

Peanut Mart Stimulated by Removal of Low Grades

Franklin, Va., Feb. 25—Removal of approximately 13,500,000 pounds of low grade peanuts from edible channels in recent weeks has helped substantially to stimulate the market for Farmers Stock Peanuts of the 1947 crop.

In the opinion of E. M. Johnson, manager of the Growers Peanut Cooperative, Inc., farm-directed agency through which government peanut programs are handled in this area, the quantity of No. 2 peanuts would have been available to the edible trade and would have had a depressing effect on the market.

GPO bought these peanuts

from dealers under contract with Commodity Credit Corporation in this area, the dealers being required by CCC to pay producers not less than support prices for their 1947 crop Farmers Stock Peanuts. No. 2 peanuts represented about 86 percent of the 13,500,000 pounds, oil peanuts about 14 percent.

More than five million pounds of the total purchased by GPC were exported to Austria by boat from Norfolk and the remainder was sold to local oil mills for crushing into oil and meal.

Roughly, 13,500,000 pounds of shelled peanuts amounts to 19,300,000 pounds of Farmers Stock Peanuts, approximately 195,000 bags.

In addition, Johnson revealed that the Association had purchased approximately 11 million pounds of Farmers Stock Peanuts of the 1947 crop direct from producers for which they have been paid 1947 crop support prices. Of these 11 million pounds, sales have been confirmed to oil mills for approximately two million dollars.

All the peanuts involved in these transactions were produced in the area served by the GPC, Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee and the northeastern part of South Carolina. Warehouses throughout this area will be open through June 30 to purchase merchantable Farmers Stock Peanuts of the 1947 crop at government support prices.

Growers Peanut Cooperative, Inc., with headquarters in Franklin, Va., is a farmer-controlled organization incorporated under the laws of the State of North Carolina. Its officers and directors are farmers and represent all sections of the four-state area. It was organized in 1940 to stabilize the ruinous price of peanuts. During the war it served directly in the war effort.

Fines of fine soft woolen cloth make excellent dusting cloths; while next in usefulness are soft cotton (especially knitted materials) and cheesecloth.

Farm Report

By the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service

FARM WAGE RATES CONTINUE HIGH

North Carolina farmers paid an average of \$81.00 per month for hired labor without board on January 1, 1948. This is almost \$5.00 more than they paid a year earlier and \$16.00 more than they paid on the same date two years ago. However, where board was furnished Tar Heel farmers paid around \$58.00 per month on January 1, 1948.

These are by far the highest wage rates ever paid by farmers in this state. Farm wages have increased steadily since prior to World War II and so far there is little evidence of a decline yet. Wages of day labor which also continue to rise averaged \$4.30 per day without board

and \$3.65 per day with board on January 1, 1948.

GENERAL SITUATION

As of mid-February, the general farm situation in North Carolina is quite variable. The frequent rains since mid-September prevented the planting of much of the intended acreage of small grains. The acreage planted, however, is generally in good shape.

While December showed light total rainfall, the opportunities for field work were limited and especially so in the clay soil counties. Wet weather continued into February, but tobacco work was active with plant beds. January temperature was one of the coldest of record, with heavy sleet, snow and rain until mid-February. The snow blanket was beneficial, lasting through several weeks. Farmers were anxious to get into their fields at plowing for late winter and early spring plantings. However, mid-February soils were still too wet for any field work. The somewhat steady cold

weather has prevented any opportunity for premature swelling of fruit and other tree buds. Pastures are offering very little to no grazing besides being wet. Considerable thought is being given by farmers and program planning officials to the so obvious extra crop land made available by growers being unable to seed all of their fall-intended small grains. Reduced tobacco allotments add to the potential idle acres. As was shown graphically in the January Farm Report, the permitted 1948 tobacco acreage will still be greater than grown in the four year period, 1940-43 or that also grown prior to 1936. At any rate, growers will have the opportunity to give their crop better attention looking to improved quality, which will increasingly be demanded. More feed crops are needed anyway and these idle acres offer farmers an excellent chance to avoid high feed prices during 1948.

MILK PRODUCTION DOWN

Milk production on North Carolina farms totaled 106 million pounds during January. This represents an increase of 4 percent over the 10 year (1937-46) average for the month. During the month an average of 353,000 cows in herds produced a monthly average of 297 pounds of milk each. On February 1, milk production per cow in reporters' herds averaged around 10.8 pounds per day, a drop of .7 pound from February 1, of 1947. Cold weather during January was unfavorable for milk production. Grain fed per cow in herd averaged around 5.4 pounds against 5.3 pounds fed on the same date a year ago.

Edward Lee Thomas Has Birthday Party

Edward Lee Thomas, Jr. celebrated his ninth birthday Saturday, Feb. 21st, at 3:00 when several of his friends attended a birthday party given in his honor.

Present were: Shelby Jean Davis, Betty Ann Dixon, Felicia Taylor, Freddie Wood, Carolyn Babb, Sybil Jenkins, Earlene Powers, Shelby Jean Acree, Jimmie Bailey, Robert (Bud) Clary, Thomas Osburn, Wade Lewis Osburn, Jessie James Jernigan, B. A. Cullem, Esther Jewel Thomas, and Vessie Ann Thomas.

Domestic production of each of the tobacco products in 1948 probably will be as large or larger than in 1947 but tobacco exports are likely to fall below last year when they were a fourth less than in 1946 and 35 per cent less than the record year of 1919.

FISHERMEN!

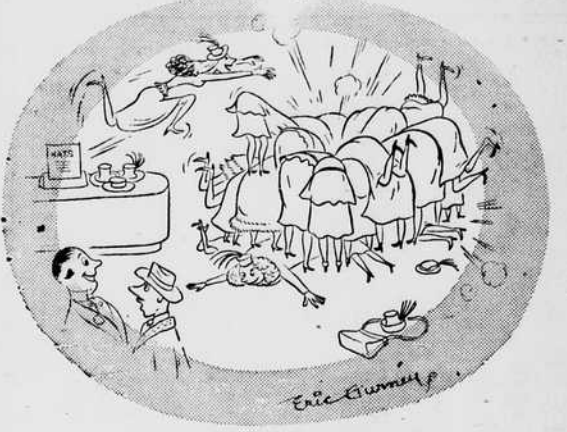
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