

Year's Collections Show Big Increase

Estimated 20 Per Cent Increase Over Last Year, With A Total of Over \$87,000,000

Raleigh, June 4.—There is every indication that when North Carolina closes its books on June 30 to end this fiscal year the figures will show that tax revenues for the state will have exceeded those for 1939-40 by not less than 10 million dollars. The increase may be even greater, depending, of course, on the matter of June collections.

Estimates based on 20 per cent increase in June for both revenue division and motor vehicle bureau taxes indicate total revenue in state taxes for this year will go well above \$87,000,000 against a combined actual revenue of slightly more than \$76,000,000 last year.

The twenty per cent estimates seem to be rather on the conservative side in view of the fact that the average monthly increase in tax receipts for the five months through May run higher than that—particularly in the revenue division.

Receipts for the eleven months of this fiscal year already exceed the 1939-40 totals in both revenue and motor vehicle divisions—\$43,668,987.89 to \$40,147,061.01 in the former and \$37,739,190.47 to \$35,887,790.67 in the latter. This the state has already collected in the revenue division \$3,521,096.66 more than it did all last year, and in the motor vehicle division \$2,891,999.80 more than for the full 12 months of 1939-40. This is a gross total increase of \$6,402,436.68 with all June collections yet to be added. Last June's collections were above \$5,000,000.

The tremendous increase it is now certain will be shown for the current year is not due to a jump in revenue from any one source or from any new tax levies. As a matter of fact the revenue is that of the second year of a biennium and, therefore, there has not been even the dotting of an "i" or the crossing of a "4" in the way of changed revenue statutes.

Yet there is going to be a very substantial increase in fourteen of the fifteen items listed each month on the report of tax collections. The only falling off will, in itself, indicate better times, because the item "miscellaneous" is ordinarily composed of penalties and long overdue taxes collected so long after they were due that there's no correct place to list them. This "miscellaneous" classification is the only one which will show a falling off.

The entire year has produced a series of new records, with every month practically wiping out the marks up to that time.

In May, as the latest example, gasoline tax collections soared to the unprecedented total of \$2,726,582.28. Not only was this more than half a million dollars higher than the May, 1940, gasoline tax collections, but it was more than \$150,000 above the previous all-time monthly mark of \$2,569,945.29 set in November, 1940. It made the third time in North Carolina history that the gas tax has produced more than two and a half million dollars in a month.

May was likewise the fourteenth consecutive month in which gasoline tax receipts went above \$2,000,000 and the eighth "million dollar" sales tax month in a row.

RISE

A slight rise in the national average of farm real estate values during the past year has been revealed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

There may be plenty of money in circulation, but we have yet to meet a man in Farmville who has enough of it.

The Choice and Management of An Electric Range for the Farm



Comfort and health are enhanced when meals are cooked electrically.

By IRA MILLER, Farm Electrification Bureau

TODAY, about three times as many farm families with high-line service have electric ranges as enjoyed them three years ago. Indicative of these figures are the superiority of electric cooking, just what should the farm wife look for when buying an electric range? As she should be considering only a range of high-grade construction, about the only details left for her to think about are the surface units, oven and refinements.

There are several types of surface units, for each of which certain advantages are claimed. Check them and choose the one that best suits your requirements—the type of cooking utensils you use will have an important bearing on your choice. Unless you must cook an unusual variety of foods for a single meal, three surface units probably will be enough. One of the units should be large and have a rating of 1800 to 2000 watts, the others small and rated at 1000 to 1500 watts.

Factors affecting the cost of using the oven of an electric range include: The thickness and kind of insulation used in the walls, whether or not the door fits tightly against the frame when it is closed; its size and the kind of lining.

Refinements include oven temperature indicator, automatic timer, lamp, condiment jars, deep-well cooker and warming compartment. The frequency with which these various accessories

will be used should determine whether or not they are worth their added cost.

Correct management will result in properly-cooked foods with the minimum consumption of electricity. Five of the most effective means of saving electricity when cooking are:

1. Use the high wattage of a surface unit only to bring foods to boiling. As soon as boiling begins, turn the switch to low or, if that position will not maintain boiling, to medium.
2. Shorten the time required to start boiling by putting a cover on the pan and by using very little water or oil—vegetables—only half to one cup is usually enough.
3. Always use a pan that completely covers the heating surface of the unit—one with straight sides and flat bottom is preferable.
4. Do as much of the cooking as possible while the heating units and oven are hot.
5. Plan to cook more than one food in the oven each time it is heated.

Before purchasing any electric range, talk about and look at the various makes until familiar with the advantages and disadvantages of each. Then check the following points with your farm friends who have electric ranges: What difficulties, if any, they have had with the oven or surface units; how often replacement of heating units are necessary; what new heating units or parts cost; how promptly replacements or repairs are made; and what features of the range they particularly like or dislike.

STATE COLLEGE ANSWERS TIMELY FARM QUESTIONS

QUESTION: When should cotton receive a side dressing?

