

Grain Prices Reported Lower Through Thursday

Grain prices were lower through Thursday of this week compared to the same period of the previous week, according to the Market News Service, North Carolina Department of Agriculture. No. 2 yellow shelled corn was 3-5 cents lower per bushel and ranged mostly 2.40-2.48 in the eastern part of the state and 2.54-2.65 in the piedmont. No. 1 yellow soybeans were .28 to .65 cents lower and ranged mostly \$9.04-9.59. New crop corn for harvest delivery was 2.18-2.27; New crop soybeans harvest delivery 6.76-7.00; new crop wheat June-July delivery 2.05-2.18.

Sweet potato prices moved higher this week. Fifty pound cartons of U. S. No. 1 Jewels were quoted at \$10.00 to 11.00 on Thursday. This report will be the last one issued for the 1976 crop. Some shippers will be packing sweet potatoes for the next few weeks. Egg prices were 1 cent

higher on large and steady on medium and smalls since last Friday. Supplies are fully adequate with the demand moderate. The North Carolina weighted average price for small lot sales of consumer grade eggs in cartons delivered to nearby retail outlets was quoted at 59.70 cents per dozen for A Large whites; 49.86 on mediums, and 40.80 cents for smalls.

Broilers closed the week lower. Supplies are adequate with the demand moderate. The North Carolina FOB dock weighted average price is 40.43 cents per pound for the week of May 16 for less than trucklots picked up at processing plants. The average live weights for the state on May 11th was 3.96 pounds per bird. A total of 6,335,000 head were slaughtered in the state this week.

On the North Carolina live hen market this week, prices were steady on heavy type hens. Supplies were fully adequate with the demand slow. Heavy type at the farm were reported at 15-1/2-17 cents per pound.

Cotton quotations on the Charlotte market ranged 72.50-73.00 for strict low middling 1-one sixteenth inch from Monday-Thursday of this week.

A total of 11,179 feeder pigs were sold on nine state graded sales this week. Prices were 2.00-5.60 higher per cwt on 40-70 pound pigs compared to the previous week. No. 1 and 2 grade pigs weighing 46 pounds averaged \$89.35 per cwt., No. 3, 44 pound pigs \$82.21; No. 1 and 2, 55 pounds \$83.91; No. 3s, 55 pounds \$76.32; No. 1 and 2s, 65 pounds \$79.15; No. 3s, 65 pounds \$71.09; No. 1 and 2s, 75 pounds \$72.72; No. 3s, 75 pounds \$63.64 per cwt.

At weekly cattle auctions held about the state this week slaughter cows were steady to 50 cents lower. veal calves irregular and feeder calves 25-2.00 lower. Utility and commercial slaughter cows brought 24.00-30.00 choice veal calves 49.00-56.00 with good 39.00-50.00; Choice slaughter steers at one market 38.50-41.25 and good 36.00-38.50; choice slaughter heifers 34.00-35.25; good feeder steers 300-600 pounds 36.00-44.50 good feeder heifer 300-500 pounds 29.25-35.25 per cwt and baby calves 12.00-45.00 per head.

North Carolina hog prices at daily buying stations this week were higher ranging mostly 38.50-44.00. Prices at weekly auction markets were mostly 38.50-41.75 and sows 26.00-31.50.

Helping People Get Better Food Very Gratifying

The spirit of helping is one that inspires many people. And helping an impoverished family get and use better food can be a gratifying experience for volunteers, according to Chowan County Social Service director, Ronald M. Huffman.

The food stamp outreach program being conducted in Chowan County is trying to reach people who need food assistance but who don't know about or don't understand the program. And volunteers from throughout the county can serve both needy individuals and their communities by donating some time to Chowan County's Social Services Department.

Outreach is not something that can be accomplished by the Department of Social Services alone. This is also a community project and a community responsibility. The outreach effort requires a lot of hands to help distribute materials, provide transportation to people in rural areas, canvassing low income neighborhoods, assist clients to shop and provide basic nutrition to clients.

To become a food stamp volunteer in Chowan County, contact Mrs. Martha Bunch, Chowan County Department Social Services, telephone number 482-7441.

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