

**PASTURES PROFITABLE**

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It certainly should when consideration is given to the need for livestock and livestock products. Considering the number of acres of cultivated land which have been taken out of the production of tobacco, peanuts, and cotton in the county, every farmer should have a good and well kept permanent pasture. Farmers can receive aid through PMA for the purchase of at least a dozen kinds of pasture seeds. They are urged to take advantage of their practice this fall and also to get their orders early for liming materials and phosphate to be applied to new and old pastures.  
Pastures are one of the most important conservation crops. The lime and fertilizer increase the growth of both the grasses and legumes in pastures. The increased growth holds the soil in place and increases its fertility and organic matter.

**WORTH OF ACP**

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it is working. It's up to us to keep it working.  
Besides their basic function in handling local administration of acreage allotment programs, price support and ACP, the farmer elected committees have been called on to prove their worth in many other ways. During the war, government agencies turned to our committee system in many emergencies and they did the jobs successfully.  
Thus the community committeemen in our farm program during the past twelve years have been the key link in the program chain that leads to the farmer. While much of the responsibility of administering the ACP program in the county rests with the three county committeemen, the local men are the grass root contacts with farmers.

**NEED IS GREAT FOR**

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tax payer one cent. As a matter of fact the receipts from the area over an eight year period show \$14,855 of credit balance over expenditures.  
This figure is more noteworthy when it is considered that 1400 idle acres have been planted to forest seedlings and some of these tree plantations are now ready for their first thinning. Last year forest fires burned only one acre of land on the forest due to alert organization.  
The social benefits are also of first consideration. Some 105 persons are dependent on the

wages of the regularly employed woods workers. All products from the forest are utilized under good forestry management. Sales are made of posts, veneer stock, logs and even pine cones for a forest nursery seed supply. The annual organized deer hunts have become a recognized feature of good game management. The deer population has been greatly increased through wise protection and fifteen buck deer were killed last season.

The public is invited to inspect the many activities now going on. The Forest Supervisor Rufus Page whose office is at Jones Lake four miles from Elizabethtown will welcome any visitors who are interested in comparing their problems with those of the forest.

The N. C. Division of Forestry, of the Department of Conservation & Development has for many years advocated an adequate system of State Forests. The minimum would be one in the Coastal Plain, one in the Piedmont and one in Mountain regions of the State. They can also be made self-supporting and a matter of pride to all the citizens of the State.

**Bolton Experience Proves**

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already done so. There may be no difficulty in obtaining power machinery for dirt-moving practices and technical help may be available, but it is better to be sure.

To be eligible for assistance under the Agricultural Conservation Program, these practices must meet program specifications. Practices which do not meet specifications are not eligible for ACP assistance, and this can be avoided by carefully checking plans with the County ACP Committee. For terraces, drainage ditches, and the dirt-moving practices, definite specifications have been set up so that the complete practice will be effective in conserving soil and water.

It is not too early to visit the county ACP office and to talk to a community committeeman about dirt-moving practices to be carried out this fall. Prior approval must be obtained from the county office to qualify for payment on practices.

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