

# Most Tar Heel Cotton Farms To Stay within Allotments

RALEIGH—A final report of the number of cotton farmers choosing to plant within their regular cotton allotment shows that only a handful of farmers in this state, or in the nation, had any desire to exceed their regular cotton allotment with the reduced price support level.

According to Zeno O. Ratcliff, Jr., chairman of the ASC State Committee, only 6.1 per cent of the farms in this state chose to exceed their regular allotment by up to 40 per cent. These farmers as a result of the increased cotton allotment will have their support rate reduced by 15 per cent of parity. The percentage of farmers in this state who chose the larger allotment is only slightly smaller than the percentage of farmers throughout the nation who made the same choice. For the nation, 7.2 per cent of the farms chose the larger allotment.

On the basis of acreage, however, Ratcliff said, about twice as much acreage will be represented in the choice "B" group for the nation than for North Carolina. Based on acreage in this state, farmers controlling 6.4 per cent of the acreage allotment chose choice "B" while throughout the nation farmers controlling 15.6 per cent of the allotted acreage chose choice "B." This, Ratcliff said, is an indication that the larger farms throughout the nation seem to be more inclined to select the choice



Beautiful but bitter Barbara Graham, played by Susan Hayward, keeps her young son's toy tiger with her through all her trouble in "I Want to Live!" coming soon at the Kehoe Theatre. Her downward path from skill to prostitute to B-girl, winding up with a murder conviction, is shown with dramatic force.

## Planting of Forest Trees Is At Highest Peak in History

Planting of forest trees throughout the country has reached an all-time high, with plantings under the Soil Bank Conservation Reserve making a substantial contribution to the total, according to information received by Zeno O. Ratcliff, Jr., chairman of the North Carolina Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

A Department of Agriculture report shows that 1,568,708 acres of trees were planted during fiscal year 1958. This doubles the 1953 total, triples the plantings in 1950,

"B" with the larger allotment and the lower price support rate.

Nation-wide, the acreage planted for cotton in 1959 as a result of farmers selecting choice "B" will be a million acres greater than it would otherwise have been. The national cotton allotment, according to Ratcliff, was originally slightly over 16 million acres. This allotment, because of the choice made by 7.2 per cent of the nation's farmers, will be in excess of 17 million acres.

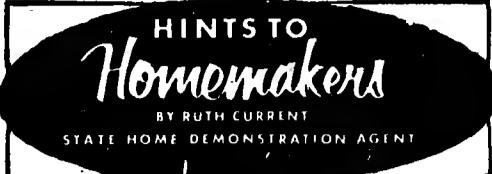
and nearly 10 times the acreage planted in 1930.

In the Soil Bank, farmers have contracted to plant trees on approximately 10 per cent of the more than 10,000,000 acres of cropland placed in the Conservation Reserve through 1958. Tree planting is the second most popular conservation use for which farmers have contracted under the program.

Soil Bank land on which trees are to be planted must be taken out of crop production and put under contract for 10 years. During the contract period, materials resulting from good forest management practices can be used or sold from the tree land.

All the land scheduled for tree planting has not been planted since the production of forest tree seedlings is not yet adequate to meet the demand created by the Conservation Reserve.

Tar Heel farmers contributed only 43,631 acres to the total of 1,076,000 Soil Bank acres to be planted to trees. Farmers in Georgia led all others by contracting to plant 329,155 acres of trees under the program. South Carolina farmers, with the second highest acreage, contracted 165,628 acres.



This is one of a selection of poems by Albert L. Mason, from "Song of an Orchardist," published by American Fruit Grower Publishing Co., Willoughby, Ohio, 1958. Hope you enjoy reading it:

There's one in every well-kept home,  
At least there ought to be.  
I'm speaking, folks, of potted plants;  
There's usually two or three.

My wife especially goes for them;  
She hangs them on the wall.  
There's one in every bedroom,  
And a couple in the hall.

Geraniums! Begonias!  
A couple ferns to boot!  
I laid my comb upon the shelf,  
And even that took root!

We use them for a centerpiece;  
I cuss them while I dine;  
Around and 'round the gravy boat  
Their dainty tendrils twine.

She's got a new terrarium;  
She put it in the den.  
Somewhere in the underbrush  
I've lost my fountain pen!

We bought a "knife-o-tuffus" plant  
(I swear that's how it sounds!)  
She stuck it in a butter crock;  
It grows by leaps and bounds!

It acts like Jackie's stalk of beans,

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Or else some jungle vine.  
It shot up to the ceiling, so  
She's tied it there with twine!

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