

**State College Answers Timely Farm Questions**

**QUESTION:** Are conditions favorable for raising beef cattle in North Carolina?

**ANSWER:** Conditions make North Carolina an ideal state for growing beef cattle. The mild climate and heavy rainfall gives good grazing and economical feed production. Very little housing is required. Land and labor are available, and farmers are increasing their knowledge of livestock production. Markets for beef cattle are being improved.

**QUESTION:** How can I get an even stand of grass on my lawn?

**ANSWER:** Divide the seed equally and sow two ways at right angles to each other to be assured of uniform distribution. Thoroughly harrow or rake the seeds into the soil about one-eighth to one-fourth inch deep. Make sure they are covered uniformly. If planted too deep, the germination will be poor and the stand unsatisfactory. If a roller is available, roll the soil after seeding. A mulch of straw left on the soil will be helpful.

About 1½ billion dollars worth of surplus agricultural commodities have been sold to foreign countries in exchange for their own currency since September 1954.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE**

**NORTH CAROLINA HAYWOOD COUNTY**  
The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Harriett C. Porter, deceased, late of Waynesville, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to file the same, duly certified, with said Administrator in Waynesville, North Carolina, on or before the 3rd day of September, 1957, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery thereon. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 30th day of August, 1956.  
William J. Porter, Sr.  
Administrator of the Estate of Harriett C. Porter.  
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**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE**

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Marshall Messer, deceased, late of Haywood County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Waynesville, North Carolina, on or before the 1st day of Sept., 1957 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 31st day of Aug., 1956.  
GROVER C. DAVIS,  
Administrator of the Estate of Marshall Messer, deceased.  
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**Haywood's Burley Crop**

	1950	1955
Total acres	1426	1062
Yield per acre	1949	1875
Acres not planted	292	100
Number allotments	2166	1989
Average allotment	.66	.57
Price per pound	0.528	0.566
Return per acre	\$1033	\$1061
Total burley income	\$1,171,000	\$1,106,000

**10-YEAR PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS**

Increase yield to 2,500 pounds per acre; make soil tests; plant 25 acres of Turkish tobacco, follow recommendations of state specialists in cutting, housing, priming, grading, fertilization. Potential income \$1,738,000.

**Land Uses And Acreages Harvested For Crop Years 1955 And 1954**

Haywood County Farm Items	Units	Year 1954	Year 1955
<b>FARM LAND USES</b>			
All Land In Farms	Acres	169,094	167,523
Harvested Crop Land	"	21,123	21,815
Soil Improving & Crop Failures	"	754	668
Idle Crop Land	"	1,994	2,518
Improved Pasture	"	10,540	12,922
Unimproved Pasture	"	60,707	56,849
All Other Land, Woods, Waste	"	73,976	72,751
<b>MAJOR CROPS (HARVESTED ACRES)</b>			
Corn, All Purposes	"	7,727	7,617
Tobacco	"	1,259	1,062
Wheat for Grain	"	97	96
Oats for Grain	"	1,191	1,281
Other Small Grains for Grain a/	"	257	240
Milo & Other Sorghums for Grain	"	176	172
Soybeans for Beans	"	48	45
Lespedeza for Seed	"	51	21
<b>CROPS HARVESTED FOR HAY</b>			
Soybeans & Cowpeas	"	58	189
Small Grains	"	708	409
Lespedeza	"	288	363
Alfalfa	"	1,205	1,383
All Other Hays	"	5,244	5,980
<b>VEGETABLES HARVESTED</b>			
Irish Potatoes	"	269	338
Sweet Potatoes	"	37	24
Other Vegetables Mostly for Sale	"	229	271
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>			
Commercial Fertilizer	Tons	4,081	4,373
Bees (Colonies, hives or gums)	Number	b/	763
Farm Ponds	"	b/	22
Land that could be irrigated c/	"	b/	2,076
<b>LIVESTOCK AND PEOPLE AS OF JANUARY 1st</b>			
		1955	1956
Sows & Gilts for Breeding	Number	170	147
Cows & Heifers 2 years plus	"		
Kept Mainly for Milk	"	4,402	4,139
Kept Mainly for Beef	"	7,770	8,894
Hens & Pullets of Laying Age	"	66,575	47,837
All People Living on Farm Tracts	"	12,801	12,853

a/ Alone or in mixtures. b/ Not listed in 1955 survey. c/ Land that could have been irrigated with water and equipment on hand in 1955.

**COMMENTS CONCERNING HAYWOOD COUNTY FARM CENSUS**  
According to the census summary published above for Haywood County 21,815 acres were used in 1955 to harvest crops, which was a slight increase over the previous year. The combined hay crops with 39% of the total crops harvested occupied first place, corn was second with 35%, market vegetables, home gardens, orchards, vineyards, etc. was next with 13% and small grains and tobacco followed with 8% and 5% respectively. Slight decreases in acreage were indicated in corn and tobacco which was more than offset by increases in small grains and the hay crops. Milk cows were below the number reported a year ago, but there was an increase reported in the number of beef cows. Other items reported by farmers of the county were 763 bee gums and 22 farm ponds. The farm population was about the same as one year ago, 12,853.



**AMONG BLUE RIBBON WINNERS** at the Pigeon Valley Fair last week was this Hereford, entered by Charles Henson of Henson Cove, a student at Bethel High School. (Mountaineer Photo).

