

Folks who want summer pasture for hogs can plant Dwarf Essex sows at about 5 pounds a day in April, May or early June, and have a good hog pasture in six to eight weeks after the seed is planted, says the Oregon Agricultural experimental station. The

seed plants of the Dwarf Essex sows have been prepared early, and a good deal of work has been done in the past few months. The high altitude and great plantings this year.

This is the Only District Where Commercial Filbert Industry Can Succeed

There is a boom in the filbert industry in the Salem district. It has reached the limit of the available suitable nursery stock for the past three or four years, and it will so continue for the coming planting season.

All the filberts produced commercially in the United States are grown in the Willamette valley, except those in Clarke county, Washington, which is practically a continuation of this valley.

Grown in what the Statesman is pleased to call the Salem district. The new plantings in this country are all in this district. The expert in this line from the United States Department of Agriculture, visiting Salem last year, said we have the most promising filbert groves here to be found in the country.

Our filbert growers have been learning by experience and experimenting. Pollination is the big thing in filbert growing. This matter has resolved itself down to about the following:

Plant Barcelona filberts, with enough DuChilly trees to pollinize them, with enough Clackamas or Davidiana (or Daviana) to pollinize the DuChillys. There are some newer pollenizers that will no doubt be heard from in the future in the industry; when enough trees shall have been produced to make them generally available. All of the articles on the Slogan pages are worth reading; should be read and studied by those expecting to plant filberts.

The pioneers of the industry have blazed the way; have borne

the brunt of the industry and the will of the industry. The new growth has the benefits of this work of the pioneers.

George A. Dorris of Springfield, who may be appropriately called the father of the filbert industry in this country, in an article a year ago said:

"Filbert culture in Oregon has made such progress that it is no longer necessary to guess at what yields will be. The block of twenty-five Barcelonas I planted twenty-one years ago, some of them replants of probably not more than eight to ten years of age, has this year brought the average yield for three years to between thirty-four and thirty-five hundred pounds per acre. Eleven year old trees this year yielded at the rate of about two thousand pounds per acre. With such yields, which are not excessive and can be easily counted on, there need be no doubt as to the profitability of the industry."

Read the above paragraph over a second time. Then you will not dispute the prediction that the filbert industry will be one of the most important of all our industries here in the Salem district. The filbert boom will and should persist.

The growing of filberts and walnuts in the Salem district is bound to bring up land values. For the purpose of cultivating these nut trees, hundreds of thousands of acres of our land is worth ten to twenty times the present selling prices—potentially worth such great advances in price.

If you live in some other district, or some other state or country, you can afford to give this matter consideration.

One thing more: The filbert tree never grows old. It renews itself every year, like the walnut tree. Filbert and walnut trees put out now, of the right varieties, with proper pollinizers, in the Salem district, will grow more fruitful and more valuable throughout all the years of your life, and the lives of your children and children's children, down through the unwinding years of the future.

If the gossip awakes without a tongue in a hot place full of nice scandal, that will be hell.

SEED FLAX ACREAGE SHOULD BE LIMITED

Warning Against Big Increase Issued by South Dakota College Expert

Because an increase in flax production may place the crop on an export basis resulting in a marked reduction in price to the producer, M. R. Benedict of the farm economics department at South Dakota Agricultural college believes that the flax acreage should not be increased to any considerable extent next spring.

"Flax seed has proved during recent years a profitable cash crop for South Dakota farmers in many sections," he says. "Very rapid expansion in acreage and production has occurred, especially during the past year and there seems considerable sentiment for further marked expansion during 1925."

In reviewing the conditions relative to flax seed production, Benedict feels that any considerable expansion in production from the present figure is likely to cause a marked reduction in the price received, owing to the fact that the United States production is now approaching the amount consumed in this country. To increase production in excess of the amount needed in this country would automatically place our entire production on a world price basis. At the present time flax seed growers appear to be getting practically the full benefit of a 40 cent per bushel tariff, especially against flax seed from Canada which is one of the principal competing countries.

Production in 1924 reached 30 1/2 million bushels. Consumption in this country is from 30 to 40 million bushels in recent years but previous to 1923 averaged less than 30 million bushels.

Linseed oil mills are located principally in the states of New York and Minnesota, with the main ones at New York, Buffalo and Minneapolis. There are also plants at Philadelphia, Toledo, Chicago and Duluth. The mills along the Atlantic coast depend largely upon Argentine seed, whereas the western mills use chiefly domestic and Canadian seed. Therefore, unless States production would not need to reach their full consumption before increased competition from foreign seed would begin to be felt.

In view of these facts, Benedict

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