

# 1982 N.C. End Of The Year Market Summary

The good news—bad news routine applied to North Carolina farmers during 1982. Good news came with the harvest of record size and quality crops. The bad news was that farm prices were the lowest for most commodities in recent years, combined with inflated production costs.

Cash receipts for North Carolina farms are estimated to decline to \$3.9-billion in 1982 compared to a record \$4.2-billion in 1981. Net or disposable income in 1981 was \$1.1-billion but latest estimates are that this will drop by nearly one-third to \$750 million in 1982.

Activity remained high in the North Carolina Department of Agriculture. Workloads increased in virtually all divisions and were compounded in some cases by the personnel freeze. The following is a summation of NCDA activity.

**Research Stations**  
Tobacco and forage crop research will be expanded at the Oxford Tobacco Research Station as a result of 100.5 acre land acquisition.

**Environmental** beef research should begin at the Tidewater Research Station at Plymouth by April 1983.

A sweet potato facility is planned for the Horticultural Research Station at Clinton.

Tobacco blue mold (a plant disease) studies will be improved at the Upper Mountain Station at Laurel Springs and the Mountain Station at Waynesville as a result of additional irrigation section capabilities.

**Marketing**  
A \$10-million annual savings on grain should result due to successful division efforts to get the Seaboard Coastline and Southern Railways to establish joint time reciprocal reduced rates to and from shipping points throughout the South.

Agricultural exports in 1982 amounted to \$1.1-billion, down six per cent from the previous year. International trade experts say the decline was due to the world economic slump and the strength of the U.S. dollar in comparison with foreign currencies.

Foreign trade activities included consulting services to export firms and others interested in exports; assisting foreign buyers visiting the state and recruiting firms to participate in the 1983 National Association of State Departments of Agriculture Exposition to be held in Atlanta next May.

In addition to increasing volume of products graded, poultry specialists responded to a wide variety of industry requests for marketing assistance. In state egg law work, 13,240 facilities were visited and 43,410 inspections were made.

Horticultural specialists assistance was provided for several new crops including broccoli, cauliflower and spinach. Increase in their production are expected.

Administration of the Handlers Act involved work with 33 companies contracting with N.C. growers for the production of 32,000 acres of vegetables.

Engineering gave technical assistance to 57 agribusiness construction projects costing an estimated \$3.9 million.

The "Flavors of Carolina" dinner was the leading market development project. The function attracted some 400 buyers and media members. Its goal was to focus attention on the variety and quality of food products available in the state.

Other promotional activities involved TV films featuring North Carolina foods, the state's first turkey cooking contest and trade show exhibits including one in Toronto, Canada.

Livestock specialists assisted in securing buyers and breeding animals for over 50 purebred sales in addition to grading over 600,000 cattle and swine. They were also instrumental in selling or finding buyers for the classes graded. Horse show facilities were planned and constructed in Raleigh and Asheville with assistance from the livestock section.

An advanced system for disseminating daily market news in cooperation with the University of North Carolina Center for Public Television is scheduled for operation by January 3, 1983. Also the market news section, in an effort to meet changes in the state's broiler industry, has begun issuing a dock quoted price for broilers.

Flue-cured tobacco growers sold 658 million pounds of leaf for a record high average of \$1.78 a pound giving them a gross return of \$1.1-billion. This was in spite of periods of

bad weather and uncertainties in the tobacco program. Thirty per cent, however, of N.C. flue-cured leaf went to Stabilization compared to nine per cent last year.

Although the 1981 average price was nine cents below the '82 price per pound, 740 million pounds were sold or 82 million pounds more than this year. The burley crop is estimated at 29 million pounds. Based on market averages, growers should receive \$50-million for its sale. In 1981, 27.5 million pounds were sold but the price per pound was \$1.79 compared to \$1.73 in 1982 and only one per cent of the 1981 N.C. crop went to Stabilization. This year, 25 per cent is expected to go under loan.

**Farmers Markets**  
The State Farmers Market in Raleigh had a good year with nearly one million customers buying fresh produce directly from farmers. Several new tenants located at the facility including Johnson's Produce Company; the restaurant is under new management and operating as Farmers Market Restaurant; and Rosengarten Foods has assumed the Doughtie Foods lease.

In Asheville, a garden supply center, a small fruit and

vegetable dealers building and an office building were added to the Western N.C. Farmers Market. An estimated 1,350 farmers sold fresh product to over a half million people with sales of exceeding \$20-million.

**State Farm Operations**  
Food valued at \$3.1-million produced on the eight institutional farms provided the 8,200 residents of the mental hospitals and youth service schools with 100 per cent of milk products and pork requirements; 95 per cent of the requirements for eggs and 30 per cent of the beef and vegetable needs.

