

Three County Cattlemen Buy Calves at Supervised Sales

By BOB SEYMOUR

Three county farmers bought calves at the state-supervised feeder calf sales at Goldsboro and Rocky Mount this summer. County agent R. M. Williams predicts that these progressive cattlemen will succeed in their ventures so well that other county farmers will follow their example.

Dion Simpson of Bettie bought five calves at the Rocky Mount sale and added them to his herd of home-grown stock. He is planning to feed out 14 calves this winter and next summer.

Mr. Simpson has 15 head of stock at his farm in Bettie and 16 head in a pasture at North River. A large percentage of his investment is in a purebred Hereford bull. "A bull is half of a man's herd," Mr. Simpson points out. "In order to produce first quality calves, a cattleman must have a top-notch bull."

Another cattleman who has found the feeder calf sales a good source of stock is William Lewis who lives in Morehead City but farms a place at Harlowe.

Mr. Lewis bought 10 heifer calves at the sales and he plans to keep all of them for breeding purposes. He bought a bull from Morton Davis of Morehead City and hopes to begin selling calves of his own within a couple of years.

The largest beef cattle operation in the county is that of Ralph Thomas, North River. Mr. Thomas has 200 calves on permanent pasture now. He plans to sell the animals at sales next fall.

Mr. Thomas began his program in the fall of 1956, planting pastures and building fences and sheds. He put in his first calves (100) the next year and sold them last fall. He sold his second lot of calves this fall.

Mr. Thomas has 160 of his 300 acres in permanent pasture. He feels that permanent pasture is the answer to the cattleman's winter feeding problem in this part of the state.

"With the mild weather we have here in the winter, cattle can graze year-round. Of course I keep plenty of hay and other feed on hand just in case something happens to the pasture, but it is really economical to put cattle on year-round pasture and know they will get plenty to eat," he declared.

In commenting on the feeder calf sales, Mr. Thomas said, "The quality of the North Carolina calves sold in these sales is so good that many out-of-state buyers are coming in."

"Quite a number of calves from these sales went to the mid-west for feeding out. The entrance of out-of-state buyers into the market picture boosts the prices local breeders get for their calves and encourages them to produce even better calves," he says.

Mr. Williams, while anxious to see more county farmers raising beef cattle, warns that raising



Cattlemen Ralph Thomas, mounted, stops his work for a moment to discuss the state cattlemen's association with county agent R. M. Williams. Here Mr. Williams gives Mr. Thomas the latest bulletin issued by the association.



William Lewis plans to keep the heifers he bought at the feeder calf sale for foundation stock. Mr. Lewis expects to keep a breeding herd on his farm at Harlowe.

calves is hard work. "There is a great deal of responsibility in raising animals. A farmer must be sure that he has adequate feed and shelter for stock before he even thinks about going out and buying," he advises.

The Nerve of Him San Diego, Calif. (AP)—A door-to-door peddler knocked at a home in the Clairmont district and tried to sell his product—a No Peddlers sign.



Dion Simpson inspects some of the calves he bought at a sale this summer. Mr. Simpson has cattle on his farm at Bettie and on the pasture at North River pictured here.

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