

Farm Review & Forecast

Harrell Advises Growers On Boll Weevil Problem

JACKSON — The boll weevil has posed a serious problem to cotton growers in the county. This week B. H. Harrell, county extension agent, mailed letters to cotton growers, suggesting that continuing a spray or dust program will be justified.

Harrell's letter reads: "It appears that the boll weevil has just about taken over the cotton crop in Northampton County. Whether to keep on or whether to stop is the big question among most growers at this time. For some this is a hard decision to make, however, it appears that in most cases the economics of continuing a spray or dust program on a five-day schedule will be justified.

"There is one thing 'for sure' — if you stop now there is very little chance of making any cotton. Even if there are a few large bolls on the bottom of the plant, this does not mean they are safe

from the boll weevil. The fact is that when the plant stops blooming the weevil will begin to deposit its eggs in mature bolls. If a treatment program is continued there is a chance of making some 'top' cotton. Remember, it takes from 40 to 45 days to make a boll of cotton. Since we do not usually have a frost until November 1, this gives us ample time.

"The boll worm will be active during the latter part of next week. It is extremely important to kill this insect within the first five days after hatching. After the worm has reached 1/4 inch in length it begins to crawl down the stalk and enter the bolls. It is too late to treat when this happens. The moths are extremely active depositing eggs on the terminal growth during the light nights of August which we are now experiencing. We cannot afford to give up at this stage of the game. "If I can be of service please do not hesitate to let me know."



HOME OF THE WEEK—The home and lawn of Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Bolton on South Main St. in Rich Square were judged as Home of the Week in the second week of a Home and Lawn Beautification project. The project is

being sponsored by the Rich Square Jaycees. Second place honors went to Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Brown for their house and yard on East Jackson St.

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the summer, Robinson, who lives in Murfreesboro, has been with American Package since 1962. The expansion, which will almost double the production, is

expected to be completed in June of 1966. Included in the plant expansion is a new office building, already completed, which houses the offices of the plant manager, plant superintendent, engineering office and a general office. A new 10,000 square foot warehouse is also in the expansion and 5,000,000 square feet of hardboard can be stored in it. Robinson said that people living in Jackson have said that American Package Company provides more consistent employment in the county than any other business, which, according to Robinson is a big problem in Northampton County.

Annual Meet Planned By Farm Bureau

JACKSON — The Northampton County Farm Bureau will hold its annual meeting Wednesday night, August 25, at 8 o'clock in the courthouse in Jackson, Commissioner of agriculture, James Graham, will give the address. All Farm Bureau members are encouraged to attend. Directors will be elected at the meeting to serve for the coming year. The public is invited to attend, but only Farm Bureau members and their wives are eligible to vote. This meeting is designed to inform the membership of the activities of the county, state and national Farm Bureau for the past year, and obtain any ideas the members would like to offer as to what they would like Farm Bureau to work toward in the coming year.

ASCS Newsletter

Committee Elections
Community committee elections will be held during the early part of September at which time community committees will be elected for the 18 ASCS communities in Northampton County.

The County Committee is currently preparing a state of eligible nominees and additional nominations may be made by petition if signed by six eligible voters. All petitions must be filed in the county office not later than Friday, August 20, 1965. Ballots will be mailed to all known eligible voters on Tuesday, August 31, 1965, and all ballots must be properly executed and returned or postmarked by Friday, September 10, 1965. The incumbent County Committee will publicly tabulate all ballots on Wednesday, September 15. Newly elected community committees will be delegates to a County Convention on Friday, September 17, for the purpose of electing a County Committee. All newly elected community and county committees will take office on Friday, October 1, 1965. These newly elected committees

men will serve until October 1, 1965. It is very important that all eligible voters participate in this election and seek to elect the best qualified people to assist with the administration of farm programs on the local level.

Diversion and Price Support Payments
The County Office is currently engaged in making diversion and price support payments to Northampton County farmers. When all payments are completed the total amount disbursed will be well over one-half million dollars.

On August 16, 1965, the following payments had been made: Program No. farms and Final Payment follow respectively: Cotton Domestic Allotment Price Support, 999, \$131,064; Feed Grain Diversion and Price Support, 358, \$86,285; Wheat, 67, \$4,634; Total \$221,983. Farmers will be notified by card as soon as their individual payment is ready in the county office. We anticipate completing most of the payments within the next two weeks.

