

# Cotton Goes Back On Quota For '50

Cleveland county's major crop, cotton, will be grown and marketed under rigid government controls in 1950.

A total of 2,350 county cotton producers went to the polls Thursday, December 15, and approved marketing quotas by 78 percent. This was by far the heaviest farm vote ever cast in Cleveland county on the question of quotas, election officials stated. The number of voters favoring quotas was 1,839 and 511 were against.

In the 20-state area where the referendum was held an 89 percent majority of votes were cast in approval of quotas. Quotas on cotton were last in effect in 1941. They were voted for 1942 but were suspended because of war conditions.

Under the control program, each farm is given a planting allotment. The farm's sales quota is the amount of cotton grown on its allotment. Sales from excess acres would be subject to a stiff penalty tax — roughly 15 cents a pound or slightly

more than half the prospective market price. Cleveland county has been allotted 52,902.9 acres of cotton for 1950.

Approval of quotas assured producers of a continued government price support of 90 percent of parity or around 28 cents a pound. If quotas had been defeated, the price support for the 1950 crop would have dropped to 50 percent of parity.

Parity is a legal standard for measuring farm prices, designed to be equally fair to producers and those who buy his products.

The size of the majority favoring quotas was larger than some farm leaders and department officials had expected. Reports of widespread grower dissatisfaction with acreage planting allotments had led them to believe the opposition would be stronger than it turned out to be.

overall efficiency of hatcheries, and managerial practices of flock owners.

The authors state that the use of artificial lights in the laying house brought the Station's flock into full egg production two months earlier than in previous years when no lights were used. Morning lights were started by December 1 and gradually increased so that by December 15 the hens had a 14-hour day.

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## Turkey Breeding Bulletin Revised

The North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station this week announced publication of a revised bulletin on turkey breeding. It is Bulletin No. 350, "Improving Turkey Production," copies of which may be obtained free from the local county agent or by writing the Agricultural Editor, State College Station, Raleigh.

Authors of the publication, which contains 24 pages and is amply illustrated with charts and photographs, are R. S. Dearstyne, E. W. Glazener, J. W. Kelly, and C. H. Boston. Their purpose was to prepare a turkey breeder's handbook based largely on results of investigations conducted at the Experiment Station Turkey Farm since 1940.

Among the major subjects discussed are selection of breeders, poult production, feeding, and mortality of turkeys. The North Carolina turkey industry, they point out, has skyrocketed into a \$2,600,000 business during the past few years; its future will depend largely on quality of breeding flocks produced.



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