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**CORN CLUB BOYS
TO GROW BERRIES**

New Work Undertaken by Some of State's Alert Young Farmers.

SIMPLE INSTRUCTIONS

Clemson College Has Sent Boys Directions For Strawberry Culture That Will Be Useful to Adult Farmers and Suburban Dwellers as Well.—Advice on All Steps, From Preparing Soil to Packing Crates.

Eighty South Carolina corn club boys, eighty of the best in the State, are adding strawberry culture to their work. These are the boys who by their corn club work last year, won scholarships to Clemson College for the summer course. During the course they were promised that instructions for growing strawberries would be sent to them in the fall and the boys expressed themselves as eager to try small patches of the luscious fruit as part of their club work.

P. J. Crider, associate professor of horticulture at Clemson College, has prepared and sent the boys a set of instructions for strawberry culture. These instructions are simple and brief, but cover the subject in all important branches. They will be useful to any who desire to grow strawberries and this should include a large number of suburban dwellers as well as farmers. Prof. Crider's directions are as follows:

Soil for Strawberries. Any kind except bottom land and stiff clay.

Preparation of Land. Break deeply, smooth the surface well, and lay off rows as for cotton. When ready to plant, knock the bed down to a level.

Fertilizing. Fertilize heavily with stable manure, either broadcast or in the furrow, before planting. Each fall, just before mulling, apply broadcast a mixture of about 250 pounds cottonseed meal, 400 pounds kainit, and 250 pounds acid phosphate, these being the amounts per acre.

Setting Plants. Set plants in straight line, 18 inches apart in row. Place plants in rather large holes with roots spread apart and pack soil firmly about them. Keep roots of plants moist until planting. Place name of variety on a stake at end of row.

Mulching. As soon as plants are set, cover ground all about plants with heavy coating of pine needles or oak straw. This holds moisture and keeps berries clean in spring. Apply this mulch each year thereafter in September.

Cultivating. Begin cultivation just after berries are gathered. Cultivate as for cotton, keeping a loose layer of soil on top and all weeds and grass removed.

Treatment of Runners First Summer. Let runners take root along rows so as to get plants for a new patch.

Setting a New Patch. In September use new plants in setting out a new patch, following same method as before.

Treatment for Second Summer. Give same treatment as first summer, except that all runners must be cut off (unless more new plants are wanted). Repeat this the third summer.

Treatment for Third Fall. Plow up your old strawberry patch. Strawberry plants will not produce desirable berries after the third crop.

Gathering Fruit. Pinch berries from stalks without bruising, leaving stems on. Go over patch every other day, sometimes every day. Pick berries when they are red, while yet firm. Gather in standard quart strawberry baskets. The basket is sold with the berries.

Sorting. While picking, place the larger berries in one basket, the second size in another, and the smallest size (which should not be marketed) in a third. This is very important.

Naming the Grades. Name the first grade "Extra Fancy" and the second grade "Fancy." Write name of grade, variety, and your own name on each basket. Use quart size strawberry baskets, 22 to the crate, and see to it that they are neat and clean. Get prices on crates and baskets from manufacturers and have supplies reach you in ample time.

Arrangement of Berries in Basket. Have every basket well filled and arrange the berries on top in rows. Carry baskets to market in neatly packed crates. They will command attention and bring the highest prices.

DRAWING WITH AUTO

A Western farm paper suggests that farmers keep up their roads by hitching a drag to their automobiles. The idea is to take the drag along behind the auto for a mile or two when on a trip to town, then to leave the drag by the roadside, to pick it up on the return trip, and to drag the other side of the road. It has been tried with success.

CONTROL SAN JOSE SCALE

Do Not Let Winter Pass Without Making Effort to Get Rid of This Fruit Pest by Spraying.

The time to spray San Jose scale is in winter when the trees are leafless and dormant, because the materials that have to be used are so severe that they would destroy the foliage if applied when the leaves are on. The most satisfactory spray is lime-sulfur wash. When purchased from a reputable house it is more uniformly effective than when boiled according to the old method. Directions for preparing the home-made wash, however, will be furnished on request.

To prepare the spray from commercial wash, dilute one gallon of the wash with eight and one-half gallons of cold water. Ordinarily, one spray is enough. In bad cases, spray as soon as the leaves are off and repeat in February. We do not recommend spraying with this material after the buds have started.

Lime-sulfur wash will not successfully control the gloomy and cottony maple scales so common to maple trees, nor will it successfully control oyster shell scale of the orchard. For these we recommend heavy oil emulsions at the rate of one part of the oil to twenty parts of water. Owing to the variety of oils now being tried out, any one wishing definite information about oils for these pests should write us. Oils bought from standard houses are generally well emulsified, but it is always well to make a separation test as follows: After making up the spray, set one-half tumbler of the mixture in a quiet place for an hour. If no separation shows in the form of light oils coming to the top, the oil is safe to spray according to directions. When a separation takes place, the manufacturers are always willing to adjust the matter.

A. F. CONRADI,
Professor of Entomology,
Clemson Agricultural College.

PERMANENT PASTURES

Bermuda and Bur Clover Make Most Desirable All-the-Year Pasture For South Carolina.

Bermuda grass and bur clover make the most desirable permanent pasture for South Carolina and Bermuda especially is recommended by Clemson College as a pasture grass to all farmers in this state who are raising cattle and hogs or who expect to raise them. One of the most essential steps in any live-stock development is the establishment of a good permanent pasture. Experience has shown that Bermuda is the best pasture grass for the South. One of its valuable qualities is that it may be planted in practically any month, the only precaution, necessary in winter being to cover the roots deeply enough.

