

Berry Cultivation is Important

Some growers of such brambles as blackberries, loganberries, raspberries, and blackberries, are under the impression that when the crops have been harvested, little cultivation is necessary for the balance of the season. Such men are cautioned, especially this year, to continue thorough cultivation throughout the month of August to insure good growth of new vines. Should the moisture supply on the soil be excellent and the growth of the vines up to normal, cultivation may be brought to a close by August 10 to 15. Careful cultivation should be supplemented by early pruning in order to remove all old canes from the patch and to allow all moisture and plant food to go into the production of desirable young canes.

DON'T BURN STRAW STACKS

As the threshing season approaches farmers in the Willamette valley should bear in mind that the burning of straw stacks means a loss of both nitrogen and organic matter to the soils. A ton of mixed straw contains practically the same amount of plant food that a ton of barnyard manure contains. This

material, of course, is not as readily available as the plant food in the manure but on the heavy soils gives good results.

APPLY LIME AFTER PLOWING

Legume crops, such as clover, respond best to use of ground limestone on acid soils. Where clover is to be seeded on winter grain next spring, therefore, the lime will need to be applied this fall after the plowing and ahead of the grain seeding. Farmers contemplating using lime should arrange so they get their supply early enough for face application.—O. A. C. Experiment Sta.

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