**State Fair Is Seen As 'Best Ever'**

The huge North Carolina State Fair grounds is becoming a beehive of activity as workmen make ready for the 1956 edition of North Carolina's biggest event. The State Fair will be held October 16 through 20 and is expected to be the best in the 103-year history of the event.

Dr. J. S. Dorton, manager, and his staff, plus hundreds of volunteers, have been at work for months laying plans to "feature" North Carolina's rapidly growing and highly important dairy industry. Every corner of the fairgrounds will tell the story of "Dairying on Parade," theme of

this year's fair. But the center of the dairying feature will be in the lower south lobby of the giant State Fair Arena, where some 20-odd different dairy industry organizations will have elaborate booth exhibits to tell the story of Tar Heel milk from the barnyard to the doorstep.

While dairying will claim the major part of the agricultural exhibits spotlight, other elements of the state's agriculture will come in for their share of attention also. Every phase of farming in North Carolina will be depicted in its latest, most modern state. More than \$65,000 has been set aside for cash premiums for those who exhibit their products and wares.

And there will be plenty of entertainment for all ages at this year's State Fair. Among the outstanding entertainment features this year will be Dorothy Collins and Russell Arms of television's "Hit Parade". They will be starred in the "Hit Parade Revue". Pat Boone, popular young singer from the Arthur Godfrey TV show, will star, along with other big names in the entertainment world, in "Midwestern Hayride," a high-stepping mixture of popular and hill-billy music. This colorful show will also play in the State Fair Arena.

George Hamid's new outdoor musical revue, "Stairway to the Stars," will play nightly at 7:45 in front of the grandstand. There will be harness horse races on three of the five days; auto races on Saturday of Fair Week will attract possibly the week's biggest crowds; James E. Strates Midway and Shows returns with more than 50 rides for adults and children.

There is more, much more. And it will all be wrapped up in a nice package of education and entertainment come October 16.

**Condition Of State's Crops**

**CROP SUMMARY**

Very little change is indicated in the condition of crops as compared with a week earlier. Soils became dry to very dry in the mountain sections of the State as little or no rain fell during the week ended September 15.

Late maturing corn in the Mountains indicated slight improvement from rain that fell during the preceding week. The condition of corn only fair in the mountains.

Harvesting of crops made good progress during the week.

**HAY CROPS**

According to weather-crops correspondents, the condition of hay crops ranges from poor to excellent and is about evenly divided between poor and fair. Lespedeza hay accounts for the largest acreage, and this crop is short in growth, and yield per acre is expected to be below average. Soybean and peanut hay are expected to produce above average yields due to a good growth in the Coastal Plains area. Late hay crops in the Mountains and Piedmont are poor to fair, mostly fair.

**APPLES**

The apple crop remains about as reported during the previous week when near two-thirds of the reports indicate the crop to be in

**fair to good condition. COMPLETENESS OF HARVEST TOBACCO**

Harvesting of all tobacco (flue-cured and burley) was reported to be 86 per cent complete as of the week ended September 15. The Burley crop harvest is near two-thirds complete.

**HAYS**

Harvest of the hay crop is near two-thirds complete for the State. Considerable acreage of lespedeza, soybean and peanut hay remains to be harvested.

**CORN**

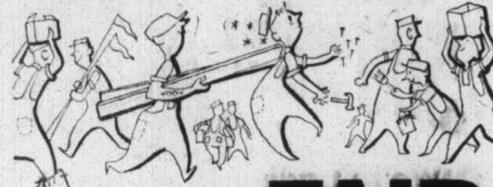
Harvesting of the corn crop is estimated to be 10 per cent complete as of the week ended September 15. With favorable weather, harvest of the crop is expected to make rapid progress.

**LAND PREPARATION**

Land preparation for seeding small grain crops has slowed down. Soils have become dry to very dry in the Piedmont and Mountains, and a good general rain is needed. Dry soils are showing up in the Coastal Plains, and some rainfall would be beneficial in preparing land for small grains in this area.

Less than 50 per cent of the young people in high school have physical education.

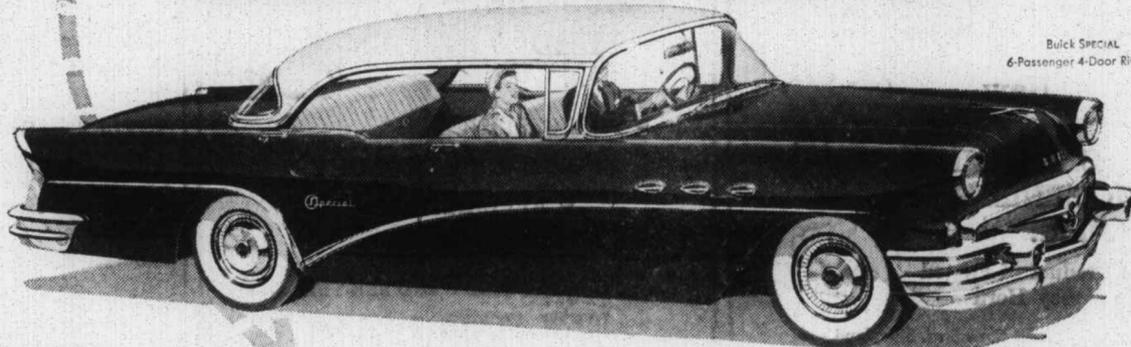
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