

Farm Exports To Canada Top \$1 Billion

U.S. farm exports to Canada topped \$1 billion in 1973 for the first time. Farm product sales to Canada exceeded agricultural imports from that country by over \$500 billion, thus helping to reduce the U.S. overall

trade deficit with its neighbor to the north from \$2.9 billion in 1972 to \$2.2 billion last year. Horticultural crops account for slightly over a third of this country's agricultural sales to Canada, according to the U.S. Department of

Agriculture. Other sales last year included cattle, soybeans, cotton, corn, beef, pork, peanuts and rice. U.S. trade imports from Canada consist principally of metal ores, crude petroleum, natural gas, newsprint and many other forest-related products.

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A CHORE — What may seem as a chore to one person is a pleasure to Anna. She enjoys cooking.



GOOD OL' BOY — Whip is a good dog and one of Paul's favorite bird dogs. At the time of this photo, Whip wanted to play dead. Finally his master got him to co-operate.

ACTIVE COUPLE—Anna and Paul Smith, Jr. take a moment out of their busy routine to share an article in a farm magazine.

The Smiths Are Active In Farm And Community

Paul Smith, Jr. and his wife Anna are an active young farm family of Perquimans County.

The young couple lives in Winfall and have been members of the Perquimans County Young Farmers & Ranchers organization for two years.

Paul serves as vice president this year.

The young farmer is in the

ENERGY SOURCE

Agriculture could become a major source of energy in the future. A bushel of corn, for example, can produce nearly three gallons of alcohol. Scientists are already exploring the possibility of chemically treating and then physically distilling soybean oil to produce a gasoline substitute.

STORAGE IDEA

Here's a novel storage idea. Suspend an auto steering wheel from the ceiling with heavy wire and use it as a coat rack, suggest extension housing specialists, North Carolina State University.

TIGHT LID

Snug-fitting lids on cookware hold heat in the pot and speed up the cooking process, thus saving energy. The temperature inside a covered pan can be as much as 20 degrees higher than in an open pan, remind extension housing specialists, North Carolina State University.

ULTRAVIOLET

At a particular point in development, exposure of chrysanthemums to ultraviolet light inhibits growth of the terminal bud and causes the mums to branch. This could be a useful tool for florists who now rely on chemical or mechanical methods to encourage the desired branching. The practice is being researched.

HOW ABSORBENT

The absorbency of terry cloth depends upon its fiber content, weave and the number of loops per square inch. Cotton is a naturally absorbent fiber, observes Mrs. Edith McGlamery, extension house furnishings specialist, North Carolina State University. And when woven tightly with a great number of loops, the fabric will be more absorbent than if loosely woven.

agricultural business with his father. They farm 600 acres in the community.

Paul is a graduate of North Carolina State University where he earned a B.S. in agronomy (crop and soil science). Three years ago he married the former Anna Rountree of Gates County. The couple is expecting a child in November.

Anna works with her mother-in-law in a local florist shop. Her interests include homemaking, gardening and shopping.

Anna's part in this year's farm festival includes chairwoman of the Young Farmers and Ranchers exhibit.

Paul is in charge of contacting businesses who may wish to include an exhibit.

Paul explained the purpose of the young Farmers & Ranchers organization. He said he is for farmers under 30. The organization is a committee of the Farm Bureau.

The purpose of the festival is to build a better understanding between towns people and rural folk.

Anna added, "farming has become an expensive hobby."


The Young Farmers & Ranchers Association is not the only organization which keeps Paul busy. He is vice president of the Parkville Ruritan Club, member of the Winfall volunteer fire department.

Paul also enjoys hunting, boating, fishing, skiing, and the couple camp.

An asset to the county, it is a pleasure to feature the Smiths.

SPECIAL CROPS

North Carolina grows about 175,000 to 185,000 acres of horticultural crops, including everything from apples to outdoor flowers. The income from these specialty crops totals roughly \$125 million to \$140 million a year.

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