

Highlight Of '73 Farming Activity

Highlights of the Activities of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture During 1973 by Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham.

SHORTAGE OF EVERYTHING BUT SHORTAGES
Shortages underscored virtually every aspect of the economy during 1973 and agriculture was no exception. This, of course, has had an effect on the operations of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and will be reflected in this report.

Office of Agribusiness and Public Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture donated foods, valued at almost \$29 million, were distributed to 1,109,249 persons in 2,665 schools, charitable institutions, needy families, and summer camps by the Food Distribution Division.

Over one million of those receiving food were school children. A new warehouse was constructed in Salisbury with facilities for both dry and cold storage. Markets in the NCDA's largest division. Early this year it was reorganized by combining its 19 sections into eight. This made for smoother operations. Challenges and uncertainties caused by ceiling prices, labor with protein, fertilizer, along and fuel shortages, environmental problems and extended delays in farmers being able to market products were major concerns. On the plus side, weather permitted an excellent harvest season. Livestock specialists graded, sold and arranged for hauling 235,000 feeder pigs at 267 graded sales. Fifty-five thousand, seven hundred seventy seven market hogs were graded at 148 special sales. Nearly 48,000 head of feeder cattle were graded at sales and brought over \$13.5 million.

Division specialists selected, assembled and shipped two lots of breeder sows to Costa Rica and Venezuela. A third shipment of both swine and cattle is being readied as the new approaches.

A growing horse industry requires the work of a full-time specialist. He assisted with ten horse sales, one of which is the largest in the south, selling up to 1,000 animals per sale.

Grading of eggs and enforcement of the egg law by 25 graders insures top quality. Fruit and vegetable specialists were quite effective in improving marketing and getting higher prices. Markets assisted in planning storage for an additional 15 million bushels of grain. Tobacco specialists aided the Industry-Wide Flue Cured Marketing Committee with design of a master marketing schedule for the 1973 season.

Successful efforts to promote export sales of N.C. agricultural products took place in South America, Bermuda, the Middle East and Canada.

Engineering has increased its services to include safety and environmental protection along with its normal planning and design. The Museum of Natural History in cooperation with N.C. Academy of Science formed the N.C. Student Academy of Science to encourage students to pursue careers in the sciences. The education unit increased activities to reach more people. Great strides were made in collecting, cataloging and preserving the state's animals and plants. The museum was visited by 162,500 people.

Progress continued on development of the Horticultural Crops Research Station at Clinton. A contract was let for construction of swine facilities at the Tidewater Research Station. Now beef cattle facilities were constructed at the Piedmont Station, Salisbury for a bull testing station.

Two new services are being offered by the Soil Testing Division. They are nematode assay (tests for destructive microscopic worms) and plant analysis (tests to determine if plants are receiving proper nutrients).

Copper and lime tests have been improved so that more can be run more accurately.

Over 100,000 soil tests were run for farmers and homeowners during the year. The service is free to citizens of North Carolina.

A quarterly hog report was begun by the Statistics Division. A survey to obtain an accurate count of apple and peach trees was undertaken. Also work on a directory of plant material producers was started. The division reports gross North Carolina farm income will approach the two billion dollar mark for the first time.

Office of Fiscal Management
Weather was not always an asset to the Farmers Market. Two floods did not appreciably affect business but caused considerable pavement damage and some business damage. The pavement has been replaced.

The greatest loss at the market was the closing of the cash and carry grocery firm. However plans are underway for Bunn Wholesale, a wholesale grocery business, to open in January.

Good weather attracted 588,286 visitors to the 1973 State Fair. The Governor Scott Pavilion is expected to be completed by early 1974. It will be used for trade shows, meetings and entertainment. During the fair commercial exhibits will be highlighted. The building cost is \$930,000.

Construction improvements amounting to \$152,713 have been completed. They include building repair, flooring, paving and a boiler in the Dorton Arena. Maximum use is made of fair buildings and grounds throughout the year. As facilities improve, the request for their use increases.

Office of Consumer Services
Along with its normal regulatory duties the Dairy Division is now responsible for analysis and labeling of imitation milk products. The butterfat check testing program included over 20,000 analyses of raw milk samples. Changes were ordered in pay tests. This increased payments to those dairy farmers by \$5,000.

Forty-five soft-serve establishments were closed for temporary periods due to non-compliance with sanitary regulations. Testing for pesticide residue in milk is a major activity.