In sowing Bermuda grass, it is best to use the roots. Run turn plow furrows two feet apart, drop a small root every two feet in these furrows and throw one furrow on each planted row. Allow to grow for one summer, with only light grazing, and turn under or otherwise break in fall, just at or soon after frost. The long runners thus covered will furnish a new plant, the following season from each covered joint and you will have an excellent sod. If done in this way a good sod can be obtained within two years at small expense.

If Bermuda grass is put in this winter, bur clover can be added next August.

EXTENSION DIVISION,
Clemson Agricultural College.

TREES LOOK AS IF SHOT

Effect of Shot Hole Borer on Fruit Trees and What to Do to Control This Insect Pest.

Whenever your fruit trees die back and you find little holes in the bark that make you think somebody had shot into the trees with a shotgun loaded with No. 8 shot, those trees are infested with shot hole borers. If with your knife blade you peel off the bark you will find not sap wood, but a mass of sawdust instead. Shot hole borers usually attack a tree that has been weakened. The principal causes of weakening in trees are scale and borers. A badly infested tree should be cut out and burned during winter. Badly infested branches should be cut from a tree and the tree stimulated. Insects stay over winter in bark as little white grubs and pupae. By carefully watching the tree one may determine the time when the fast brood of beetles has come out, which is about the middle of September. At that time the following wash should be applied to the tree:

- Quick lime..... 20 lbs.
- Soap (not coal tar)..... 3 lbs
- Sulfur..... 5 lbs.
- Salt..... 5 lbs.
- Water..... 25 gals.

Dissolve the soap in 2 gallons of hot water. With water batter the sulphur into a paste. While the lime is slaking in a barrel, add the soap and the sulfur and slowly dilute until the whole mass makes 25 gallons. The salt has no advantage except to make the wash stick faster to the trees.

This wash can be applied with a small paint or whitewash brush. The trunk and larger branches should be thoroughly covered.

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Administrator's Sale.

State of South Carolina
County of Kershaw
Under and by virtue of an order made by W. L. McDowell, Judge of Probate of Kershaw County, State aforesaid, bearing date January 11th, 1916, I will sell at public sale on Monday, the 31st day of January, 1916, at the late residence of J. T. B. Elliott deceased, near Cassatt, S. C., the following personal property of the estate of the said J. T. B. Elliott:
One Buggy, One Carriage, One Two-Horse Wagon, One One-Horse Wagon, a lot of Farming Implements and a half interest in a Stump Puller.
Also, Two Cows, Three Sows and Pigs, One Hundred Bushels of Corn and One Thousand Bushels of Fodder.
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Terms of Sale—Cash.
J. F. ELLIOTT,
Administrator.
Camden, S. C., Jan. 11, 1916.

TAX RETURNS.

Office of County Auditor,
Kershaw County.
Camden, S. C., Dec. 14, 1915.
Notice is hereby given that the Auditor's office will be open for receiving tax returns from January 1, 1916, to February 20, 1916, inclusive. Those failing to make returns within said period, as required by law, will be subject to a penalty of 50 per cent, as I cannot take returns after the 20th, as the other business of this office must go on.
The Auditor will attend in person or by deputy at the following places in the county on the dates indicated for receiving returns:
Liberty Hill, January 21.
Blaney, January 25.
All persons between the ages of 21 and 60 years inclusive, are required to pay poll and road tax, unless exempted by law.
All trustees, guardians, executors, administrators, agents and others holding property in charge, must return same.
The income tax will be enforced. Parties sending tax returns by mail must make oath to same before some qualified officer, and fill out the same in a proper manner, otherwise they must be rejected.
W. F. RUSSEL,
Auditor Kershaw County, S. C.

TAX NOTICE.

Office of Treasurer, Kershaw Co.
Camden, S. C., Oct. 4th, 1915.
Notice is hereby given that the books will be open for collecting State, County and School taxes from October 15th, 1915, to March 15th, 1916. A penalty of 1 per cent. will be added to all taxes unpaid Jan. 1st, 1916; 2 per cent March 1st, 1916.
The rate per centum for Kershaw County is as follows:

State taxes	7
County taxes	10%
Special taxes	10%
School taxes	3
Total	20%

The following school districts have special levies:

Special school tax District No. 1	5
Special school tax District No. 2	4
Special school tax District No. 3	3
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Special school tax District No. 10	5
Special school tax District No. 11	5
Special school tax District No. 12	7
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Special school tax District No. 14	3
Special school tax District No. 15	3
Special school tax District No. 16	3
Special school tax District No. 17	3
Special school tax District No. 18	4
Special school tax District No. 19	4
Special school tax District No. 20	4
Special school tax District No. 21	2
Special school tax District No. 22	7
Special school tax District No. 23	3
Special school tax District No. 24	4
Special school tax District No. 25	4
Special school tax District No. 26	4
Special school tax District No. 27	6
Special school tax District No. 28	6
Special school tax District No. 29	4
Special school tax District No. 30	2
Special school tax District No. 31	6
Special school tax District No. 32	4
Special school tax District No. 33	4
Special school tax District No. 34	4
Special school tax District No. 35	4
Special school tax District No. 40	11
Special school tax District No. 46	8
Special school tax District No. 47	4

The poll tax is \$1.00.
All able-bodied male persons from the age of twenty-one (21) to sixty (60) years, both inclusive, except residents of the incorporated towns of the county shall pay \$2.00 as a road tax, except ministers of the gospel actually in charge of a congregation, teachers employed in public schools, school trustees and persons permanently disabled in the military service of this State, and persons who served in the late war between the States, and all persons actually employed in the quarantine service of this State and all residents who may be attending school or college at the time when said road tax shall become due. Persons claiming disabilities must present certificates from two reputable physicians of this county.
All information as to taxes will be furnished upon application.
D. M. McCASKILL,
County Treasurer.

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