

SOUTH CAROLINA

The prospects for the potato crop in South Carolina are the poorest on record because of excessive rains and a late spring freeze.

Approximately 50 per cent of the seed potatoes were planted during favorable weather prior to the 10th of February. All potato seed pieces in low spots in fields rotted in the soil following the rains of 1.25 inches on the 12th of February and 4.35 inches on the 15th. Most soils were water-logged from the 12th of February until the early part of April. About one-half of the acreage was replanted in wet soil during the latter part of February or the middle of March. Practically all those that were replanted rotted before emerging. Rains of 2.97, 1.96, 0.67, 3.65, and 1.07 inches on the 7th, 11th, 20th, 23d, and 25th of March, respectively, in addition to showers interspersed between these dates made a total rainfall of 11.32 inches for March. This rainy period was followed by 6.85 inches in February. (The average monthly rainfall for February and March is three (3") inches). Some potatoes were planted as late as the 10th of April. In most years, potatoes planted after the 1st of March produce extremely low yields. It is estimated that not more than 50 per cent of the expected acreage of potatoes emerged. A broken stand is found in nearly all fields.

The late frost and low temperatures (Min. 29°) that occurred on the 7th of April nearly ruined the potato crop. Plants in most fields were about six (6") inches high and were practically killed to the ground.

Even if favorable weather prevails from now on, the potato crop will not be more than 25 or 30 per cent of normal. Therefore, at present ceiling prices the growers will probably lose thousands and thousands of dollars,—for the cost of planting an acre of potatoes this season was about \$100.00. Much of the acreage has been replanted once and some of it twice, at an additional cost, varying from \$50.00 to \$100.00. The growers think that the ceiling price should be raised to that of South Florida. Even then, most of them will suffer a great loss on their potato crop. (April 11)—C. N. CLAYTON.

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In the March issue, in the Article entitled, "The Effect of Different Amounts of Spindle Tuber and Leaf Roll on Yields of Irish Potato" by E. L. Le Clerg *et al*, on page 61 under the second heading, the sub-head "Leaf Roll" should appear; on page 62, line 3, the sentence should read, "Occasionally the tubers have a pronounced constriction, etc.", instead of "Frequently the tubers have a pronounced constriction, etc."