The equipment in the above picture is self-explanatory. The lime that is now spread is effective for 8 to 10 years, a wise expense for any farmer in the area.

Mr. Farmer: ‘Lime Will Give and Give More Profits’

Liming the soil on the farms of the sugar cane area has grown into a very popular practice in our section. This popularity is due to the good results that sugar cane farmers who have limed have been getting. Also, this practice is recommended in two cases out of three when soil tests have been made on the land around New Iberia.

Theriot Chemicals, Inc., on Highway 90, East of New Iberia, has taken an active part in helping the farmers test his soils. Also, they have the equipment and the knowledge to apply the lime to the soil at the rate recommended by the County Agents and the A.S.C.S. Office.

Liming releases the plant food that may be locked up in the soil due to acid conditions. One of the most important of these plant foods is phosphorus. Phosphorus is the main fertilizing element needed by the sugar cane plant when it begins to grow. Phosphorus stimulates early root development and assures rapid growth during the first stages of the plant growth. Many soils have the phosphorus in ample quantities, but in a form not available to the plant. Liming will relieve acid soil conditions and make any phosphorus naturally present more easily taken up by the plant. The cost of liming can be charged off over a long period, since an application of this material usually is effective for about eight to ten years. This makes the actual cost per year very low. All through this period of eight to 10 years, lime applied now will add to the effectiveness of any fertilizer the farmer applies. Nitrogen will be more effective. Phosphate and potash will do more for the cane plant, if lime has been applied and worked into the soil.

Progressive farmers in other sections of the country have been liming for many years. Their experience has proved that this is one of the best ways to improve production on the land and to make more money from the crop.

Remember, the first step is to take soil samples. Then, if your land needs lime, get in touch with Theriot Chemicals, Inc., at EM 4-191. Mr. Theriot will be glad to assist you in every way that he can. Remember, liming pays... and pays... and pays!

Get proof from your neighbor or prove it to yourself that “lime” pays, by applying it to “one” of your fields as a starter.