

NORTH CAROLINA Farm Tips

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By Dr. J. W. Pou

U. S. tobacco exports reached a record value of \$1.7 billion last year, according to Bill Humphries, agricultural information specialist at N. C. State University.

Shipments of unmanufactured leaf rose nine percent in value to \$1.1 billion. Exports of cigarettes and other manufactured products gained 19 percent in value and reached \$637 million.

Duty-paid imports of leaf and leaf products into the United States were up 18 percent to \$373 million.

This means that the net contribution of tobacco to the U. S. balance of payments position in world trade was \$1.36 billion, an all-time high.

Leaf tobacco shipments (export weight) rose from 578 million pounds in 1976 to 628.6 million last year.

The average value per pound of leaf exports gained 9.4 percent, rising from \$1.59 to \$1.74.

"However, U. S. tobacco imports showed a larger percentage increase in price last year than did U. S. tobacco exports. This indicates that foreign production costs are increasing," said Dr. Charles R. Pugh, an N. C. State University extension economist.

The average value of imports per pound was 87 cents in 1976 and \$1.03 last year — an increase of 18 percent. Oriental leaf moved at higher prices and there was some rise in the value of scrap tobacco.

U. S. tobacco for many years has been of generally higher value than average world production. Pugh pointed out that in 1977 the price differential narrowed rather than widened.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture said exports of unmanufactured tobacco in 1978 are expected to slip somewhat, compared with the relatively high level of 1977.

"The short, weather-damaged 1977 flue-cured crop reduced the availability of quality leaf for export . . ." the agency said.

Senior Citizens Welcomed

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. — The "welcome mat" will be out for seniors in September as Williamsburg, Jamestown, and Yorktown, Virginia's Historic Triangle, extend a special welcome to seniors and retirees.

Special concerts, parades, tours, shows, dance contests, kite flying contests and other events are scheduled throughout the month in Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown, Yorktown, Busch Gardens, famous 17th and 18th Century plantations and museums and other out-

standing attractions. In addition, the attractions, many lodging facilities, restaurants, retail stores and banks will be extending discounts or other special considerations for seniors 55 years or older (with proof of age).

A special brochure listing the events for the months and those businesses which are offering "senior specials" during the month may be obtained by writing to the Williamsburg Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Drawer HQ, Williamsburg, Va. 23185.

Jaycees Hold Board Meeting

HIGH POINT — The N.C. Jaycees, at its Mid-Summer Board Meeting in High Point on Sunday voted to endorse and Support Community Involvement Councils, a program of the Governor's Office of Citizen Affairs.

State Jaycees President Harold Herring stated that the Jaycees wholeheartedly endorse the concept and will seek through their 500 chapters to implement the program at the local level.

Herring further stated that local chapters will be working to establish councils across the state.

Ardash Goldstein, Community Affairs Network Coordinator of the Governor's Office of Citizen Affairs, stated in her presentation to the Jaycees that the purpose of the Community Involvement Councils is to get citizens together to determine and solve the needs and problems of their communities.

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