

The soil on which strawberries are to be grown should be thoroughly prepared, and to secure best results this preparation should begin at least a year before the plants are to be set. On weedy land a cultivated crop or one that will smother out the weeds should be grown the year preceding the planting of the strawberries. A good practice, followed by some growers, is to plant corn with cowpeas between the rows the year before the strawberry plants are set. The cultivation of the corn keeps down the weeds during the early part of the season, and the cowpeas choke them out during late summer. The cowpeas also add nitrogen and humus, both of which are important to, but usually deficient in, the soil. The cowpeas and corn stubble should be turned under during the fall or winter, to insure their decay before dry weather rages in. In the spring the land should be replowed and then harrowed every 10 days or two weeks up to planting time, in order to kill the weeds and pulverize the soil. The plowing should be deep, so as to increase the water-holding capacity of the soil.

On level, poorly drained soils it is necessary to set the plants on raised beds or ridges. The beds should be as flat and wide as condition will allow, or high, narrow beds dry out more quickly. The ridges or beds are commonly made by throwing together two or four furrows with a 1-horse turnplow and leveling the top with a light drag. It is much better to make the beds wide enough for two or more rows than to make one bed for each row. This practice is followed with good results in some sections of the South.

Where there is no danger in an average season that the plants will be injured by excessive moisture, flat culture gives the best results.

Fertilizers.
Few soils that are adapted to strawberry growing are rich enough to produce large crops of fruit without the addition of manures or fertilizers of some kind.

Stable or barnyard manure is the best fertilizer for strawberries, because it furnishes both plant food and humus; but manure containing weed seed should be avoided. If manure is to be applied the season the plants are set, only rotted manure should be used. After the land has been plowed the manure should be spread broadcast at the rate of 10 to 20 tons per acre, depending upon the fertility of the soil, and harrowed in.

Manure does not contain sufficient phosphoric acid and potash, and for that reason it should be supplemented by the use of commercial fertilizers rich in these elements. When manure is not available, the plant food should be supplied by means of commercial fertilizers and green-manure crops.

When a commercial fertilizer is used in large quantities, two or more applications should be made. The first application should be made before the plants are set, and it may be scattered broadcast or under the rows;

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later applications may be made during the growing season as side dressings. When as much as 1,000 pounds is used at the first application it is advisable to scatter it broadcast; smaller quantities should be applied in the furrow and thoroughly mixed with the soil. If all the elements are to be supplied by means of commercial fertilizers, a mixture containing 3 to 4 per cent of nitrogen, 6 to 8 per cent of phosphoric acid, and 6 to 8 per cent of potash will be satisfactory. In the South cottonseed meal, acid phosphate, and muriate of potash are the fertilizers most often employed. A mixture containing 800 pounds of cottonseed meal, 800 pounds of acid phosphate, and 250 pounds of muriate of potash gives the elements in about the right proportion for the lighter soils. Apply this at the rate of 800 to 1,500 pounds per acre, depending upon the fertility of the soil. If the soil contains a great deal of potash, part of the muriate of potash may be left out; or soils that make a good growth of foliage it will not be necessary to use as large a quantity of cottonseed meal. Where fish scrap or tankage can be secured to better advantage, 600 pounds of the former or 500 pounds of the latter can be substituted for the cottonseed meal.

RESULTS YESTERDAY
National League.
At Boston 14; New York 9.
At Brooklyn 5; Philadelphia 0.
At Pittsburgh 10; Chicago 7.
At St. Louis-Cincinnati; not scheduled.
American League.
At New York 1; Boston 3.
No other games scheduled.
Federal League.
At Newark 5; Chicago 10.
At Baltimore 4; Pittsburgh 10.
At Brooklyn 3; Kansas City 4.
At Buffalo 3; St. Louis 5; fourtee: innings.

South Atlantic League.
At Jacksonville 3; Columbia 1.
At Jacksonville 3; Columbia. Second game seven innings by agreement.
At Macon 1; Augusta 3.
At Columbus 5; Charleston 7.
At Albany 6; Savannah 1; eight: innings, rain.
Southern League.
At New Orleans 7; Little Rock 3.
At Birmingham 0; Memphis 2; thirteen: innings.
At Mobile-Nashville; called off on account of rain.
At Atlanta 6; Chattanooga 8.
At Atlanta 5; Chattanooga 2; First game eleven innings; second game six innings, called on account of darkness.

Grandma Used Sage Teat to Darwen Hair

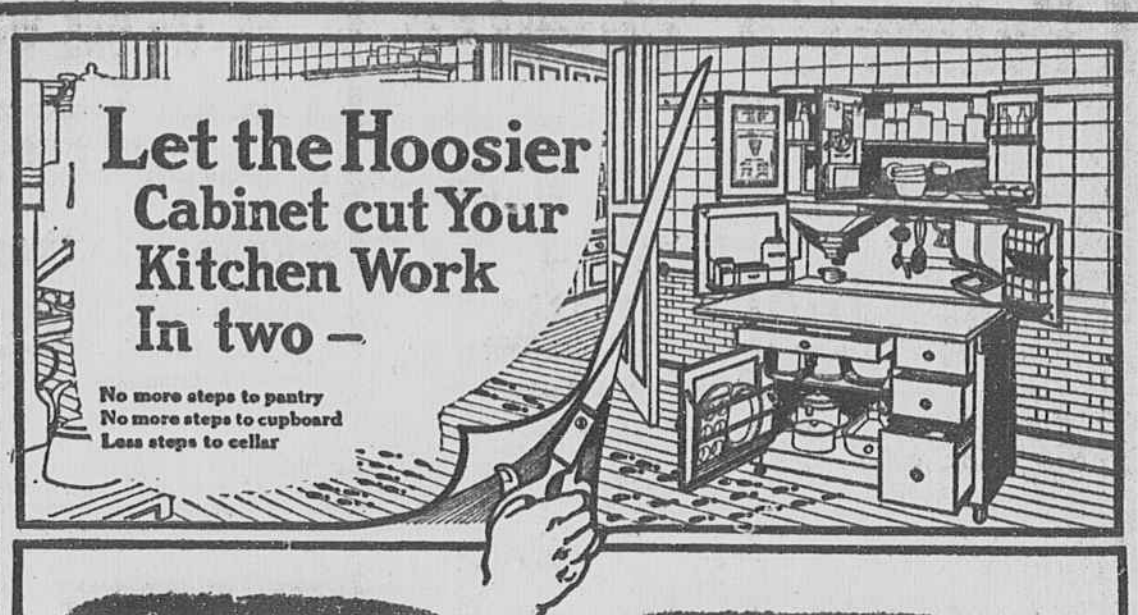
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