

Yeah, two or three grains, seem like.

(Then would she just let those two or three stalks grow there or would she thin them out?)

Well, she thins maybe one, and lets two stalks grow. They're too thick, sometimes. She makes a mistake and puts in more than two or three grains. After they come up and grow, she go out there and thin them out. Just like you chop cotton.

(Is it better to have just two stalks growing?)

I guess it be better to just let two. That's what I done. I always have two stalks growing.

(Did she ever use any kind of fertilizer?)

No.

(Did she put any manure on the fields or anything?)

No.

(What about your dad and his field corn--did he ever use any kind of fertilizer?)

No. No, he don't know anything about fertilizer those days. There was nothing anything like fertilizer that time.

~~(Were any of the white farmers using fertilizer in those days, or did you ever hear it?)~~

I never heard of any. I don't know when that started--this fertilizing.

I never hear of any farmers having any fertilizer in those days. They go and plant their crops. They lucky to have a crop. Sometimes they have failure, just like now--anytime.

CROP FAILURES

(Why would you have a failure? What reason would there be for it?)

Oh, sometimes dry weather, you know, you don't make nothing. Burn up.

(If it was dry and the crop burned up, what would you all do--as far as getting money is concerned?)