



CHICKENS IN WARREN—On the left is Thomas Ramsey of Warren County exhibiting his 4-H Full-Chain. Thomas takes great pride in his flock. A typical laying flock on some of the more progressive farms in Warren is shown in right photograph.

Farmers: Harvest Your Cotton As Early As Possible This Year

WARRENTON — Warren County cotton growers should put forth every effort possible to harvest their cotton now.

Early picking of cotton gives a better yield and better grade. Weather conditions are ideal now for the harvesting of cotton. Some farmers who have already made their first pickings are reporting yields of a bale and better to the acre.

Early picking will call for a re-picking of the cotton because all cotton has not fully opened. However, statistics still prove that picking cotton early pays high dividends.

and timing of cotton during the season. Records kept on the harvesting 1957 season show that growers who harvested cotton early received a better grade of cotton when ginned. Thereby the farmer received a better price.

Get Paid For Quality Cotton

1. Have your cotton ginned and classed. Ask your ginner to sample each bale and send the samples to the Government Classing Office in Raleigh for Smith-Doxey grade and

staple report. Wait for Smith-Doxey class card, showing grade and staple, before selling. This takes 3 to 4 days from the time the sample is mailed.

2. Determine the market price of cotton — based on quality. When card is received, check your local paper and radio or television station to see what your grade and staple is bringing in other North Carolina markets. Check the Farmer's Weekly Cotton Price Report to see what your particular quality is bringing on the larger markets in nearby states. This is a weekly report and will be sent to you each week during the fall if you request it. Write to Cotton Division, AMS, USDA, Box 7068, Station C, Atlanta, Georgia, or ask your county agent now.

3. Get two or more bids on your cotton. Compare these bids with prices being paid in other places.

4. Compare market prices and loan rates. See what the Government Loan rate is on your particular grade and staple.

Cotton prices on the eastern

border belts are bringing better than the loan rate. White Good strict good middling 1-1/16, 33.57 middling 1-1/16, 30.91; white strict white middling 1-1/16, 36.07; white strict good middling 1-1/16, 33.57.

Remember to get a government loan on your cotton. It must be ginned, baled, and sampled. If you can grow and pick your cotton, you ought to be able to have it ginned, baled, graded and sold according to the Old Proverb:

Old Proverb

In the lean years on winter, if you're having to spend hard of your time grading tobacco, then it will pay you to grade tobacco at night by using a fluorescent light during the day. Also let your daylight lamps and pick your land preparation for fall grain. Remember the rains came last fall and a lot of grain land was left idle.

"Don't put off today for tomorrow. Tomorrow never comes." In case it does, it's sure to be too late!

A STITCH IN TIME GAINS NINE AND SOME

Warren Has 5 Grade 'A' Milk Dealers

WARRENTON—Warren County has five grade "A" milk producers who rank among the county's most prosperous of highly-mechanized farms. It is estimated that these dairy farms represent a capital investment in cattle and equipment alone, ranging from \$15,000 to \$30,000 per herd. This estimate does not include the cost of the land.

Dairying has become one of the county's most profitable and stable agricultural enterprises. Prices for milk generally remain constant throughout the year, as well as the bi-monthly income checks to the producers.

All of the producers sell their milk to Pine State Creamery although other markets are available. The processor (Pine State) now drives to the dairymen's farms, pump the milk into tanker trucks and there, by rail, goes to the marketing and handling problems which existed for the farmers in previous years.

By far, the most profitable phase of dairying is in the sale of milk, but the sale of old and poorly producing cows, along with unsuitable heifers and bull calves, put a sizeable chunk of money into the farmer's pockets each year.

The growing of legumes and developing rich grazing lands prove to be economical assets to the farmer.

4-H PROJECT

At times it is hard to determine who gets the most benefit from a 4-H project — the farmer or son.

A Warren County Negro farm agent says that J. A. Alton of Hicks Grove Community watched his daughter, Dolores, do an excellent job with her poultry project. Mrs. Alton has decided that a complete poultry flock would fit right into her family plans.



