

Burley Production Is Below That Of 1956

WASHINGTON—The Agriculture Department today estimated this year's flue-cured tobacco crop at 884,000,000 pounds—lowest since 1943, and 31 per cent less than last year.

The year-end crop report placed the production of all types of tobacco at 1,680,000,000 pounds. This would be 23 per cent below production last year, 32 per cent below the 1946-55 average, and the smallest total crop since 1943.

Burley production was estimated at 490,000,000 pounds, about 3 per cent below last year's harvest and 15 per cent below average.

Burley growers cut an estimated 300,100 acres. This compares with 308,800 acres harvested a year ago. This year's average yield was estimated at 1,600 pounds an acre, second only to the 1,635 pounds of last year.

Here is the breakdown among burley-growing states, showing this year's estimated production, with last year's production in brackets:

Kentucky, 322,875,000 pounds (335,340,000); Tennessee 94,500,000 (98,820,000); Ohio 14,415,000 (15,066,000); Indiana 11,900,000 (11,928,000); Missouri 3,920,000 (3,930,000); Virginia 20,085,000 (19,968,000); West Virginia 3,335,000 (3,900,000) and North Carolina 18,800,000 (17,390,000).

Brief News Notes

Indonesians order Dutch citizens to leave country, confiscate property and businesses.

Know where you are every step of the way in farming—keep records.

When the top of the ground is dry, graze your small grain.

Make plans now to seed lespedeza in February.

Kill hogs when the temperature falls below 50 degrees.

Development Council Talks Of Future Plans

At their regular monthly meeting, the county Agricultural Workers' Council discussed plans for the Community Development program for the coming year. J. B. Robinson, of the Farmers' Home Administration, reported that the Mabel community is quite interested in organizing a Community Development Club, but that they needed to find a suitable time and place for meetings. Robert Shipley said that the Mabel Grange organization could be used to do Community Development work, according to the regulations of the Northwest N. C. Development Association, Inc., as long as non-Grange members could participate.

(The Northwest N. C. Development Association, Inc. is an organization to promote progress in industry, agriculture, recreation and community development in this part of the state.)

Robert Shipley, vocational agriculture teacher at Cove Creek High School, also reported that the Tamarack community may organize a club. They will meet January 8, 1958, for a program of colored slides and information about the Community Development program and what other such clubs have accomplished.

Christmas Party Held By Lions

A program of Christmas music, poems, and stories was enjoyed Tuesday night by the Boone Lions and Lionesses, as the club held its annual ladies' night Christmas party at the Daniel Boone Hotel.

Yule stories were rendered by Lions Ralph Tugman and Wade Brown, and Mrs. Joe Crawford, accompanied at the piano by Miss Susan Buchanan, and a poem was rendered by Lion Leo Pritchett.

The entire group of some 100 persons sang Christmas Carols, led by Lion Tom Winkler, and each lady present received a gift.

The hotel dining room was gaily decorated in a Christmas motif for the occasion. Mrs. Conley Yates was in charge of decorations.

An excellent turkey dinner "with all the trimmings" was served Lion C. A. Price's hotel staff.

The program was arranged by Lion J. K. Parker, Jr., assisted by Lions Tom Winkler and Dr. R. H. Harmon, and Mrs. James Winkler and Mrs. Ralph Tugman. Dr. J. H. Workman, president, presided.

Information Given About Evergreens

Some evergreens do best in full sun, others in part shade and a few do their best in deep shade. When you see a "burned" rhododendron or a thin, miserable looking arbutus, you can be sure the plants have been placed wrong.

When choosing evergreens, for your garden, choose plants you know will thrive in your soil and climate and whose ultimate sizes will fit the space available.

The following plants like the sun: chamaecyparis, junipers, arbutus, spruces, pines, true cedars, (do best in mild coastal sections), arbutus, and firethorn, slender, and oleaster, plumbago (suited to mild climates), choisya, ceanothus.

These plants do their best when planted in the shade; hemlock and few (ideal for shaded parts of Northern gardens), Podocarpus (substitute for few in the far South), rhododendron, camellias, mountain laurel, leucothoes, vitex, hollies, glassy privet, andromedas.

Healthy transplants help insure a good stand of tobacco.

Use one-fourth ounce seed per 100 square yards in seeding flue-cured tobacco beds.

Letters To Editor

Throughout the year it is our pleasure to work with you, and at Christmas we like to tell you how much we value this privilege.

As we visit with rural families in the state, as we study materials used in North Carolina newspapers to aid rural people, and as we see on every hand the results of better farming and better homemaking we are grateful for the opportunity to cooperate with so many organizations and groups in promoting improved farming and more satisfying farm living.

Our best wishes for the Holiday Season and for 1958.

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The warm feelings which prevail at the Christmas season provide us with the opportunity to fully express our appreciation of your cooperation—the help which makes our efforts worthwhile.

Each of us sends our warmest personal regards to each of you and wish for you a wonderful Christmas and a fine New Year.

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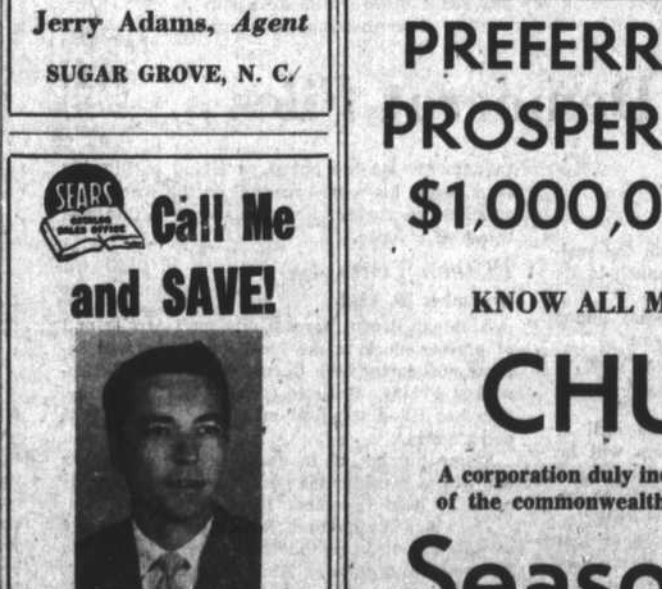
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