

# County Farmers Urged

Farmers and ranchers, get ready for the 1974 Census of Agriculture! Keep good records of your farming operations this year! This is the request of the Bureau of the Census, the Federal agency that will conduct the 20th nationwide Census of Agriculture during the first part of 1975. The Bureau is part of the U.S. Department of Commerce's Social and Economic Statistics Administration.

Farmers will receive their report forms by mail early in January. They should fill them out and mail them back promptly. Having accurate and detailed records will make it easy for farmers to do this. Questions will be much like those in the last previous agriculture census which covered farming and ranching during 1969.

Questions will ask for acreage of cropland harvested; quantity and market value of major crops produced; acres irrigated and means of irrigation; acreage treated with pesticides, lime and other chemicals; acreage fertilized by kind of fertilizer (dry, liquid, gas).

Questions on livestock and poultry will cover the number of each kind on the farm as well as the number sold and the sales value. Quantities and sales value of the products will be sought.

Details will be requested about farm products produced or marketed under contract. A few questions will be included about hired and contract labor, the number of workers and cash wages



**BIG BUSINESS**—The pork industry is big business in Perquimans County. These porkers raised on a pig farm in Belvidere, is a new venture for two Perquimans County pork profitors.

paid; also about any injuries to workers.

Further expenditure questions will cover amounts spent for feed, fertilizer, pesticides, lime, gasoline and other farm fuels, machine hire, and livestock and poultry purchases.

There will be questions about the various types and uses of land, such as cropland not harvested, other pasture and woodland, and about the value of land and buildings on the farm.

Operators will be asked about farm related income such as recreational services, customwork provided other farmers, or payments for participation in Government farm programs.

Two types of report forms are being prepared: one for farms with sales of \$2500 or more, and another less detailed form for places with sales of less than \$2500. No matter which form a

farmer receives, he need answer only those questions that apply to his operation. He should skip questions that apply only to other types of agricultural operations.

By Federal law, every report is confidential. It may be seen only by sworn Census employees and may be used only for statistical purposes. The mail method reinforces confidentiality. It also allows the farmer to complete the report at his convenience with accurate information from his records.

#### SPINACH TIP

Spinach is used most as a cooked vegetable, but it also makes a delicious salad. Most of the fresh spinach sold is a crumpled leaf or savoy type. Look for rich, dark green color and clean, fresh leaves with no decay, advises Rachel Kinlaw, extension food specialist, North Carolina State University.

#### LESS FAT

Diet, rather than drugs, may hold the key to lowering blood pressure, according to a study just released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The research concluded that blood pressure can be reduced by decreasing the fat content of an otherwise normal diet.

# Federal Assistance To Be Awarded

A recently announced federal assistance program and rising timber prices are expected to encourage North Carolina land owners to intensify efforts to improve unproductive woodland.

North Carolina State University extension forest resource specialists said an estimated 7 million acres of Tar Heel woodland are producing less than 70 per cent of capacity and could be improved.

Federal financial assistance is now available — up to \$2,500 per owner — to pay a major part of the

costs for planting trees and improving forest land. The Forest Incentives Program (FIP) is directed only toward timber production, according to Ross Douglass, NCSU specialist.

Fifty to 75 per cent of costs will be paid by federal funds, with the owner paying the balance. The total of all cost-share funds under Rural Environmental Conservation Program (RECP) and FIP, paid to an owner for 1974 must not exceed \$2,500.

No cost-sharing will be allowed on the same acre twice. Payment for prac-

tices "substantially completed" by Dec. 31 may be delayed until March 31, 1975 to allow time for completion. Forest land owned by individuals, groups, associations or corporations is eligible if it is a private, non-industrial ownership not exceeding 500 acres in the qualifying tract.

## To The Perquimans County Young Farmers & Ranchers

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*We take this time to thank you and wish you the best of luck.*

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