

AGRICULTURE

Exports important to farming industry and national economy

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The farm economy of America has become geared to the export market of agricultural commodities. At the same time, these exports have played a major role in reducing the annual balance of trade deficit.

Studies indicate that each \$1 billion worth of farm products exported generates 30,000 jobs in

the U.S. economy. If that be the case, last year's agricultural exports, worth \$35 billion, provided over one million jobs in this country. So, farm exports are not only important to agriculture, but also to the total economy.

Farm product exports reached a high level of \$43.8 billion in 1981, but unfortunately have

fallen for the past two years.

Agricultural trade is influenced by a variety of economic, political and social factors. Among these are government actions to protect its domestic agriculture and to improve its balance of payments situation.

Government restrictions fall into the categories of tariff and

non-tariff measures. Tariff measures are established as a specific monetary charge per unit of product, as a percentage of the import value or a

combination of the two. A non-tariff measure is any requirement other than a tariff which would influence the quality, cost or origin of an import entering a country. This

could take the form of limitations such as import quotas, import licensing regulations and labeling requirements.

Exclusive of the tariff levies imposed by the European Community on U.S. feedgrains and wheat, U.S. tobacco exports are probably most affected by tariff and non-tariff barriers

imposed by importing or would-be importing countries. The U.S. tobacco farmer can find little comfort in attempting to compete in a world market of relatively high tariffs in many countries, non-tariff barriers which can be most restrictive, exchange rate manipulations which occur in some tobacco exporting countries, and preferential treatment granted by some market nations.

It is anticipated that activity will begin in 1986 toward the next round of multilateral trade negotiations under the General Agreements on Tariffs and Trade.

The U.S. will need to be firm in obtaining concessions and removal of trade barriers to foreign markets for American agriculture products if U.S. markets are to remain open for foreign products.

'Feeding' your plants for a healthy start

Help transplants and new



plantings get off to a great start by feeding with a high phosphorous liquid fertilizer a couple of days before moving them to their new home. There are also several commercial preparations available such as Ortho's Up-Start.

Evergreens should be given a extra feeding this year after such a dreadful winter. Apply a

balanced fertilizer and be sure to water well.

Do you realize what a rich source of Vitamin C your garden is? Did you know that, in milligrams per cup, the following garden goodies are richer in this important vitamin than orange juice (66 milligrams per orange): Peppers, green, one whole, 210; honeydew, 1/2 melon, 172; broccoli, cooked, 140; Brussels sprouts, cooked, 135; kale, cooked, 102; cantaloupe, 1/2 melon, 90; strawberries, 88, papaya, 78; cauliflower, cooked, 69. (Statistics from Gardens for All).

See there? You don't need to buy expensive O. J. You can get all the C you need. You could have had a V-8.

There's a Difference
Herbs are becoming more and more popular in the home garden, as more and more people learn to appreciate their value in food preparation maintaining good health. It's good to know the different ways herbs are put to use.

Infusions are made by pouring boiling water over leaves and

flowers for at least five minutes. Make an infusion of rosemary leaves and add to baby shampoo in a proportion of one to three. An infusion of chamomile flowers and marigolds with juice of a lemon enhances blond hair. An infusion of parsley leaves is

astrigent and will thoroughly cleanse your skin

Decoctions differ from infusions in that you must boil the leaves, roots and seeds of an herb for twenty minutes or more in order to extract the goodness.

4-Hers participate

Six Perquimans County 4-Hers competed for honors at the Northeastern District 4-H Activity Day in Bertie County Wednesday, June 20.

All six young people were winners in their categories. Participants and their respective demonstrations were Jason Harrell, runner-up in Electric; Cornelius Mack, 1st place in Bicycle; Damion Burke, 1st in Craft; Robbie Griffin, 1st in Poultry; Leah Harrell, 1st in Livestock Production; and Torrence Mack, blue ribbon winner in Talent.

"The coaching by 4-H leaders Sherry Harrell, Rev. Wright Demery, Douglas Layden, and

Emma Burke, really paid off with such high placings.

This annual event represents 17 counties, and had over 600 people in attendance. Winners are able to compete in the State Contest July 16-20, in Raleigh, according to Jeff Copeland, Perquimans County Extension Agent.

FFA meetings slated

Perquimans County High School Future Farmers of America released the following schedule of meetings for the future.

July 3-Officers Meeting-7:00 p.m.

July 5-Camp Meeting-7:00 p.m.

July 9-Depart for Camp-5:00 a.m.

July 23-Forestry Team Meeting-6:00 p.m.

July 23-FFA meeting- 7:00 p.m.

July 30-Officers Meeting-7:00 p.m.

August 5-Officers Meeting-7:00 p.m.

August 19-Officers Meeting- 7:00 p.m.

All meetings will be held at Perquimans High School.

All members are urged to attend.

Final planting date set

WINDSOR, NC-JULY 5 is the final planting date for insured GRAIN AND SORGHUM AND SOYBEANS in PERQUIMANS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA. "Farmers unable to plant by the final planting date because of adverse weather conditions may sign a 20-day Late Planting Agreement, which permits insurance coverage, but provides for a lower guarantee due to the late planting," said John H. Bazemore, District Director for the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC).

"Acres of insured GRAIN SORGHUM AND SOYBEANS planted by JULY 5 must be reported by JULY 15," said Bazemore. Acreage planted after JULY 5 should also be reported on the JULY 15 acreage report (in the "remarks" section).

Farmers must sign the Late Planting Agreement within 10 days following JULY 5.

"The FCIC has expanded the terms of the Late Planting Agreement to include adverse weather conditions. Previously, late planting was allowed only because of excessive moisture," Bazemore said.

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