

Farm Income Shows Only Deficit In N. C. Index During Period

Heavy Construction Shows Greatest Increase In This State

Raleigh—For the first nine months of 1939 the only business and prosperity index which was "off" in North Carolina was "Farm Income," according to "The Business Record, State by State," a quarterly feature of the national publication, "Business Week."

The other seven indices listed—passenger car sales, gasoline consumption, household refrigerator sales, ordinary life insurance, value of checks, electric power output and heavy construction—all showed increases ranging from a scant two per cent for life insurance sales to 74 per cent in heavy construction.

The magazine simply states the case in percentage form with no comment on causes; but it is entirely obvious to those with any information regarding North Carolina that the slump in farm income, a serious one which reached the major proportions of 24 per cent, was due quite largely to the tremendous decrease in tobacco prices last year.

For the entire United States every single one of the eight indices moved up, though here, too, farm income made the poorest showing with an increase of only two per cent—from where the figures ranged upward to a fifty per cent increase in household refrigerator sales.

Sectionally, the South Atlantic division, which includes North Carolina, led the country in percentage of increase in heavy construction, but at the other extreme it led all others in the percentage decline in value of its farm products.

Seriousness of North Carolina declining farm income is best illustrated by the fact that the percentage of loss was far and away the most severe in the United States. No other state even approached a loss of 20 per cent, and only two showed declines of as much as ten per cent—Kentucky with 15 and Wisconsin with 13 per cent.

The State's increase was greater than that of the entire country in five of the eight items, smaller in the other three. In the immediate South Atlantic division North Carolina lagged behind its neighbors as a group in which the state showed an eight per cent increase against seven per cent for the section.

In tabular form, North Carolina compared with the United States and with the South Atlantic section as follows, he figures showing percentage of increase or decrease over the corresponding nine months of 1938. All increases except where noted.

Items	NC	US	SA
Passenger car sales	49	46	54
Gasoline consumption	7	6	7
Household refrigerator	52	50	53
Life insurance	2	6	4
Value of checks	8	5	7
Farm income	24*	2	8*
Power output	12	13	15
Heavy construction	74	13	81

*—Percentage decrease.

Farm Union Calls For Adjustment of Debts And Parity

Farmer Cannot Succeed Under Old System of Free Competition

Omaha, Neb. (FR)—The need for revising the federal farm program to protect farm families against low incomes and growing insecurity received the major stress throughout discussions of the Farmers Union 1940 program at its 35th national convention, held at Omaha, Nebraska. The delegates enthusiastically adopted a resolution calling for passage of the income certificates plan at the next session of congress.

Delegates and representatives of 37 states drafted a progressive program urging fair prices, debt-adjustment, tenancy aid, lower interest rates, and the extension of programs such as farm security, rural electrification, and the stamp plan. A special session was devoted to the building of farmer cooperatives.

The farmers union urged that the rights of family-size farms be safeguarded in all legislative programs and that democratic control of farm programs be adopted as a general policy in the administration of such legislation.

Delegates from the different crop areas of the nation agreed that present farm prices are seriously out of line with the farmer's cost of production and that war cannot solve the farm problem. They endorsed "the principle that cost of production or parity, whichever is greater, be paid for farm products domestically consumed." This principle is written into the income certificate legislation, originally devised by the farmers union and already introduced in congress for wheat and cotton.

Senator Burton K. Wheeler reaffirmed his support of the measure and said:

"This country cannot go forward with free competition for the farmer both in the domestic and world markets, and price-fixing for the manufacture of basic commodities."

The certificate plan was recently endorsed by Secretary Wallace in two of his recent speeches and is attracting serious attention in Washington as the only feasible substitute yet proposed for the present AAA.

Action was recommended by the farmers union to recognize milk, now excluded from the AAA, as a basic commodity and to assure dairy farmers the same benefits afforded other major commodities.

A strong anti-war resolution was passed by the convention, asking that "our government be neutral in action and spirit during war in other parts of the world" and favoring a "government monopoly of all armament and munition plants." The resolution further urged "unwavering support to the bill of rights" in this period of war hysteria and opposed the giving of credit, both government and private, to belligerents. In addition to reaffirming its traditional position of maintaining a "friendly attitude toward organized labor" the farmers union called for the protection of civil liberties and democratic rights, urged the abolition of all poll taxes, and condemned "the tactics used by the Dies Committee."

In addition to its certificate legislation, the farmers union appears to be centering its main legislative drive on the national scene on three measures. The first of these is the bill to re-adjust farm mortgages held by government agencies; it was introduced for the union by Senator Wheeler at the last session. The second measure provides more than half a billion dollars for low-interest refinancing of farm mortgages, as set forth in the LaFollette bill. The third calls for a broad program to halt the march of tenancy and restore tenants to ownership, as provided in the Lee Tenancy Bill.

