

## MELON GROWING

### FRUIT PAYS IF PLANTED RIGHT AND GIVEN PROPER CARE IN SEASON

Oh, watermelon time is a-comin' round again,  
And there ain't nobody livin' any tick-  
leder'n me!

So sang the well loved Hoosier poet, and the sentiment expressed finds a ready echo in the heart of every farmer who has ever grown a patch of one of the most delicious products that good old Mother Nature ever provided for the delectation of mankind, says a writer in the National Stockman and Farmer.

In addition to furnishing an added joy of living to your family and friends (and all the small boys in the neighborhood) a small area devoted to melons will add quite a few dollars to the yearly net income if planted in the proper kind of soil and given the requisite care. Melons require a light, warm soil that is very rich in plant



Photograph by Long Island agricultural experiment station.

ENJOYING A MELON.

food, especially nitrogen, and that has good natural drainage. A deep, rich sandy loam overlaid with a substrata of gravel is best.

The ground should be finely pulverized and made smooth by dragging. Do not be afraid of using the drag too much. Watermelons should be planted not less than twelve feet apart and rows marked out so as to cultivate both ways. The larger varieties of muskmelon should be planted eight feet apart, but the small cantaloupes, such as Gem, Rocky Ford and others of like character, may be planted 6 by 6 feet with good results.

Great care must be taken to meet the striped beetle at the very beginning of his invasion and wage unceasing war until plants have grown beyond danger.

Tobacco dust should be sprinkled over and around the plants after every shower; also occasionally in the morning while dew is on.

Melons should receive frequent though shallow cultivation, especially in dry weather. The one horse garden plow with eight or more shovels is admirable for this purpose, following at once with a light drag of suitable length. This leaves a fine, smooth dust mulch, and the loss of moisture is reduced to a minimum. Make frequent and thorough use of the hoe and regard every weed as your personal enemy.

If you have never grown a melon

crop before, well meaning friends will, no doubt, advise letting weeds grow after cultivation is over in order to shade melons. Take such advice gently but very firmly by the neck and lead to nearest exit. It must be remembered that melons are not a lazy man's crop, must have attention at the needed time and not three days or a week later.

## GRETNA TIMBER TRACTS SOLD

SOUTH LEBANON LUMBER COMPANY ACQUIRES IMMENSELY VALUABLE WOODLAND  
—10 YEARS TO CUT  
THE TIMBER

One of the biggest lumber deals ever consummated in this part of the state has just been closed by the South Mountain Lumber Company of Lebanon. The company has bought approximately 1800 acres of timberland east of Mt. Gretna to Cold Spring, and extending southwardly to near Hull's Tavern, on the Lebanon-Lancaster County line.

There are three tracts of land involved in the sale and there are now on the tract nearly seven million feet of lumber. The company will put three mills at work on the tract this summer and estimates that ten years will be taken in the operation of cutting the timber and converting it into lumber, lath and shingle.

There are three tracts. One of a thousand acres extends from the boundary of the Mt. Gretna U. B. Campmeeting Reserve to Cold Spring along the C. and L. Railroad, and thence south to near Hull's Tavern.

An idea of the size of this tract may be gained when it is stated that it is nearly three miles from the campmeeting reserve to Hull's.

Another tract lies north of the Cornwall and Lebanon Railroad and runs westwardly from Cold Spring. The railroad, a public road and the old Mine Road are among the boundaries of this tract, which is over three hundreds acres in extent and is known as the Lineaweaaver tract.

The third lot is known as the McGarvey Tract and lies halfway be-

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tween Colebrook and Campbelltown, and contains over 400 acres.

County Surveyor D. W. Hain and several assistants began a survey of the three tracts on Friday.

The land will not be cleared by the lumber company. Only the marketable timber will be cut, and the other growths will be permitted to stand. By the time the marketable standing timber is cut the saplings of today will be grown trees.

The lumber is mostly chestnut and oak, of several varieties. The tracts are in West Cornwall and South Londonderry Township. A force of about 50 men will be employed in cutting operations.

## BINDNAGLES CHURCH

TWO BURIALS AT SHELLSVILLE  
—VISITS OF THE WEEK.

Bindnagles Church, May 15.

Services were held at this place on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Earley and daughter, of Palmyra, visited friends in East Hanover. The Detweiler's families, of Palmyra, visited Addison Gingrich's family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Poorman visited friends in Londonderry on Sunday.

Hiram Deaven visited friends in East Hanover on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Beck, of Lemberger's, visited friends at Palmyra.

John Johnson and family moved to Palmyra from Lemberger's.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Donmoyer, of Lemberger's, visited friends at Palmyra.

Rev. Beckley and Mr. Ischy, of Annville, and Lebanon were in our midst on Saturday.

A swindler is busy in this community.

The remains of Jacob Ramsy were interred at Shellsville on Friday.

Michael Grubb is visiting his son Joseph residing in East Hanover.

Miss Alva Cassel visited her brother's family at Palmyra.

The remains of Miss Lingle were laid to rest at Shellsville on Monday.

Childrens Day services at this place on Sunday evening June 9.

Jacob Koons of this place visited his parents residing at Deer.

Mrs. Susan Smith visited friends at Palmyra during last week.

Mrs. Mary Lingle and son spent a week at Lyonsville, with Mr. Lingles parents.

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