IN WARREN COUNTY a roving photographer snapped the young ladies on the left recently. From left to right, standing, they are Misses Parthenia Alston, Diane Pitts, Carolyn Godley, Wildene Wilkman, Patsy Tunstall, Dorothy Tunstall and Marie Tunstall. Seated left to right, are Misses Myrtle Davis, LeDenia Seales, Juanita Ransom and Ella Carol Dunston. On the right is Miss Jeanette Somerville at Warren County showing her reserve grand champion Golden Guernsey cow.

Broiler Profits Good When Sufficient Volume Reached

WARRENTON — Broiler production is a long-range business. Profits are good when sufficient volume is reached is the advice of the County Agent.

Farmers who decided to diversify their operations with broilers may start under two plans: the contract system or the cash system.

The man who raises 40,000 broilers per year, can expect profits above cash expenses of approximately \$2,470 when he operates on a cash basis.

The farmer who grows on a contract system (guaranteed no-loss) can expect \$1,970 during the year, and can start with much less cash outlay.

Under either system the industrious farmer could grow 50,000 birds during the year by having five rather than four cycles. This would up profits by 20 per cent.

Once the farmer is equipped for growing 40,000 birds he will incur the following expenses under the cash system:

Purchase of 40,000 chicks at 17 cents each for a total outlay of

\$4,800; 1,500 tons mash at \$4.50 per hundredweight; brooding costs for 40,000 chicks at \$0.075 each for a total expense of \$300; \$50 for litter; \$50 for electricity and \$40 for veterinary medicines.

Total cash expenses are \$10,130.

Under the contract system, birds at a weight of three pounds gross receipts for selling 40,000 for 18 cents per pound would be \$21,600. Thus the farmer's return over operating expenses would be \$2,470. Then allowing himself \$335 for depreciation of his broiler house, \$198 for interest and \$320 for equipment depreciation his net profit would be \$1,617.

Under the guaranteed contract system, the farmer can expect cash expenses of \$450 while his gross receipts would be \$2,400 or six cents per bird for the 40,000 flock. Return over cash costs would be \$1,950. When depreciation of buildings and equipment and interest on the investment is subtracted, the farmer has a net return for labor of \$1,710.

Under either system an increase in price could show the profits up-

ward. A farmer could get into the broiler business on a smaller scale with a minimum of 4,000 broilers now brood. Using this scale he could show his profits upward of \$1,000 or more on either system by having five rather than four production cycles a year.

Meetings are being held in various schools, communities, stores, and agent's office going into the mechanics of diversification.

Warren C'ty Farm Agent Says 4-H Poultry Tour Was Success

WARRENTON—Significant gains in a 4-H Poultry program was noted recently in an inspection tour of Warren County, according to L. C. Cooper, Negro Farm Agent who was responsible for planning the tour.

Concluding the tour was a pit-cooked barbecue dinner held at the farm of H. T. Jones in the Astelle Community where a number of colored and white citizens took part in a program.

The program included: instruction by Rev. Mr. Burchett; E. S. Thomas, who discussed the purpose of the 4-H Poultry Tour; welcome by H. T. Jones; greetings by N. M. Hubbard, president of the Warren

Merchants Association; A. L. Murfree who demonstrated brooding equipment.

Luna Somerville and William Waller introduced the following sponsors of the event: Roy Dodson, manager, Warren Farmers Cooperative Exchange, awarded the prizes; FCX representative also presented opportunities in commercial poultry production; David T. Fuller, representative of Carolina Power and Light Company, and Kenneth Spruill, 4-Hers, who discussed the results of last year's pullet chain; and J. T. Harris, chairman of the Warren County Board of Commissioners, who made the awards for one year's production.

The president of the Citizens Bank of Warren, John G. Mitchell and D. L. Scoten, vice-president and cashier of The Peoples Bank, Norlina, and R. G. Mosley, representing Farmers Credit Association, Warren, discussed the availability of funds for financing poultry and livestock.

C. L. Davis, Negro Extension Poultry Specialist, A. & T. College, Greensboro, gave a summary of the 4-H Poultry Tour.

Blue ribbons and cash prizes of \$10.00 were awarded to Dolores Alton and Thomas Ramsey. Red ribbons and \$7.50 cash prizes were presented to Josephine Russell, Jeanette Somerville and William Henderson. The awards were given and presented by Roy Dodson, manager of the Warren FCX store. The judges were L. B. Haridge, Assistant County Agent, and Walter Price, Vocational Agricultural Teacher at John S. Hawkins High School.

