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WE CAN'T AFFORD NOT TO USE FERTILIZER THIS YEAR

(Progressive Farmer)
With fertilizer at its present high prices, can we afford to use it this year?

This is the uppermost fertilizer question in the minds of the farmers in the fertilizer-using sections of the South. The Progressive Farmer has gone thoroughly into this question from every angle, and the deeper we go the more convinced we are that our farmers can't afford not to use fertilizer to make their 1921 crops. The per acre cost will be increased, but the per bushel or per pound cost will be reduced, and it is the bushels and pounds that we must sell at a profit.

It is not time to plunge on fertilizer in order to get phenomenal yields, or to experiment with new mixtures. Use the elements of the kinds of fertilizer that have given better results on your types of soil. Not only should the farmers who have heretofore used fertilizer continue the conservative use of it, but those who farmers in every community who have depended solely on their own efforts and the original plant foods in poor soil to make their crops, who should now supplement these things with added plant food, at least on a few acres, and get away from unprofitably low yields. We can't afford to farm at a loss again this year, and yields of 15 to 20 bushels of corn or a fourth to a third of a load of cotton an acre will not pay for the labor, seed and use of the land and leave a profit. It is essential that our yields be raised well above the average, and the only practical means of doing this for this year is with fertilizer wisely used.

Yields, Economy and Fertilizer

(Southern Ruralist)
To make the crops of 1921 larger and more economical than they would otherwise be even on reduced acreage there can be no doubt that the judicious use of fertilizers is to be recommended.

A great many people are arguing with particular reference to cotton, that we should not try to increase our yield per acre because that would increase the total production. That is like arguing that a man should make two trips to town, hauling a half-load at a time, when one trip would do the job.

We should buy co-operatively in car lots, paying cash if possible, and insist on the better grade materials. Not only the plant foods in the better grade goods come cheaper. Like the argument against increased yields, there is not one single sound argument in favor of low grade fertilizers. Buy whatever gives best results on your soils.

Fertilizer Situation

(Progressive Farmer)
It is an accepted fact that when the prices of crops are low, higher yields per acre must be striven for. Fertilizers have been the chief dependence of the Southern farmer for pushing up yields in the past. This year he would, of course, like to have fertilizers so cheap that he could use them to the limit. But it seems the fertilizer will not be sold as cheap as they have been in the past.

On the part of the fertilizer manufacturer there is a claim that they cannot possibly get back to pre-war prices this year. One reason given as to why this cannot be done is, that the industry is carrying a very heavy load of farmers' accounts that came over from 1920. In order to carry these notes the manufacturers have been forced to borrow heavily. Yet, in spite of this, losses have already occurred on 1920 accounts. In addition there was considerable material bought at peak prices last summer for use in manufacturing mixed fertilizers this year. On this they stand to lose.

The fertilizer industry is underwriting the farmers of the South to the extent of about \$150,000,000. Had the fertilizer manufacturers closed in and collected all the farmers' notes when they fell due it is probable that there would have been widespread financial disaster.

Instead of a ruthless policy, tolerance has been accorded the farmer. This policy has burdened the manufacturer so heavily that it is claimed that fertilizer prices cannot be reduced any farther during this season.

Banish Worry and Anxiety.
Many of those who have failed in life could have accomplished great things if they could only have spent themselves in harmony. If they could only have cut out of their lives the friction. The worry and anxiety frittered away their energy and wasted their life forces.—Orison, Sweet Margin in Chicago Daily News.

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