

Farmers Should Keep A Record

Accurate Records Maintained Throughout Year It Is Impossible To Tell How Business Is Doing

Farmers who do not keep records are unable to tell just where they stand. Many think they are making a profit when, actually, they are losing money, said R. E. L. Schaub, assistant in farm management research for the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station. "It has been said, is like a clock without hands. In the case of a farmer, the thing is run where and how? Records are a basis for an intelligent business, they give information necessary to an accurate credit statement, they show the results of their work, they indicate spots which need improvement.

Records may be started any time, it is usually convenient to start them in January. At this time crop supplies are low and it is easy to take inventory. Most farmers are not as accurate as they are. It is suggested that growers should plan now to start the first of the year. N. C. College has designed a record especially for the North Carolina farmer, and it will be kept to keep the proper kind of records, he added.

The book may be obtained from the Department of Agricultural Economics, at State College, by those persons keeping records as a demonstration of that department. County agents or high school teachers will be glad to help farmers get their records started.

Points New Program

Program For Encouraging Soil-Improvement Well As To Control Production

The program for soil improvement and stabilization of corn and hogs is designed to encourage the best interests of the grower and the consumer. It is designed to encourage the planting of food and crops, said W. W. Shay, specialist at State College. The program will tend to stimulate production in line with consumer demand.

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New Program To Be More Flexible

The 1936-39 Cotton Program To Be Administered Through County Associations To Be More Flexible

The new 1936-39 cotton program, to be administered through cotton adjustment associations in each county, will be more flexible than the old program, according to Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College.

The associations, composed of growers, will be in a position to adapt the program to local conditions and the requirements of individual growers, he said.

The associations will be organized in the next few weeks. All contracting cotton growers will be eligible for membership. Under the new contracts, growers may adjust their 1936 crops by an amount equal to 30 to 45 per cent of their base acreage, and receive adjustment payments accordingly.

The rate of the payments will be five cents a pound on the average production of the land retired from cotton cultivation. The entire amount of the payment each year will be made at one time.

Payments to landlords and tenants will be divided thus: 37 1/2 per cent to the person furnishing the land, 12 1/2 per cent to the person furnishing workstock and equipment, and the remaining 50 per cent distributed in the same proportion that the cotton or its proceeds is divided.

A grower may terminate his contract at the end of any contract year during the 1936-39 period.

Landlords signing contracts will be required to keep on their farms the same number of tenants they had in 1935.

Acreage withdrawn from cotton cultivation may be used for soil-improvement or erosion-preventing crops, pasture, fallow, forest trees, food and feed crops for home consumption, or any other purpose the Secretary of Agriculture may prescribe.

The new four-year contracts will be offered the growers shortly, Dean Schaub said.

Knicker: "It's wonderful, but I had a deaf uncle who was arrested and the judge gave him his hearing the next morning. Bocker: "That's nothing. I once had a blind aunt who walked into a lumber yard and sawdust."

Chatham county turkey producers sold over \$3,000 worth of the holiday birds in the last two weeks.

Cotton growers of Scotland county purchased 456,840 pounds of tax exemption certificates to gin extra cotton last week.

Forest Service Controls Fires

"Blow-Up" Or "Bad Actor" Fires Are About The Only Ones That Cause The Forest Fire Fighters Much Concern

"Blow-up" or "bad actor" fires in the national forests are the ones which cause the most trouble now, says the Forest Service. "It is only these 'bad actors' that outfit us. The vast majority of fires are promptly detected, quickly attacked, and consequently corralled and extinguished before they do too much harm. But break fires—from 5 to 20 per season—cause us our real trouble and occur in spite of strictest precautions. They usually result from a combination of the most favorable conditions for fire; they start in almost inaccessible spots and spread with unbelievable rapidity because of topography and accompanying weather conditions."

That headway is being made in the battle against fire is indicated by reduction in the number of "extra-period" fires—fires which are still out of control after 10 a. m. of the day following their discovery. An average of 270 "extra period" fires was recorded for the 1931-34 period. This year, there were only 141.

Although fires reported in national forests this year are almost equal in number to those of 1934, the acreage burned was only about 38 per cent of that last year. Records of 1935—as winter rains and snows ended dangerous conditions over most of the country—show that 9,788 fires burned a total of 192,534 acres. Last year at this time,

Decrease Shown In Tea Imports

However, The Decrease In The Amount Of This Beverage Imported This Year Not So Great As That Of Last Year

Few people may be enjoying a "friendly cup o' tea," but the decrease in imports this year is much less than last. Although the United States imported about 1,500,000 pounds less in the fiscal year ending June 30, it is a good deal less than the decrease of 11,500,000 pounds in 1934.

Less tea was examined at ports of entry in the fiscal year 1935 than at any time in the past 15 years, with the exception of 1921. The total amount examined was 84,222,621 pounds. Not all varieties of tea show a decrease in imports. Japan Black and Formosa Black teas have increased tremendously.

The quantity of tea imported is accurately known because under the Federal Tea Act all teas entering this country must pass through the hands of examiners representing the United States Food and Drug Administration. Each shipment of tea is compared with a set of standard samples to determine its purity, quality, and fitness for consumption. The law requires that these standard samples be established annually by a board of tea experts appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture.

10,011 fires had burned 532,880 acres. In 1931-34, the average yearly number of fires at this time was only 7,926—but the average annual toll was 440,802 acres.

The three main kinds of tea are green, black, and oolong. The color and flavor of tea depend on the way the tea leaf is cured. Green tea is unfermented, black tea is fermented, and oolong is semifermented. Most of our green teas come from Japan and China, black teas, until lately, chiefly from China, India, Ceylon, Java and Sumatra; and most of the oolong from Japan. Africa and the Azores also send us tea in increasing amounts.

She: "I can not marry you, as I do not love you, but I will be a sister to you." He: "Fine. How much do you think our father is likely to leave us?"

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Sod Holds Bank Beside A Stream

Grass, Trees And Shrubs On Banks Of Swift-Flowing Streams Put Stop To The Erosion Process

Small streams flowing between sharply rising slopes that erode and wash easily often furnish ample proof of the value of grass trees, and shrubs along the banks. Gilmore Creek near Winona, Minn., is an example.

The Soil Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture reports on two farms on this creek that are divided by a fine fence. On the down-stream side of the fence the creek banks have not been

grazed. They bear a dense growth of cottonwoods and willows, and other vegetation which has held down the width of the channel and kept the banks fairly low and sloping.

On the upstream side of the fence, the land is grazed to the water's edge. The creek is wide and the banks—with no soil holding vegetation—are raw, open cuts carrying great quantities of silt and water during heavy rains. This soil could be held in place by low-growing trees and grass.

The channel on the farm where the banks are unprotected is 2 to 3 feet deeper and 16 to 30 feet wider than where the banks have a heavy growth of vegetation. At one time banks on the downstream side had no cover, but grazing was stopped, giving trees a chance.



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