



A LITTLE HAY — A far cry from the days of the hay wagon and the stack foot - packed around a stackpole, this machine being demonstrated in Perquimans County picks up the hay, packs it into a rectangular bale and deposits it with a pull of a rope by the driver.

Peanut Support Level At \$358

A minimum national average support level of \$358.50 per ton has been announced for 1974-crop peanuts. The figure, which represents 75 per cent of the parity price for May 1974, is \$30 per ton higher than the 1973 support level.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture said a later announcement will list the support level for peanuts by type and area, as well as premiums and discounts for various types of kernels, foreign materials and other factors.

The national average support will be adjusted upward at the beginning of the marketing year Aug. 1 if a combination of the parity price and the supply percentage results in a higher

legal minimum support level.

The 1974 peanut program differs from that of 1973 in that (1) peanuts found to contain visible *Aspergillus flavus* mold will be ineligible for support, (2) charges assumed by producers for storage, handling and inspection will be increased from \$15 to \$17 per ton, and (3) Commodity Credit Cor.'s minimum sales policy for diversion sales for crushing will be 100 per cent of the loan level.

Existing law provides for peanut support at a level between 75 and 90 per cent of parity depending on the percentage which the total supply of peanuts is in relation to the normal supply at the beginning of the marketing year.



SWEET CORN — Not all the corn grown commercially in North Carolina goes into livestock feed. Sweet corn for the nation's supermarkets is a speciality on some farms. This corn is being chilled to remove the field heat at a shipping point in Perquimans County.

N.C. HOGS

North Carolina farmers, despite an unprofitable spring, are planning to produce more pork the remainder of the year. The Federal-State Crop Reporting Service estimates that Tar Heel producers will farrow 4 per cent more sows in the summer period and possibly as much as 10 percent more in the fall, compared to the same periods in 1973.

FUEL SOURCE

About 96 per cent of the energy used in the U.S. comes from fossil fuels — primarily oil, followed by natural gas and coal.

SMALLER BULBS

One simple way to conserve electricity is to turn out lights in a room that

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TODAY'S SALAD
Yesterday's vegetables become today's salad when you marinate leftover cooked vegetables in French dressing about four hours in the refrigerator. Serve in lettuce cups or over tomato slices.

WASH HOUSE
A good wash job can remove airborne soot and dirt, and give a grimy house that freshly painted look without a paint job. So if you wash your house, be sure to work from the bottom up, so dirty water will run down onto a wet, clean surface. Dirt streaks will set on a dry, unwashed area.

NITROGEN
About 60 to 70 pounds of total nitrogen are needed for flue-cured tobacco on most North Carolina soils. When leaching rains fall, North Carolina State University specialists suggest increasing this amount to 80 to 85 pounds of N.

YARD ROOM
Think of your yard as a room, in making a landscape plan. You'll probably need a "public" area and a private area. Relate the private area to your living room or den — rest and relaxation. The work area is where the clotheslines, garden, swing set, etc. go. It should be screened from the other areas.

QUALITY CHANGES
Irrigation can change the quality of tobacco. North Carolina State University specialists point out that irrigated tobacco is likely to be lighter in color, thinner, lower in oil

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and over is rising about 3 to 4 million every decade or roughly 300,000 to 400,000 every year, says Isabelle Buckley, extension specialist in aging, North Carolina State University.

OLDER FOLKS
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