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GROWING CUCUMBERS FOR PICKLES: A RECENT BULLETIN OF THE COLLEGE

The Possible Average Yields Should Bring Around \$225 an Acre, According to the Author-Picking Is the Chief Item of Expense in the Growing of Cucumbers for the Pickle Market

(Dated March, 1924, the fol- About 3 pounds of seed are used lowing is a bulletin of the Ore- per acre. gon Agricultural college, the title being, "Growing Cucumbers for Pickles," and the number, Circu-

contract price is paid for the ton- tages in the drill method. First nage of pickles delivered, it is there is less labor in seeding; important that the grower be able second, the plants are better disto deliver as high tonnage as pos- tributed; third, there is chance of sible to the factory. The following suggestions, therefore, are fourth, more moisture is available made in reference to important for the individual plant during factors which affect the yield of the dry season; fifth, the rows are cucumbers in the field.

Soil-Cucumbers will grow on a variety of soils, but the yield will vary according to the characters which each kind of soil possesses. Land that is inclined to be sandy and light is usually deficient in humus or organic matter and dries out more quickly during the dry months, with a pecome more packed and hard from heavy late spring rains or picking. It may, for that reason, be somewhat unfavorable. A me-

Land that has been previously time. well farmed, or new land entirely, are the types of soil best capable The striped cucumber beetle is on any land that is showing symptoms of being worn out.

The moisture holding capacity sary for big yields and continuous

Fitting the Soil-Any soil inplowed early and kept well work- ground. It is not advisable to gree. ed up until planting time. This thin all of the plants in the row necessary in order to kill the at one time. veeds, conserve moisture, to keep the soil loose and prevent packash pile, so there may be tion. quick germination of the seed during the dry months.

ing a fork full to each hill. In between. some cases, the manure is distributed in a furrow, which is plow-

bought already mixed in the which is harvested each day. form of the complete fertilezer, formula would require an application of about 100 pounds of nitrate of soda, 200 pounds of blood meal or dried blood, 300 pounds of superphosphate or bone meal, and 200 to 250 pounds of potash, mixture 500 or 700 pounds could be used per acre, broadmixture 500 or 700 pounds casted over the cucumber area in late March or early April and as follows: lightly harrowed in. If the growerdoes not desire to home mix tons: No. 2, 21/4 tons; No. 3, 2 these materials he can purchase tons. From such yields as above a complete fertilizer made up of

somewhat like proportion. A most successful grower of pickles who has raised a very large yield per acre, manures well and before planting applies 500 pounds of good fertilizer per acre, vines necessary, made possible by

works it in well, and levels the ample fertilization and good

Varieties-Chicago pickling is soil, mostly used, also Boston pickling 3. Control of injurious beet and Snow's perfection. Seed is lesusually supplied by the company. 4. Clean picking, to prevent

Seeding-There are 2 definite ways of seeding. First, drilling the seed in rows 5 feet apart; and second, planting the seed in hills 3 feet apart in rows placed 5 feet In view of the fact that a set apart. There are several advana better and more even stand; narrower for cultivation, and again there is more room between the individual plant for hoing, rather than when they are standing close together in the hills,

Growers use both methods the drill method. One grower who has raised a very large amount of pickles per acre sows his seed with a seed drill, using other hand, a clay loam soil may about 31/2 pounds per acre, having the ground furrowed out every three and a half feet. After because of being tramped while these furrows are worked well with a fine toothed cultivator the seed is sown. As soon as convendium heavy sandy loam or a clay | ient, the young plants are cultiloam with plenty of humus in it vated, so that the furrows are are soil types that ordinarly pro- filled up, thereby making the cuduce the largest yields. Peat and cumber plants deeply rooted. This beaver dam soils on account of would be a very desirable method their being able to hold moisture of seeding where there might be will produce large quantities of a tendency for the soil to dry out considerably during the summer-

of delivering good yields. Cucum- active on the young plants soon controlling this beetle show that nicotine sulphate dust is effect- Dahl, just outside of the town of ive, especially when put on early Toledo. of soll for cucumbers is one of in the day while the air is still, by the factors that determines wheth- means of a cheesecloth sack, or er the crop will be short or oth- a small bellows hand duster. It erwise during the dry months, may be necessary to repeat this Strong growing vines are neces- dust two or three times, accordput this dust on the young plants are heavy; with quality, as inditended for cucumbers should be soon after they are through the cated above, of the highest de-

Dusting Plants for Insects-

Another harmful insect is the twelve-spotted bean weevil, which demand is heavy. But as the Two men are on guard the year ing, and to make plant food in can also be controlled by using crop is generally grown in home the soil, and a fertilizer applied the same dust as above mentionmore readily available for the ed, or there may be an addition to use of the plant. A finer and the nicotine sulphate or some richer seedbed is also thus ob- arsenate of lead powder, so that tained. The land should be thor- the grower would be in a position oughly worked down until it is to use a combined dust, which is as near as possible similar to an on the market ready for applica-

Thinning Plants-If the drill and the moisture he hald well method of seeding has been used it is advisable to thin the plants that seeps into these soils from Fertilizers-No fertilizer gives to a distance of about 12 inches better results for cucumbers than apart in the row. If the bill well rotted stable manure. If method of seeding has been used broadcast and plowed under, or if there would usually be about 3 the manure is fine and short it plants left to each hill, placed as bage is held over well into the can be utilized to better advan- far apart as possible, so that each tagetage by being thoroughly plant may have as much moisture disked in. If manure is scarce as it is possible to get, and also diet. it will have to be used by apply- so that the plants can be hoed in