Tobacco Marketing Cards
1965 tobacco marketing cards will be mailed from the county office on Thursday of this week and all tobacco producers are urged to take special care of these marketing cards as it will be more difficult to replace the card this year if lost.

The new poundage quota program places added importance upon the proper use of this marketing card. Producers will be required to take the card when they deliver tobacco to the market and leave it with the warehouseman until the tobacco is settled for after sale.

INDUSTRY

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LOTS OF METAL
WASHINGTON (UPI)—U.S. manufacturers shipped \$1.2 billion of bolts, nuts, screws, washers and rivets in 1963. The Department of Commerce reported.

Other mayors attending the session included Severn mayor Rufus Johnson, Woodland mayor John Outland and Milwaukee's Harry Pantan.

Feeder Calf Sale Set For Sept. 15

RICH SQUARE — The Rich Square Regional Feeder Calf Sale is scheduled to be held September 15 at Benthal's Stockyard. This is a state-graded sale and calves of beef breeding, including beef crossbreds will be eligible. Producers wishing to consign calves must have them vaccinated for Blackleg and Shipping Fever not later than September 1, 1965. In addition, all bull calves must be castrated and healed and horned calves must be dehorned and healed.



WITH BLUE BELL — Glenn T. Kennedy, a recent graduate in accounting from UNC at Chapel Hill has accepted a position as accountant for the Blue Bell Overall Co. of Greensboro. He is married to the former Lynda Brewer of New Kensington, Pa. They have one child, a daughter, Sarah, six months old. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Kennedy of Jackson and was graduated from Jackson High School before entering the university. Kennedy and his family are making their home in Greensboro.

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PEANUT INSECTS

- Southern Corn Rootworm**
Adult—12 Spotted Cucumber Beetle
A light green beetle 1/4" long, with 12 black spots on back
CONTROL—Thimet 10% at rate of 20 lbs. per acre applied over row in 14" band and cultivated in soil. (also controls leafhopper)
Diazinon 14% Granules at 15 lbs. per acre. Applied over row in 14" band and cultivated in soil.
NIRAN 10G at 20 lbs. per acre. Applied over row in 14" band and cultivated in soil.
These materials should be applied prior to last cultivation.
- Aphids (Black lice)**
Check base of plant for a greasy, sticky substance on leaf and stem. CONTROL—Ethyl Parathion
- Leafhopper**—A small, light green, jumping insect that feeds on the underside of the peanut leaf causing the leaf to curl downward and turn yellow. CONTROL—Sevin dust. Can be purchased already mixed with copper sulfur.
- Army Worm**—This is the same thing as the boll worm in cotton that feeds on the peanut leaf. Eggs are deposited on foliage by small white and brown moths. CONTROL—Sevin in copper sulfur.

DISEASES

- Southern Stem and Root Rot**
SYMPTOMS—plant withers usually on one side in the early stages, finally killing the entire plant. A white mold is always present in the base of the peanut plant accompanied by small brown seed-like fruiting bodies.
TREATMENT—Terracel
- Pod Rot**
SYMPTOMS—Plant has a dark green color; blooms profusely late in the season. Young peanuts rot before reaching maturity. Caused by several soil borne fungi. TREATMENT—1500 to 2000 pounds of landplaster (split applications).
- Collar Rot**
SYMPTOMS—Whole plant withers and dies, turning a soot black in color, with the presence of a green cheese-like mold on the stems. No treatment known.
- Fusarium Wilt**
SYMPTOMS—Plant withers and turns a whitish green in color. Brown streaks appear in the tap root running throughout the plant. No known treatment.
- Leafspot**
SYMPTOMS—Small brown to black spots on the leaves caused by an air-borne fungus. Can be controlled by using copper sulfur, Cyrex 65W, Dithane M22, Miller 658, Manzate, or Liquid Copper at 10 to 14 day intervals.
- Blackheart**—(nutritional problem)
SYMPTOMS—Peanut kernel has a brown to black spot in center. Caused by Boron deficiency.
TREATMENT—Use 1/2 lb. of actual Boron per acre. Apply July 15 to August 1. Boron will be available in copper sulfur. Use 15 lbs. per acre to get 1/2 lb. of Boron. A red tag attached to bag will identify Boron.

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