The Entomology Division has the responsibility to enforce the new Biological Organism Law which protects beneficial insects, other organisms and the environment as well as plants protected from pests under previous statutes.

Forty gypsy moths, a mass defoliator of trees, were captured in fifteen counties. The state's first infestation was discovered in Winston-Salem. Four male moths, two egg masses and a pupal skin were found. Approximately 55,000 gypsy moth parasites were released during the year.

Efforts to eradicate witchweed and control fire ants continued. Meat and poultry inspection is provided in 333 slaughtering and processing plants. A total of 999 red meat animals and 172,137 poultry and rabbits were prevented from entering the state's food supply due to disease. An additional 1,232,311 pounds of adulterated, processed products were detected and destroyed.

Implementation of a germination vigor evaluation and reporting system for major field crops was a significant innovation in seed testing. The method determines the strength of seedlings, abnormalities and decayed seeds. The classification is reported for soybeans, cotton and peanuts. North Carolina is the first state to offer the service as a routine test.

Structural Pest Control licensed 293 individuals, representing 214 extermination firms. Seven criminal cases were prosecuted as a result of investigations by the division.

The Structural Pest Control Committee charged 142 licensed operators re-inspection fees for

substandard work. One operator's license was revoked.

No hog cholera has appeared in the state since January 16, 1973. If no outbreaks occur by January 17, 1974, North Carolina will be eligible for hog cholera-free status.

Last January the state had its first documented anaplasmosis-free cattle herd. The program is designed to help the sale of N.C. cattle in other states.

A new animal disease diagnostic laboratory in Asheville is scheduled for completion in May.

Weights and Measures activities increased during the year as a result of consumer complaints. High meat costs made buyers aware of weights. Priority was given to consumer complaints, most which were not justified.

The energy crisis had its effect on the Gasoline and Oil Inspection Division. Much time was devoted to securing petroleum products for tobacco curing and grain drying. Reports indicate the effort paid off.

Public concern of being short measured when buying gasoline brought numerous complaints, most were not justified. Efforts are being doubled to insure the quality and quantity of petroleum products due to fuel shortages.

In Swaziland some medicine men use ventriloquism to make clients believe they are communicating with spirits, the National Geographic Society says.

CLASSIFIEDS LEGALS

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Having qualified as Executrix of the estate of Cornie White Sutton, deceased, late of Perquimans County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at 722 Stewart Street, Chesapeake, Virginia on or before the 30th day of May 1974 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 13th day of December 1973.
Elizabeth White Bates
Executrix of Cornie White Sutton, deceased
12-13, 20, 27-1-3

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of Carl Linwood Hardy, deceased, late of Perquimans County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Route No. 1, Box 106 Hertford, N.C. on or before the 21st day of June 1974 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 14th day of December 1973.
Selma C. Hardy, Administratrix
Administratrix of Carl Linwood Hardy, Dec'd.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Alberta W. Lane, deceased, late of Perquimans County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Route No. 1, Belvidere, N.C. on or before the 14th day of June 1974 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 5th day of December 1973
William Ellsberry Lane,
Administrator
Administrator of Alberta W. Lane, Dec'd.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of Daniel Lee Stallings, deceased, late of Perquimans County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the Estate to present them to the undersigned at Route 1, Box 532, Elizabeth City, North Carolina, on or before the 27th of June, 1974, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of Mary A. Asbell, deceased, late of Perquimans County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Belvidere, North Carolina on or before the 23rd day of April 1974 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 28th day of November 1973.
Emerson Asbell, Administrator
Administrator of Mary A. Asbell, Deceased

All persons indebted to the said Estate will please make payment to the undersigned. This notice is to be published on December 20, 1973, December 27, 1973, January 3, 1974, and January 10, 1974. This the 12th day of December, 1973.

Beulah Gregory Stallings,
Administratrix of the Estate of Daniel Lee Stallings, Dec'd.

NORTH CAROLINA PERQUIMANS COUNTY IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

AUDREY LASSITER, WILLIAM D. LASSITER and JILL S. LASSITER, Plaintiffs vs. OLBERT FEARING LASSITER, THE ESTATE OF OLBERT FEARING LASSITER, THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF OLBERT FEARING LASSITER, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS AND ENTITIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THIS ACTION AND CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED. Defendants.