Harvesting-Picking is chief item of expense. Vines ed out every five or six feet, but must be picked clean in order to this is ordinarily not so common prevent formation of large una method as the broadcasting or marketable cucumbers. The highthe application of manure to each est price is paid for the smallest cucumbers, so a constant reg-Commercial fertilizers may of- ular picking is necessary. The ten be profitably used, either area can conveniently be divided mixed together by the grower or into two or more parts, one of

Yields-These vary according averaging 3 to 4 per cent nitro- to individual farms and different gen, 8 per cent prosphoric acid, soils. An analysis of farms proand 10 per cent potash. Such a ducing pickles shows that an average of 10 best growers in a district was 7 tons per acre the variation being between 5 and 10 tons. Of these yields there is or dinarily about one-third of each grade, with a slightly smaller number of No. 3 grades, and the others when the fields are properly picked. The average of 7 tons would be divided somewhat

No. 1, 2 and three-quarters mentioned there would be an insimilar simple fertilizers in a come of about \$225 per acre.

Success in growing pickles may be summarized as follows: 1. Soil well fertilized and

thoroughly fitted. 2. Strong vigorously growing moisture holding capacity of the

formation of large cucumbers. Publications dealing with the Control of Garden Insects: Extension Bulletin 325, Insects Affecting Garden and Truck Crops; U. S. D. A. Farmers' Bulletin 1282, The Use of Nicotine Dusts

in Control of Garden Insects. Publications relative to vegetable gardening in general: The Market Growers Journal, Lewisville, Kentucky; National Vegetable Growers Paper.

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across up to recent years has occupied the centers of interest at many fairs, along side of the biggest pumpkin, the largest cucumber, or what not. It used to be that size cunted for a great deal when considering the value of a ducers and consumers are uniting in their preference for the small, hard, heavy head of cabbage, particularly for the family trade. Growers of cabbage in Lincoln county have realized this fact, and for two years have carried off both the blue and red ribbons, denoting first and second places, for the best exhibits of cabbage at the state fair. These cabbages prove to be a losing proposition ing germination. Experiments in have been grown on the farms of Claus Christianson and Gabriel

> What these men have done is being done to a greater or less extent on much of the bottom land along the creeks and on the tide lands of the county. Danish ing to weather conditions prevail- Ballhead is the approved variety ing. It is especially desirable to for late cabbage, and the yields

> > The humble cabbage is used by the head in nearly every kitchen gardens and elsewhere, the poundage price is not ordinarily high. However, quality receives a steady growers are able to dispose of grow in this high degree of exthe large amount of moisture the adjacent hills, in conjunction date. with either warm or cool days throughout the summer. Also because of the mild seasons, cabwinter months, and affords ex- north, on Twelfth street. cellent roughage for the human

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ern Pacific passenger depot in Safactory of the Oregon Packing company, which is a member of the far-flung cannery and packing family of the Del Monte brand peopie, reaching around the world, you would probably wonder what use there could be for the small mountain of new barrels being collected there-barrels coming in car lots the advance consignment of which began to arrive some weeks ago. These barrels will hold around 225 to 300 pounds of

dill pickles each. There, will be some 2500 of hese barrels on hand when the cucumber picking season comnences, in about ten days.

Then there will be about 1600 more barrels for salt cured pickles to be sent to the San Jose, Cal., plant, to be finished for the marthereof, with some of them passed on to the San Francisco processing and preserving plant of this great

Then, if you have an inquiring mind, like a newspaper reporter is supposed to and ought to have, cucumbers, each vat holding perhaps a couple or three car loadslong rows of these vats.

These vats of salted cucumbers cucumbers, to be drawn upon the whole year through, as the market demands. They are about half, empty now, from last year's pack-But they are going out in car lots all the time. A car was ready to go a few days age, when the Slogan man was there. They will all be empty, likely, by the time the coming cucumber crop is all gathered. Emptied ready for the new crop.

Need Constant Attention These great vats of salted cucumbers need constant attention. They must be watched to keep them just right. In this way they may be safely kept over for seveof the country—consequently the ral years; almost indefinitely. through at that big warehouse; one of them an expert.

Just now, the whole big institution is being gone over, including the boiler house, in order to have buildings, machinery and aptheir crops profitably. Cabbages plances all ready for the receipt of the cucumbers, to begin comcellence in this cunty because of ing in about 10 days, and for the the high fertility of the soil and string beans that will start coming about July 20, and for the pumpkins, to begin coming at a later

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Besides the cucumbers, they contract with certain of our farmers for the growing of dill, for the has become quite a side line.

The prices of cucumbers go according to size. The little cucumbers bring \$60 a ton, They are called No. 1. The next size, No. 2, bring \$40 a ton; No. 3, \$15, and into dill pickles. The No. 4 are the over sized cucumbers and the badly shaped ones. The No. 1 cucumbers, that bring \$60 a ton, are the babies of the family, and Davidson, Glen, do 28.80 they go into fancy stock for the Doerfler, Joe do high grade trade. Have Other Plants

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