

Drought takes heavy toll on farmers

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"The worst drought ever."
That's what farm officials are calling a summer that has devastated some of the state's most vital agricultural commodities and forced as many as 60,000 farmers to go bankrupt.

Dr. Joe Brooks of the N.C. Agricultural Extension Agency said the state's livestock farms were the hardest hit.

Brooks described the effects of the drought as "very severe." The lack of rain has prevented livestock farmers from growing the necessary corn and grain to feed their herds. As a result, farmers have to sell their cattle earlier.

Officials with the N.C. Department of Agriculture said the drought has aggravated the already serious problem caused by the government's dairy cattle buy-out program in April and May of this year.

The program flooded the cattle markets and depressed prices, said Chuck Miller, the

department's livestock expert.
"Now the drought is preventing the farmers from holding their cattle so people have had to sell them for a much lower price than if they held them until the fall," Miller said, adding that the number of cows being sold is 50 percent higher than normal.

Farmers who don't sell off their herds are being forced to buy feed for their cattle, Miller said. Traditionally, North Carolina farmers have been able to grow enough grain for their livestock, but now they have ship the feed in from the Midwest.

Brooks estimated that only 97 million bushels of corn and small grain have been produced so far this year, compared to a normal harvest of 157 million bushels at this time. He said the expense of having to buy grain has "doubled the attrition rate for farmers."

Some help has arrived in the form of free hay donated by Midwestern grain producers, who are having bumper crops. Miller expressed

thanks for the donations but described the situation as being like "trying to fight a forest fire with a garden hose."

Other livestock producers have been less affected by the drought. Miller said lambs were selling at record prices, although the hog market has remained fairly stable.

The state's tobacco industry has also maintained its productivity. "The tobacco plant is basically a weed," said tobacco expert Weldon Denning of N.C. Department of Agriculture. "It grows through just about anything."

Denning said that although quality will suffer in the western counties, the fall crop will be about 95 percent of normal. He added that farmers are harvesting their crops later than normal, priming their tobacco about two weeks later than normal.

"I don't envision that it will do anything but make prices suffer a little bit," Denning said.

The effect of the drought on the state's peach crop will not be known until later because the size of the fruit is not evident until harvest.

Postal worker left no clues of his intentions, police say

From Associated Press reports

EDMOND, Okla. — A mail carrier who shot 14 co-workers to death and wounded six others before killing himself left no clues at his home that he would not return after work, police said Thursday.

But just hours after Patrick Henry Sherrill fixed himself scrambled eggs in the kitchen of his white shingled house in Oklahoma City on Wednesday, he unleashed a spray of gunfire in the Edmond Post Office.

"Apparently he got up and fixed himself breakfast as he apparently did on a normal morning. We found nothing that would lead us to believe he had not planned to return home after work," police Lt. Ron Cavin said at a news conference Thursday.

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some movement since the jury had been deadlocked 6-6 on Wednesday.

The jury, which has been deliberating since Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday requested a tape recording Mancuso had made and also some defense documents.

Mancuso, 18, is accused in the shooting death of Durham high school classmate Norma Russell last January. He has pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity.

Bad news on inflation

WASHINGTON — Another steep decline in gasoline costs held consumer prices steady in July as Americans enjoyed the best news on retail prices in 30 years, the government reported Thursday.

But the Labor Department said there signs everywhere that said the good news on inflation is ending. Food costs in July shot up at the fastest clip in more than two years, prices of medical services were up sharply and the cost of imported goods rose as well.

Motion denied in trial

DURHAM — Members of a Durham County Superior Court jury said Thursday they were deadlocked 10-2 after a day and a half of deliberations in the first-degree murder trial of David Mancuso, but a judge refused to declare a mistrial.

Judge Robert H. Hobgood Jr. denied a defense motion for a mistrial, saying there had been

Human error led to meltdown, Soviets say

From Associated Press reports

MOSCOW Energy officials said Thursday a serious blow was dealt to the Soviet nuclear power program by the Chernobyl disaster, which killed 31 people and spewed a huge cloud of invisible radioactivity over much of the world.

The government blames the April 26 accident at the Ukrainian plant on human error. Andranik Petrosyants, chief of the atomic energy committee, said the disaster is forcing officials to consider locating reactors outside populated areas and redesigning them so workers cannot override safety systems.

More than 200 people were stricken with radiation sickness and 135,000 were evacuated from contaminated areas near the plant 80 miles north of Kiev, a city of 2.4 million people that is capital of the Ukraine.

Chernobyl "has hurt the Soviet nuclear power program badly," Petrosyants told a news conference called to discuss the official report on the explosion and fire in the plant's No. 4 reactor.

He said no decisions have been made on revising the government's nuclear energy plans, but "the lessons of Chernobyl of course cannot be

unheeded."

The Soviet report will be reviewed at a meeting of the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna on Aug. 25.

It was prepared in two parts. The first explains the accident's causes and the second is a 350-page supplement describing the reactor design, medical and environmental consequences of the accident and the decontamination project.

Valery Legasov, first deputy

director of the nation's leading nuclear power institute, said the disaster at the four-reactor power station was due almost entirely to human error.

He outlined six mistakes responsible for the steam and chemical explosions that tore open the No. 4 reactor, killing two workers instantly and releasing radioactivity that spread over much of Europe and gradually worked its way around the world.

Broyhill lobbies Democrats to support his bid for Senate

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In hopes of gaining support from the state's Democrats, the Jim Broyhill for Senate campaign is forming a group called Democrats for Broyhill.

"We feel that the Democratic vote is very important and that by going into the counties we can get out the vote," said Patricia Helms, director of the organization.

Although the newly appointed Republican senator will be running as the incumbent in November after replacing Sen. John East, he cannot win the election without support from registered Democrats.

"Democrats are essential to winning an election in North Carolina," said Doug Haynes, a spokesman for the Broyhill campaign. Democrats for Broyhill is intended to make it known that Broyhill expects support from Democrats as well as from his party.

Broyhill, a 23-year congressman from the 10th District, will face former N.C. Gov. Terry Sanford Nov. 4 to replace the seat held by East, who committed suicide last month. Sanford, a former president of Duke University, has been traveling to all 100 counties in the state to rally support on all sides.

Lisa DeMaio Brewer, also a spokesperson for Broyhill, said in a telephone interview that the group

is intended to "involve Democrats interested in supporting Sen. Broyhill" and that it "provides them with an opportunity to be very active in his campaign."

The new group is not wasting any time. An Eastern Regional Kick-off was held in Wilson on August 10. Brewer said one-third of the state's counties have appointed chairmen to oversee steering committees. These will be involved in volunteer work, fund-raising and generally promoting Broyhill to Democrats in their communities.

Sam Poole, Sanford's campaign manager, said he was unconcerned about the group's formation. He described it as "an age-old trick" and stated that he could name two or three people who are registered one way and vote the other way consistently.

Poole also said Broyhill supporters were "trying to get the press to do exactly what . . . (The Daily Tar Heel is) doing — making it look like most of the state's Democrats are going to vote for Broyhill. That's just not realistic."

Ann Hubbard, press secretary of the N.C. Democratic Party, said Sanford is not concerned over the formation of Democrats for Broyhill. "Governor Sanford expects to attract Republican voters and expects them to feel good about voting for him," she said.

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