The preamble of its program, as adopted by the convention, states that the purpose of the Farmers Union is:

"To permit no blackout of our objectives to attain parity income for agriculture sufficient to cover production costs, to provide a home free from threat of dispossession and a decent standard of living for ourselves and our families."

Well-Cured Silage May Be Fed To Young Calves

Good, well-cured silage may be fed the calf at from three to four months of age. Only about two pounds should be fed at first and this may be gradually increased as the calf grows older. A six months old calf may be fed from five to fifteen pounds daily during the winter months. Care should be taken not to give the animal too much silage as this feed is laxative and too much will cause scours. At the first sign of indigestion, the silage and legume hay should be replaced with grass hay and the animal given a dose of from one to three tablespoons of castor oil mixed with a pint of fresh milk.

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Lincoln 4-H Club Meetings Receive Good Response

An excellent response to the 4-H Club meetings in Lincoln County, has given the new club year a good start, reports John W. Webster, assistant farm agent of the State College Extension Service.

Reita Theatre—Washington

Sunday-Monday January 7-8
"BAD LITTLE ANGEL" with Virginia Weidler

Tuesday January 9
DOUBLE FEATURE
"Heaven with a Barbed Wire Fence", Jean Rogers
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Wednesday-Thursday January 10-11
"CITY OF DARKNESS" with Sidney Toler and Lynn Bari

Friday-Saturday January 12-13
"TROPIC FURY" with Richard Arlen and Beverly Roberts

THE GET READY MONTH On The Farm and in The Home



When January 1st came round, Bolivar Pigg in detail planned the best of uses to be found for every acre of his land. Truth to be told, he figured well how much to plant and feed and sell.

Ma Pigg, as well, laid out the year. Polly and Peter did so, too. Thus they e-lim-in-at-ed fear of skipping things that were to do. All knew that work that's well begun by careful-planning is half done.

This marks the beginning of a new month, a new year, and a new decade. Farming depends largely on what the individual makes of it, so now is a good time to turn over a new leaf and start improving your agricultural program, say State College specialists. And here are suggestions which they offer for the month of January.

First, Dr. R. F. Poole, plant pathologist, urges that farmers prepare their tobacco seed beds on new sites, locating them where good soil drainage, good ventilation, and sunshine are available during the entire day. Such precautions will create conditions less favorable to blue mold than shaded, damp areas.

Then W. H. Rankin, agronomist, says judicious use of fertilizers, proper handling of the soil, and the use of good seed are factors which every grower should bear in mind when planning his 1940 farming operations. Keeping the cost of production as low as possible may mean the difference between success and failure.

John Arey, extension dairyman, says let's begin the New Year right by resolving that the care and feed which we give our dairy cattle during 1940 will not be responsible for any loss that might occur in conducting our dairy business. Uncomfortable cows, fed on rations deficient both in quality and in quantity, cannot produce efficiently.

And speaking of beginning the year right, Enos Blair, extension agronomist, adds that January is the best time to plan crop rotations and general farm management systems, and to take an inventory so as to keep accurate records on farming operations.

For the orchardist, H. R. Niswonger offers these suggestions: If the ground is not frozen, fruit trees may be planted during January; spraying and pruning fruit trees, shrubs, and grape vines may be done on favorable days; and field mice may be destroyed through the use of a poisoned bait.

Roy Deartstyne, head of the State College poultry department, points out that every precaution should be taken to start only quality chicks. Cheap chicks, he says, are usually the most expensive in the long run. Don't overcrowd the chicks. Allow each two birds one square foot of floor space in the brooder house. Watch temperatures carefully, since more chicks are killed by overheating than chilling.

Finally, H. W. Taylor, extension

Dark Future For Important Types Of Tobacco Seen

Over-Supplies and Loss of Foreign Markets Cause Condition

Washington — A dark future for important types of tobacco was foreseen today by Secretary Wallace in his annual report on the department of agriculture.

Over-supplies and loss of foreign markets because of the European war were listed as causes for the condition.

Supplies of flue-cured and burley, the secretary said, have increased to well above normal levels and flue-cured tobacco already has been adversely affected by the war. Flue-cured, dark air-cured and Maryland types may be similarly affected, he added. The outlook for cigar types of tobacco was described as "better," with the crops of relatively good quality and demand favorable.

Following the outbreak of the European war, Wallace reported buyers for the British trade, who usually take about one-third of the flue-cured crop, withdrew from the market.

"This development made an all-swine specialist, says the entire breeding herd of hogs should have access to green feed during the winter months. If grazing crops are not available, feed a green leafy legume hay in a rack. Alfalfa, soybean, or lespedeza hay is good. If you sell hogs commercially, avoid soft porks."

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