TO: OLBERT FEARING LASSITER, THE ESTATE OF OLBERT FEARING LASSITER, THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF OLBERT FEARING LASSITER, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS AND ENTITIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THIS ACTION AND CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED:

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief sought is as follows:

1. A Monetary Judgment in the sum of \$100,000.00, plus other arrearage as shall accrue under a Property Settlement Agreement and Final Judgment of Divorce as of the time of the hearing of this action, plus accrued and proper interest on entire indebtedness until paid.

2. That Judgment be entered declaring the existence of a Trust as to real property hereinafter described in favor of plaintiffs and that the court decree convey the said real property to plaintiff, Audrey Lassiter, as Trustee for plaintiffs, William D. Lassiter and Jill S. Lassiter.

3. That Judgment be rendered in all respects as a deed of real property as called for, required and directed by said Property Settlement Agreement and Final Judgment of Divorce.

4. That a decree of specific performance be entered against defendants as to said real property.

5. That defendants be caused to make an accounting as to rentals and income from their interest in the real property and for Judgment in the amount of said rentals and income with accrued and proper interest until paid, and, in any event, that defendants be required to pay to plaintiffs reasonable rental for said real property, with proper and accrued interest until paid over the period said real property has been withheld from plaintiffs.

6. The said real property referred to is described as follows:
4. That certain land and real property located in New Hope, Perquimans County, North Carolina, consisting of those certain six tracts of land described in that certain Indenture, dated August 4, 1970, by and between W.L. Lassiter and his wife, Jean T. Lassiter, and O.F. Lassiter and J.W. Jennette, Trustee, and Albemarle Production Credit Association, Lender, recorded in Mortgage Deed Book 51, page 190 and following of the Perquimans County Public Registry, and reference is made to said instrument and same is incorporated herein as though copied herein verbatim for the purpose of alleging and showing the description or descriptions to the said property.

7. That defendants and all persons acting for them be enjoined from any further interference with said real property as to defendants' interest therein.

You will further take notice that an Order of Attachment has been issued herein and levied against your interest in the aforesaid described real property.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days after the 3rd day of January, 1974, and upon your failure to do so, the parties seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This 21st day of December, 1973.
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SAVE 50¢ GRAVY TRAIN BAG DOG FOOD 25 lb. \$3.99
LIMIT ONE COUPON PER FAMILY VOID AFTER SATURDAY JAN. 5, 1974
CUSTOMER MUST PAY SALES TAX ON REGULAR RETAIL PRICE

SAVE 28¢ TIDE DETERGENT 3 lb. 102 BOX 69¢
LIMIT ONE COUPON PER FAMILY VOID AFTER SATURDAY JAN. 5, 1974
CUSTOMER MUST PAY SALES TAX ON REGULAR RETAIL PRICE

SAVE 55¢ DEL MONTE EARLY GARDEN GREEN PEAS 5 1 lb. 1 oz. CANS \$1.00
LIMIT ONE COUPON PER FAMILY VOID AFTER SATURDAY JAN. 5, 1974
CUSTOMER MUST PAY SALES TAX ON REGULAR RETAIL PRICE

SAVE 39¢ FARM CHARM ICE CREAM 2 1/2 GAL CTNS \$1.19
LIMIT ONE COUPON PER FAMILY VOID AFTER SATURDAY JAN. 5, 1974
CUSTOMER MUST PAY SALES TAX ON REGULAR RETAIL PRICE

SAVE 44¢ MAXWELL HOUSE INSTANT COFFEE 6 oz. JAR 89¢
LIMIT ONE COUPON PER FAMILY VOID AFTER SATURDAY JAN. 5, 1974
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SAVE 16¢ COFFEE ONE 1 LB. CAN MAXWELL HOUSE (ING. DIV. OF BIC. PACK) \$1.00
VOID AFTER SAT. 1-5-73

SAVE 10¢ POUND CAKE ONE 1 LB. PKG. NARA LEE \$1.00
VOID AFTER SAT. 1-5-73

SAVE 8¢ MARGARINE ONE 1 LB. PKG. MAGGI'S \$1.00
VOID AFTER SAT. 1-5-73

SAVE 40¢ INSTANT COFFEE ONE 8 OZ. JAR INSTANT COFFEE SANKA \$1.00
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SAVE 15¢ PRE-WASH ONE 1 FT. CARTON MAGGI'S \$1.00
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