ANSWER: Cotton should be side-dressed within 10 days after chipping on all except heavy soil types with 16 pounds of soluble nitrogen. An example of this would be 100 pounds of nitrate of soda to the acre. If a 3-9-3 fertilizer was used, the nitrate of soda application should be increased to 125 pounds to the acre. If rust symptoms have developed in previous crops, an additional 25 to 50 pounds of potash within 10 days after chipping should be used if the potash content of the fertilizer used was not increased. This would mean the addition of 50 to 100 pounds of muriate of potash or 125 to 250 pounds of kainit.

QUESTION: How should poultry houses with dirt floors be disinfected?

ANSWER: Dirt floors, regardless of the care given them, are a distinct menace to the welfare of the poultry industry, says Roy S. Dearstyne, head of the State College Poultry Department. If conditions actually necessitate houses with such floors, these should be scraped each month. Four to six inches of dirt should be removed and replaced with sand or soil from unpolluted sources. The material removed should be taken to some place where chickens do not range.

QUESTION: What is the best method of feeding swine?

ANSWER: The self-feeder method is the best way to feed fattening hogs. It saves labor and feed, is an ideal way to utilize dry feed, helps keep feed clean, and enables each pig to select his own ration. Where nursing sows are self-fed, the pigs

will learn to eat from the feeder before weaning time. When the sows are taken away at weaning time, the pigs may be continued on the self-feeder without interruption.

Summer Shelters Prove Profitable

Summer range shelters will pay as much on the investment as any other expenditure the poultryman can make, according to T. T. Brown, extension poultryman of N. C. State College.

Where more than 100 birds are kept, the shelter results in feed economy and healthier, more thrifty pullets. This assures the producer of a more economical egg production and a lower pullet mortality.

"In order to face competition more successfully," Brown stated, "the poultry raiser should be interested in any piece of equipment or practice that really gives results such as the summer range shelter does."

When the shelter is placed on clean land where ample tender green feed and shade are available, it will cost much less to feed pullets than if the birds were confined to a small yard or bare lot.

Where the pullets range on a green crop such as lespedeza or soybeans, they will get something that the feed manufacturer has not been able to put in the feed bag.

The shelter that Extension Service poultrymen have found to be the most economical and most satisfactory is A-shaped with eaves about two feet from the ground and the peak of the roof about five feet, ten inches. The shelter is 8 by 10 feet in size and will accommodate 100 pullets.

"The use of the summer range shelter helps to eliminate disease and intestinal parasites, puts vigor into the pullets, and makes for better egg size and production by properly developing the birds," Brown said.

EGG-SAVER

Poultry specialists of Iowa State College have developed an "egg-saver" machine that makes possible the removal of infertile eggs after 15 to 20 hours of incubation.

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London Silence May Cloak Swift Move Against Syria

Britain Already May Be In Action to Block Nazi Foothold in Syria; German Troops Reported Filtering Into French-Mandated Area; Nazi 'Tourists' Pass Through Turkey

London, June 4.—The bitter grew in London tonight that a rigid official silence on the Middle East situation concealed swift British action already underway to forestall a German move into French-mandated Syria.

Informal sources intimated that the Middle East communiqué reported "no change in the situation" hardly told the whole story of what is under way.

Some quarters said reports of large German troop movements into Syria may have been encouraged or even inspired by the Nazis to draw attention from other scenes of impending operations.

Doubt was expressed elsewhere, however, that the British command entertained any such notions. For it gave no account of operations in the Middle East nor even in Ethiopia—and such determined silence in the past almost always has meant that something notable was afoot.

It was recalled, too, that the Middle East command, on the word of Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, has been given full authority to do whatever it deems necessary in that section of the world to defend the Suez Canal and it approaches.

No confirmation. Authorities stuck to a single phrase—"no confirmation"—on all reports of German troop movements into Syria.

They refused quotable comment on the prospects of German air power breaking the British sea blockade sufficiently to permit the Nazis to send troops and motorized equipment by ship to Syria ports, and eventually suggested in reports from Ankara, Turkey.

Some qualified sources, noting the ostentatious manner in which German "tourist" infiltration and other moves toward Syria have been conducted, said they believed these might be intended to alarm Turkey and weaken her faith in Britain.

The next move, these sources said, might be a German ultimatum to Turkey demanding passage of Nazi troops under threat of invasion and aerial bombardment.

Whatever the British Middle East forces are doing to prevent such a development, it was predicted here that Britain soon will officially declare Syria to be "enemy-occupied territory," thus opening up that East Mediterranean shore as the next likely war front.

Possibilities. Among the German offensive possibilities were listed a thrust into Syria, a renewed drive from Libya eastward toward the Nile, and fresh efforts to rouse the Iraqis and other Arab peoples into revolt against the British.

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By R. A. FIELDS, Sales Supervisor

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ing London sources, declared that a collaboration agreement between Vice-Premier Admiral Jean Darlan of France and Adolf Hitler provided for the joint French-German use of six French naval bases. The newspaper also said "Germany already is using Dakar, French West Africa as submarine base and U-boats from there have practically blockaded the Cape Verde Islands."

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