

### NORTH CAROLINA Farm Tips

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By Dr. J. W. Pou

It was a tough decision Ennis and Jerry Byrd of Proctorville made last winter. They decided to buy an irrigation system rather than replace a well-worn tractor. The farming season had hardly begun this spring when the father-son team knew they had made the right choice, according to Woody Upchurch, agricultural information specialist at North Carolina State University.

Like nearly all North Carolina flue-cured growers, the Byrds struggled to get their new crop established in bone-dry soil. Some of it is the same land that Jerry's grandfather, V. O. Byrd, had farmed for years without giving much thought to having to supplement the usually ample rains that fall in this southeast corner of Robeson County.

"We always grew tobacco and nearly always had plenty of rain," said the eldest Byrd, who is almost 68. "Now water, or the lack of it, has become one of the biggest concerns in trying to grow a crop."

It was the lack of rain last summer, about midway through the tobacco harvest season, that "pretty much convinced" Jerry and his father that they couldn't continue growing tobacco without full irrigation capability.

"The leaves from about halfway the stalk on up just wouldn't cure out right because of the dry growing conditions," explained Jerry. "We were set up to water some of the tobacco (46 acres), but we only had a hand-move system and we didn't have the time nor the labor to irrigate much of the crop."

With that experience fresh in mind, Jerry and Ennis decided they could not afford to go another season without a modern irrigation system. The price tag was over \$15,000.

Ennis and Jerry irrigated all of their 42-acre crop this spring almost immediately after transplanting. This wouldn't have been possible without the new equipment.

The Byrd tobacco crop grew lush and green. It was healthy and ready to grow when rain finally came, thanks to the early irrigation.

"The irrigation saved us from having to do a lot of replanting," Jerry said. "I guess we saved about three days of replanting, and you can figure that at a cost of about \$500 a day. The irrigation system has already saved us that much, plus helping us avoid irregular plant growth and all the troubles that go with it throughout the season."

Now that the Byrds have the mechanical capabilities to apply water on their tobacco, and if needed, on their corn and soybeans, the focus of their concern is on the water supply.

"If farmers around here of a generation or two ago gave little thought to having to supplement rainfall, they gave no thought at all to not having enough water," observed Clarence Stockton, Robeson County agricultural extension agent.

"This is the dilemma more and more of our farmers are finding themselves in—where is the water coming from to put on the crops," said Stockton.

The extension agent said Robeson ponds and streams, like those in most other areas of the state, aren't likely to be refilled before this fall or winter at the earliest.

Jerry said he and his father figure they have access to enough water to put on three one-inch applications of irrigation water. "That would get the crop to maturity," Jerry said. "But if it needs more than that, we're in trouble."

The young farmer looks at this most recent point of major farming concerning with youthful optimism. "There have always been challenges—serious challenges—in farming. This is one of them, and I'm sure there will be more. We'll find a way to work this one out, but it sure would be nice if we could concentrate on growing a good tobacco crop without having to worry about how dry it is," he added.

Just how dry has it been in southeastern Robeson County? V. O. Byrd pointed to a patch of low-lying woodland several hundred yards behind his home. "Last winter you could walk through that swamp and not get your feet wet," he said. "I never saw that before, and didn't think I ever would."

### QUICK QUIZ

Are you a powerhouse when it comes to facts about energy? This quiz can help you tell.

1. Nuclear breeder reactors are run on (a) scarce fossil fuels (b) an otherwise unusable form of uranium (c) rabbits?



2. Breeder reactors cause (a) a great deal (b) an average amount (c) practically no air pollution?

3. Breeder reactors emit (a) more (b) less (c) the same amount of radiation as coal plants?

ANSWERS: 1. (b) The breeder reactors are run on uranium-235, which is a scarce fossil fuel. 2. (c) Breeder reactors produce very little air pollution. 3. (c) Breeder reactors emit the same amount of radiation as coal plants.

prevailing rate structures, and if it proposes specific cost-containment features. Sept. 17, chg. o.

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2. Request from Terry Jones, Broker, for special use permit to locate a mobile home sales lot on the 2.9 acres of land located on the Northwest Corner of Mexico Road and N. C. 32 North. This land is located in the Highway Commercial Zone.  
3. Request from Nora Bonner, 413 N. Granville St., for variance to permit her to build a room for a bath, and a chimney, on the old former residence which is located in her back yard. The lot is located in the R-6 Residential Zone. Ralph E. Parrish, Zoning Administrator. Sept. 17, 24, chg. g.

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