

SUMMARY.

1. The literature on the subjects of the harvesting of pulses and the use of drying-frames for crops is summarised, and the nature of the difficulties indicated. The particular problems associated with the harvesting of pulses in Trinidad and the attempts made to solve them, are briefly described.
2. Observations were made on the best stage of ripeness to harvest the pulse crop, regardless of weed-control ^{of} or fodder value of the straw.
3. An experiment was carried out to compare, on a field scale, the Hut frame method and the usual farm method of drying pulses, as regards the cost of drying the crop and the quality of seed produced. The possibility of windrow-drying of pulses in the dry season was tested.
4. Observations were made on the weeds present on the field and the efficacy of the pulses as weed smotherers. An attempt was made to determine the effect of the time of cutting the crop on the growth of weeds.
5. Experiments were done to determine the best method of gathering Woolly Pyrol, and to test whether the picking of Cowpea pods by hand is an economic method of gathering the crop.