

Corn Yield Study Is To Be Made

Agricultural statisticians of Virginia and North Carolina plan the most extensive corn yield study ever made in the two states to settle the issue of who wins the corn production contest, say officials of the State College Extension Service and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture.

The corn contest happens to coincide with a new corn yield study being started under the Research and Marketing Act. Frank Parker, chief of the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service in North Carolina and leader of the new project, describes it as the "first large scale study to get accurate measures on corn yields."

"Corn is one crop for which we have a very poor check on yield," Parker says. "For cotton we have a very good check through the ginners. For tobacco, we have a good check through the warehouse re-

ports. But in the case of corn, so much of it is fed right on the farm, that there is really no way to check except to go to the farm and take a sample."

Accordingly, some 3,000 farms picked at random in North Carolina will be visited this fall by "numerator" of Mr. Parker's staff. A numerator will be appointed in each of the 99 counties that grow corn in quantity. In most cases, these men will be local residents qualified to take the samples. The samples will be representative of the State, with a greater number of samples being taken in the heaviest corn-producing counties.

The survey will begin in the eastern part of the State about mid-September and will move west as the crop matures. Numerators will forward their reports to the Institute of Statistics at State College where the data will be compiled.

Winners Are Named At 4-H Club Week

The naming of State Health King and Queen, state dress revue winners, and winners of a host of other state contests were highlights of the annual 4-H Club Week held last week on the State College Campus in Raleigh. The event attracted 1,400 clubsters representing practical ly every county in the State.

Frances Lancaster, Edgecombe County girl, and Ralph Brown, Iredell County boy, were crowned Queen and King of Health at a colorful pageant Wednesday evening. Miss Lancaster, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Lancaster of Sharpsburg, fought her way back to good health from an attack of tuberculosis two years ago. Oddly enough, she had taken an active part in the chest X-Ray campaigns against this disease all during the war years.

The Iredell youth was awarded his title for an aggressive drive to improve his own and his family's health. His projects around the farm included anti-rat campaigns, construction of a garbage disposal pit and spray campaigns against mosquitoes and flies.

A 17-year old Chowan County girl, Audrey Pearce of Edenton, took top honors at the dress revue Thursday evening. She won the title with a navy blue rayon crepe dress with navy shoes and bag, straw hat, two strands of pearls and white gloves. Second place went to Inez Kiser, Gaston County 4-H'er, with Marie Shirley of Tarboro winning third.

Winners were also named in dairy production, dairy foods demonstration, floor sanding and livestock judging. Many of the youngsters including dress revue and health winners won free trips to the National Club Congress in Chicago this fall along with other honors and awards.

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Agent Warns Against Machinery Accidents

American farmers have established an enviable performance in mechanizing their farms, except where they have let accidents mar the records, Ben Jenkins, county agent for the State College Extension Service said today.

America leads the world in mechanized agriculture. Three million farm tractors now play a vital role in the production and harvesting of the nation's crops, Mr. Jenkins said. But at the same time, National Safety Council reports indicate that tractors may be involved in nearly 75 percent of all accidents with farm machinery. All these accidents are needless.

The main safety rule for operating tractors in the field is just good common sense. You can't afford to gamble the loss of a limb or life by operating without the power take-off shield in place. Cranking a tractor while in gear is another dangerous way to start a day's work. Excessive speed, and careless operation around ditches will also hurry a trip to the hospital. Jumping off the tractor while it is in motion in another way to invite an accident. Careless parents who permit child-

ren to ride tractors or hitch a ride on trailing implements are not really thinking about the child's welfare.

Here are a few more important rules:

1. Be careful coupling implements to tractors, always stay in the clear.
2. Avoid wearing loose, floppy clothing while operating tractors.
3. Observe standard traffic signals when operating on public highways.
4. Use light for night operation, don't operate in the dark.
5. See that everyone is in the clear before starting a tractor.

Soil Conservation Winner Announced

First place in the State Soil Conservation Contest for Negro farmers has been awarded to Eugene Jeffries of Alamance County, according to Frank Doggett, soil conservationist for the State College Extension Service.

Jeffries will now compete in the southwide contest which is offering \$1,350 in cash awards to the winners. He will also attend the annual Southwide Soil Conservation Jamboree of the Association for Advancement of Negro Country Life to be held in Hancock County, Ga., la-

ter this month.

Second place honors in the contest went to John D. Robertson, a Union County farmer. Guy Ellison of Durham County was third place winner.

The state contest was sponsored by the Soil Conservation Service in cooperation with the Extension Service and local soil conservation districts, Doggett said.

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