Baton Rouge, Oct. 8 (AP).—By establishing improved pastures in rotation with rice, farmers of southwest Louisiana can substantially increase their rice yields and their beef production, said Dr. M. B. Sturgis and R. K. Walker, agronomists of the LSU agricultural experiment station. This conclusion was reached, they said, after several pasture rice rotation experiments at Welsh, Kinder, Chloe, Abbeville and Rayne.

"Rice production and cattle raising are the two most important farm enterprises in the rice area of southwestern Louisiana," they asserted. "When the land is not planted in rice it is left to grow weeds and grasses which are grazed by beef cattle. Rice yields under this system have been low, while beef production in a year has been only about 50 pounds an acre.

"But by building good pastures and rotating them with rice, beef production in the experiments was increased from 172 to 293 pounds an acre during an eight-month grazing period, while rice yields were increased by six to 11 barrels an acre."

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