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Fertilizer Pays In Lee County

John Melcher a thrifty farmer of Fedor who besides raising 14 bales of cotton this year found time to run a blacksmith shop and build several houses for his neighbors believes in fertilizer for field crops. This year he used 1400 lbs. cotton seed meal and drilled it into his land fourteen days before planting, using 100 to 150 lbs. to the acre. Although he planted the fertilized land 14 days later than the other, yet he picked a bale of cotton from the fertilized land before there was any cotton open on the land that was not fertilized. He says that the cotton is easier worked in the fertilized land because it grows off better, while that on the poorer land is small and the grass soon grows as tall as the cotton, which makes the crop hard and slow to work. John will use at least 3 tons of the same kind of fertilizer next year. His land is deep sandy land. He thinks that the old idea of fertilizer burning up the crop is a thing of the past, as the crop will burn up these dry summers, anyway, so by using fertilizer the crop has put on something before it begins to burn up.