Messrs. Mohorn and Willford, FCX representatives, in discussing the worth of poultry projects, emphasized that taking care of the little details in management is often the difference between success and failure in any farming enterprise. They said this is especially true in poultry, and cited the continued willingness of the FCX to purchase poultry and diversified farming in Warren County.



WON 3 BLUE RIBBONS — Charles Cooper of Warren County recently won three blue ribbons for his class of Jersey showmanship and for exhibiting the grand champion.

THE Old Timer

"Never before has the American dollar had such good-byeing power."

Tobacco Buyers Have Eyes

WARRENTON — "The tobacco buyer has eyes! You have never in your life seen a blind man buying tobacco — even though he has a perfect sense of smell!"

With the opening of the local markets, farmers are advised to grade and sort their tobacco properly in order to receive the top dollar.

A pile of tobacco is purchased by the lowest grade in the pile. Therefore, the grader grades the tobacco by the poorest tobacco in the pile and the buyers' bid and price is based on the lowest grade in the pile.

Many tobacco growers still believe that they can fool the buyers. Tobacco buyers are trained men, paid to do a job. They buy tobacco by grades — based on how their company can use the tobacco they purchase.

In order to receive the top dollar for your tobacco, be sure to do the following:

1. Keep GREEN and RIPE tobacco separated.
2. Keep tobacco CLEAN — free from STRINGS, RUBBER or METALLIZED BANDS, and ALL FOREIGN MATTER.
3. The heads of bundles uniformly — about size of half dollar.
4. Handle and market your tobacco in proper keeping order. WET TOBACCO IS ALWAYS SOLD AT A LOSS TO THE GROWER.
5. CONSULT YOUR TOBACCO GRADER. ASK HIM ANY QUESTION OR ADVICE ABOUT MARKETING YOUR TOBACCO. HE IS ON THE MARKET TO ASSIST YOU.

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Get The Greatest Return Possible From Your Soil

WARRENTON — One of the major problems in farming today is getting the greatest return possible for money expended or invested in a farming operation. This is especially important with respect to the use of lime and fertilizer, which are essential for the production of profitable yields of most crops in Warren County.

In order to obtain economic returns from lime and fertilizer, it is necessary to add the proper rates of these nutrients not present in the soil in adequate amounts. All fertilizers do not contain the same amount of nutrients; several for you to select in planning your fertilizer program. Here is where a soil management program is essential to good crop production. The Soil Testing Service is the key to your soil nutrient program.

From a soil test, you can find out the quantity of a given plant's nutrient in the soil. If the soil is low in a nutrient, most of what the crop needs must be added by the fertilizer. Where the soil test shows a high quantity of nutrients, the soil will furnish most, or possibly all that the plant requires, so that the amount added in the fertilizer can be reduced or omitted. Low returns can be expected from fertilizer investments where you add a fertilizer which is high in these nutrients already present in the soil in adequate amounts.

or a fertilizer which is low in these nutrients in which the soil is deficient.

A soil test also gives information as to whether or not your soil needs lime. It serves as a guide in selecting the most suitable fertilizer analysis and rate needed for crops you plan to grow.

Make soil testing a regular part of your farm planning program.

4-H Girls Summary of Poultry Project

Luna Somerville, of Route 2, Macon, a member of Embro Community 4-H Club, reports that her flock of 75 hens has laid 1,040 dozen of eggs which she sold locally for \$225.50, including winning a award of \$13.00 and a Blue Ribbon for last year's Poultry Chain Tour and a Corn Contest. Luna's total expense were \$35.90, giving her a net profit of \$166.67 for an average of \$2.22 per hen over direct cost.

Luna, along with Kenneth Spruill and Roger Waller, were awarded a bag of Laying Mash at the Tour for keeping good records and proper management.

"Warren County Boy is Winner"

J. B. Russell, Jr., a member of John E. Hawkins, Senior 4-H Club, won third place in leading the animals at the State 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest.

Russell was awarded a green-gold bronze medal for his excellent work by R. L. Wynn, Negro Dairy Specialist, who also congratulated the entire Judging Team from Warren County for their performance. Wynn stated that the team composed of Jeanette Somerville, Dan Ramsey, Gary Russell, and Roger Davis, can really go places and encouraged them to continue working.

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