

Ten Percent Gain In Cotton Acres

North Carolina farmers had 10 per cent more cotton in cultivation on July 1st, 1940, than they did a year ago, according to the report released today by Crop Reporting Board of the Department of Agriculture. The 1940 acreage was estimated at 829,000 and, with the exception of last year, is the lowest acreage for North Carolina since 1878. The acreage planted this year, however, is 30 per cent less than the ten-year average (1929-38) crop. North Carolina shows the third largest increase among the cotton states for this year, being exceeded only by Arizona and New Mexico.

The heavy reduction in the tobacco acreage was primarily responsible for the increase in the acreage devoted to cotton. In some of the major eastern tobacco counties, cotton plantings increased as much as 40 per cent over those of last year. The acreage in non-tobacco producing counties remained about the same as that of 1939.

With less than average rainfall during June and with extensive mopping for weevil control, weevil damage as reported on July 1st was considerably less than it was at this time last year.

For the entire nation, the acreage of cotton in cultivation on July 1st was estimated to be 2 per cent greater than a year ago, but 28 per cent less than the ten-year average plantings. The acreage this year is placed at 25,077,000 as compared with 24,683,000 last year and a ten-year average crop (1929-38) of 34,929,000 acres. The major cotton states showed little change from last year's plantings.

Boost Production Of Workstock In State

Despite the renewed interest in workstock production on North Carolina farms, farmers of this State still have to import 20,000 horses and mules each year to meet replacement needs, says Fred M. Haig, professor of animal husbandry at N. C. State College.

Until recently, practically all workstock was shipped into the State, running up an annual bill of approximately \$3,500,000. However, in the past few years, farmers have spurred a movement to raise their own horses and mules.

This year, as a result of the movement, 3,000 horse colts and 1,000 mule colts were born in North Carolina farms during the spring. Still, Prof. Haig said, this number, although encouraging, is far below actual replacement needs.

At the present time, the workstock population numbers 70,000 horses and 310,000 mules. Since 15 years is the average life of these animals, it is necessary to replace about 5,000 horses and 20,000 mules each year.

Raising a few colts on the farm requires practically no outlay of cash since the small additional amount of feed required can be raised with little trouble or expense. Then, too, the breeding can be timed so that the mare will lose but little time from regular farm duties.

"The farmer who does raise a few colts will not have to spend from \$300 to \$600 in cash for a new team when his work animals become too old," the State College man said. "To the average farmer, this represents a considerable sum of money."

LOCAL WPA LIBRARY PROJECT



Numbered among the most successful undertakings of its kind in the county, the local high school Works Progress Administration library project

served a great need during the last term of the school. Hundreds of volumes were added to

the library under the supervision of the WPA librarian, making the unit one of the largest of its kind in this immediate section.

County Fishermen Take Big Eagle

(Robersonville Herald)

Last week Bill Warren, Tommy Tisdale and Harry Roberson were fishing in Bull's Bay near Creswell. On their way in, they saw a large bird perched on a stump near the landing. Although they were only a few feet away from the bird it failed to fly or attempt to get away.

Tommy, who evidently is not afraid of anything, took Harry's \$4.75 raincoat and threw it over the bird and captured it without a struggle. However, the claws of the Osprey Eagle pierced Harry's coat in at least seven or eight places.

The Eagle is now cooped up in Bill Warren's chicken yard but he expects to remove the bird to his father's farm this week.

The bird, although too young to fly, has a wing spread of approximately 5 feet.

Britain has moved less than one million pounds of the 175 million pounds of flue-cured tobacco bought for her and held under the purchase

F. S. A. MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR SMALL FARMERS TO CHIP IN AND BUY MACHINERY NEEDED ON FARM

BEARS!

Going to a corn patch on their farm near Robersonville Tuesday morning, Mrs. Alvin Roebuck encountered a bear which had been eating and destroying the crop for several days. Mr. Roebuck could not understand what was eating his corn for he could see no hog tracks. The corn-eating bear would gather several ears and then go into the woods for a short distance and have a feast.

If any corn is harvested for the next few days for table use, Mr. Roebuck will probably have to do it.

Mrs. Pattie Spruill is visiting in Plymouth for a week.

Charges 3 Per Cent Interest on Equipment and Service Loans

Machine-age agriculture is creating new demands on the small farmers of the nation.

Use of machinery on the farm is increasing as farmers battle to maintain their profit margins by lowering operating costs.

Small farmers needing big machinery can chip in and buy it through the Community and Co-operative Service Program of the Farm Security Administration, according to J. B. Slack, Chief of the Rural Rehabilitation program in Region IV, which includes the states of North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee.

Under this plan small farmers are enjoying the benefits of modern farm

machinery and equipment that they could not afford alone. Much needed services or equipment can be financed by the FSA Community and Co-operative Service Program when two or more farmers agree to use the same service or property.

Loans can be made for a Community Service owned and operated by one farmer, "the Master Borrower," for the benefit of a group; operated jointly by several members of the group as a whole. These loans are made to low-income farmers who cannot get adequate credit from any other source and are repaid within one to five years. Three per cent interest is charged on equipment and service loans. Five per cent interest is charged on loans used for the purchase of supplies and materials consumed during the year.

Mr. Slack pointed out that more than 4,100 farmer groups in the South already had borrowed over \$2,200,000 from the Farm Security Administration to finance these services. There are 109,969 farm families par-

ticipating in these group loans.

He urged anyone interested in these loans get in touch with the local FSA County Supervisor or the County Agent at once.

Purchases by the farm group included 402 tractors, 234 mowers, 373 combines, 272 hay balers, 186 rakes, 99 harvesters, 119 binders, 150 harrows, 41 threshing machines, 55 ensilage cutters, 51 peanut pickers, 16 cultivators, 15 planters, 9 terracing machines, 19 lime-grinding plants, 12 lime spreaders, 103 syrup mills, 37 feed mills, 30 hammer mills, 24 dusting machines, 5 sawmills and three mills.

Through these Community Service loans in the Southern States: 583 jacks, 582 bulls, 146 stallions, 61 boars and 5 rams were bought and are at service for the improvement of local livestock strains.

Other important group services made possible through these loans include 84 medical associations, 4 marketing services, 25 orchard-care services.

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