

### Potato Shipment Regulations To Be Rigidly Enforced By U. S. D. A.

The Southeastern Potato Committee today warned that provisions of Marketing Order 81-1-1 will be rigidly enforced. Though the current potato shipment of potatoes from the coastal North Carolina and Virginia area will be rigidly enforced.

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movement is nearing its end for the year, John C. Broome, manager, revealed that filed representatives of the committee are maintaining a day-and-night patrol on the alert for the movement of potatoes which violate the order.

Broome specifically pointed out that, under the order, out-of-area shipment is denied to potatoes which do not have federal-state inspection certificates, or which do not meet certain grade standards.

Evidence of violations, Broome said, are being promptly reported to the Compliance and Investigation Branch of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Production and Marketing Administration in Atlanta.

He cited the two-count criminal information filed against Levin T. Johnson, a farmer, of Belle Haven, Va., in U. S. District Court in Norfolk last month, and returnable to the court July 13. In one count, Johnson is charged with out-of-area shipment of 3,136 100-pound sacks of potatoes without inspection certification, and in the other he is charged with sacks of potatoes grading more than 85 percent U. S. No. 1—the minimum grade permitted under such complaints are currently under investigation by federal agents.

### Meeting On Yam Problems Slated

E. W. Fonvielle Asks Growers To Assemble In Tabor City School Auditorium Saturday Afternoon

TABOR CITY, Aug. 22—E. W. Fonvielle, president of the Tabor City Marketing Association, today called a meeting of sweet potato growers to be held Saturday, August 27, at 3 p. m. in the school auditorium here.

Every grower in Columbus, Horry and surrounding counties should be sure to attend the meeting, Fonvielle said.

Seed production and diseases will be discussed. These problems, the market association president said, affect every farmer who grows sweet potatoes for the market.

"The marketing association is interested in helping growers get the most out of their potatoes and that is our purpose in arranging this meeting," Fonvielle added. "It is most important that some of the immediate problems be discussed."

### Home-Cured Ham Losses Blamed To Mild Weather Last Winter

By W. E. Tyler N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station

A lot of things have been blamed on or credited to the mild weather of last winter. It pushed along the small grain and tobacco plants too rapidly; and it was favorable to the spread of certain plant diseases.

Farm families are only now discovering damage to another farm product—home-cured meat. It would be hard to estimate just how much meat has spoiled on Tar Heel farms this past winter. But from all indications the loss has been high. Probably all of it has not yet been discovered.

December, January and February are the months when most meat is put in cure. On just about half the days of these months last winter, the temperature was too high for slaughtering and curing. Temperatures should be below 50 degrees for strating a cure. On 13 days in December, 17 days in January, and 14 days in February, the

mean temperature was above 80 degrees.

If we could control the weather during curing season, first of all we'd want a cold day and night just above freezing when the hogs were slaughtered. Unless the carcass is thoroughly chilled the first night after slaughter, spoilage can easily begin before any cure is put in the meat.

Spoilage begins in the center of the meat around the bone—the last place to completely chill. Once it sets in, all the salt in the world will not save the meat. It also stands to reason that the larger the hog, the longer it will take to chill through.

When salt is applied to the outside of the cut, it takes several days for it to reach the center of the meat, let alone enough to protect it from spoilage. Hence, several warm days during the curing period can cause the meat to spoil.

Even after the meat has been in cure for the recommended time, it is not completely safe. At the

end of the curing period, the can safely say that the salt has not yet equalized through-protected and ready for out the ham or shoulder. This in warm temperatures takes another 30 days before we

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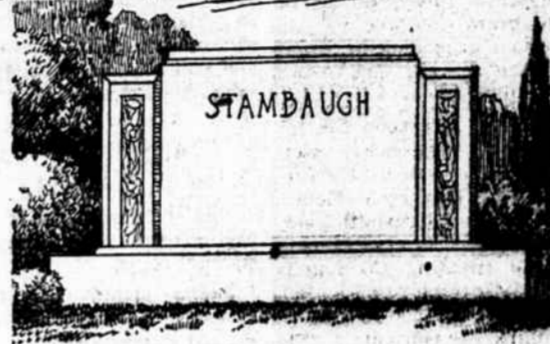
### Wilt - Resistant Tomatoes Object

The breeding of tomatoes for resistance to southern bacterial wilt is being expanded by F. D. Cochran and D. E. Ellis of the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station. Several lines of the fourth generation crosses and selections are promising, but none are breeding true for disease resistance.

New techniques for handling and inoculating in the seedling stage are very promising and should greatly increase the efficiency in evaluating resistance. Crossing, selecting and inoculating are now being done in the greenhouses during the winter months to hasten the development of a resistant variety.

Another phase of the tomato breeding program gives consideration to Fusarium wilt, and certain foliage diseases, particularly late blight. Approximately 150 varieties and strains were tested during 1947 at the Transou and Waynesville Experiment Stations for resistance to late blight. There were no immune types in the group, but a number of highly resistant types were found. Late blight resistance is particularly valuable for western North Carolina and may become important in the eastern part of the State.

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