Eleven swine and dairy cattle research projects were conducted in cooperation with the Animal Science Department at N.C. State University and agreement continues with the state Forest Resources in operating the woodlands. Forest Products valued at \$22,748 were sold from the farms.

**Food And Drug Protection**  
Testing corn, corn meal and milk for aflatoxin continued to protect consumers from contaminated products.

Consumer complaints of suspected package tampering increased field investigations and laboratory analysis of foods and drugs. Where

criminal acts are suspected, the State Bureau Investigation is notified.

Farmer feed samples submitted to the Farm Feed Testing Service nearly doubled during the second year of the program. In 1981, 2,484 samples were tested.

**State Fair**  
Attendance at the 1982 State Fair was a record breaking 680,207. There were 315 non-fair events held on the grounds during the year with an attendance of 844,287. Total estimated attendance including the fair was 1,524,494.

Additions and improvements included construction of a horse show arena, electrical renovation, painting, storm sewers, landscaping, camper installations and replacement of windows in the Kelley Building.

**Animal Health**  
An animal welfare commit-

tee was established to advise the department on food animal rights and production. New regulations were set up in cooperation with the poultry industry for the control of Mycoplasma gallisepticum (MG) infection in poultry. Pseudorabies surveillance in swine continued. This prevented further extension spread of the disease, and introduction and spread of cattle brucellosis and tuberculosis in the state was stopped.

**Crop and Livestock Reporting Service**  
One hundred fifty reports showing production and prices of crops and livestock were issued by the N.C. Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. In addition, the annual Agricultural Statistics and Farm Income bulletins were published along with a historical bulletin

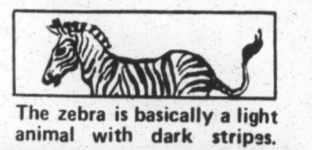
## VA Scholars Are Sought

The Veterans Administration announced that it is seeking applications for its Health Professional Scholarship Program for the 1983 fall school term.

The program, authorized by Congress, provides support for baccalaureate and master's nursing students on a pay-back-in-service basis. The scholarship provides tuition, educational expenses and a monthly stipend with participants agreeing to serve a minimum of two years as a full-time registered nurse in one of VA's 172 hospitals or 226 outpatient clinics.

Six million dollars of scholarship support were awarded during the first year of the program to 342 students from a pool of more than 2,000 eligible applicants. Most participants are third and fourth year baccalaureate nursing students while a few awards were made to master's degree candidates. These master's students are pursuing clinical specialties particularly needed by the VA, including gerontology, medical/surgical, and adult psychiatric/mental health. In 1983-84 school year, master's students in Nursing Service Administration will be eligible to apply for the Scholarship Program.

Applications for the scholarships and information about the program are available from the VA Health Professional Scholarship Program, Office of Academic Affairs, DM&S (14N), 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20420. Requests for applications may be made to the Scholarship Program between January 3 and May 10, 1983. Completed applications must be submitted to the Scholarship Office no later than June 1, 1983.



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The Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library has received the following new books:

**Adult-Fiction**  
"Windfall" by Desmond Bagley, "2010: Odyssey Two" by Arthur C. Clarke, "Molly" by Teresa Crane, "Rage Of Heaven" by John Eller, "End-Game" by Michael F. Gilbert, "The Lost Garden" by Jane A. Hodge, "Until Death Do Us Part" by Mary McMullen, "Hour Of The Dog" by Berkely Mather, "Light Thickens" by Ngaio Marsh, "The Earl And The Heiress" by Barbara Metzger, "Two Doctors, Two Loves" by Elizabeth Seifert, and "A Rose In Winter" by Kathleen Woodiwiss.

**Adult Non-Fiction**  
"Dr. Reuben's Mental First Aid Manual" by David Reuben, "Business Tax Deduction Master Guide" by W.M. Bradford, "Whistles Round The Bend" by Phillip Ault, "The American Medical Association Family Medical Guide" by Phillip Ault, "Beyond Reach: The Search For The Titanic" by William Hoffman, "This Quiet Dust And Other Writings" by William Styron, "Our Search For Identity: Humanity In The Image Of God" by Marianne Micks, "When The Wind Blows" by Raymond Briggs, "Great Singers On Great Singing" by Jerome Hines, "And More By Andy Rooney The Dictionary Of National Biography" by Andrew Rooney, "The First Colonist" by Richard Hakluyt, and "Tumultuous Years: The Presidency Of Harry S. Truman" by Robert Donovan.

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