

Net Farm Income Down 2 Per Cent

Indication Prices Will Drop But Production Costs Remain High

Although the nation's gross farm income last year was 3 per cent greater than in 1947, production costs were 8 per cent higher and net profits were therefore lower than in the previous year, says Moyle S. Williams, farm management specialist for the State College Extension Service.

Latest estimates by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics place the 1948 net farm income at 17.4 billion dollars, about 2% less than in 1947. The decline is the first in 10 years.

At the present time, says Williams, indications are that farm prices will decline further but production costs will remain high. The result is that the average farmer can look forward to a favorable year in 1949, but less favorable than in 1948. Net farm income, the specialist adds, will be small this year unless increased efficiency and better management are employed to hold down costs.

Average prices received by farmers in January of this year were about 13 per cent below the record set in January, 1948. The index of wholesale commodity prices has continued down and in early January was 6 per cent below mid-August. Nearly all of the decline in wholesale prices has been on farm products and food; non-farm commodities have changed little.

MASSES SUNDAYS, STATIONS FRIDAYS IN EDENTON CHURCH

The Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered every Sunday at 9 and 11 A. M. in St. Ann's Catholic Church, Edenton, each including sermon (April 3, Passion Sunday, on "Pope Pius XII's Priesthood Golden Jubilee"), Holy Communion, concluding in 45 minutes, followed by Rosary. Sunday School, with confessions 8:30 to 8:55 and 10:30 to 10:55 A. M., stated Father F. J. McCourt, pastor, who invites everybody to all services. Choir practice 7:30 P. M.; Holy Hour, 8 to 9 P. M.

Lenten Fridays 7:30 P. M., choir rehearsal; 8 P. M., Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Benediction. First Friday, 7:30 A. M., Mass, Communion, Rosary.

Captain Patterson's Homes Are Started

First Group of Eight Expected to Be Done Within Six Weeks

Ground has been broken and construction started on the first group of 35 houses to be built by Capt. L. A. Patterson on his plot of ground on the Windsor highway near the U. S. Fish Hatchery. Mr. Patterson expects the first group of eight houses to be completed within six weeks.

The houses are being built by C. B. Mooney, local contractor, and Mr. Patterson stated early this week that all eight have already been sold.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for the sympathy expressed and deeds of kindness tendered us during the death and funeral of our husband and father, H. T. Layton. Especially do we appreciate the many beautiful floral tributes.

—Mrs. H. T. Layton and Family.

Commissioners' Proceedings

The County Commissioners met Monday, March 7th, 1949, with a full Board present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following bills were ordered paid: M. P. Wilson, Judge Recorder's Court, salary, \$100.00; Weldon A. Hollowell, prosecuting attorney, Recorder's Court, salary, \$100.00; George C. Hoskins, salary as treasurer, \$60.00; Miss Rebecca Colwell, salary and expenses, \$115.00; C. W. Overman, County Agent, salary and expenses, \$166.66; J. B. Small, colored county agent, salary, \$45.00; M. L. Bunch, bill and services, \$57.95; Carolyn C. McMullan, supt. welfare, salary, \$200.00; Martha E. Bunch, junior stenographer, clerk, salary, \$110.00; Annie Newsome, janitress, \$2.50; N. C. Tel. & Tel. Co., Feb. service, \$5.30; Herbert Small, Feb. rent, \$50.00; Mrs. Carolyn C. McMullan, travel, \$35.00; M. A. Hughes, per diem July 1948 to April 1, 1949, Welfare Board, \$18.00; Leggett & Davis, bill, \$1.00; Suffolk Community Hospital, Inc., bill for Evelyn Boone,

\$30.00 and Ethel Marie Bonner, \$15.00; A. N. Bateman, bill to apply on contract plastering work in Court House, \$225.00; Mrs. Gene B. Collins, extra in tax office Feb. \$18.20; Mrs. Eloise B. Jordan, help in tax office in Feb., \$35.00; Felgar Indexing Co., to apply on contract for indexing records in clerk Superior Court's office, \$45.00; Junior Woman's Club, appropriation for advertising in connection with N. C. Garden Club tour (authorized at Feb. meeting of commissioners) \$75.00; Herman F. White, Jr., salary as foreman malaria control work, 88 hrs. @ \$1.25, \$97.60; Edythe Nixon, salary as janitress court house, Feb. \$40.00; Alfred Bateman, labor, work on jail and court house \$14.25; Brown-Carver Library, state aid to public library, \$69.44; Shepard-Pruden Library, state aid to public library, \$138.89; Chowan Hospital, to apply on county's part for fiscal year 1948-49, \$2500.00; Dr. J. W. Warren, county physician, bill and salary, \$40.00; Mrs. J. E. Lassiter, bill for Lena Bond, \$3.01; Tom Riddick, general assistant, \$20.00; Lula White, general assistance, \$20.00; Joe Austin, general assistance, \$25.00; Lizzie Jordan, general assistance for one indigent person, \$15.00; Mrs. George Harrell, boarding home care for two indigent persons, \$75.00; Esther B. Rascoe, bill, \$2.34; The Chowan Herald, bill, \$15.90; Norfolk Southern Bus Corporation, bill, two bus tickets to Charleston, S. C., \$16.68; J. A. Bunch, sheriff, salary and bill, \$311.80; Harrell & Co., bill, \$23.00; J. N. Pruden, to retainer fee as County attorney from Dec. 1948 to Dec. 1949, \$150.00; E. W. Spires, bill and services, \$231.70; Hughes-Holton Hdwe. Co., bill, \$13.68; Edwards & Broughton Co., bill, \$16.64; The Harrison Co., bill, \$7.50; J. H. Conger, 468 gals. fuel oil, \$58.03; Harrell's Wood Yard, bill, wood for jail, \$30.00; Owen G. Dunn Co., bill, \$48.22; State of N. C. Conservation and Development, \$218.07; Town of Edenton, bills, \$14.69; The Norfolk & Carolina Tel. & Tel. Co., bills, C. W. Overman,

county agent office, \$15.86 and Miss Rebecca Colwell, home demonstration agent office, \$10.64; Elliott Bunch, 3 grown geese killed by dogs, \$6.00; Burkhead DeVane Printing Co., one ledger, postage tax office, \$60.67; Mitchell Printing Co., bill, \$32.13; Commercial Printing Co., bill, \$6.17; The Norfolk & Carolina Tel. & Tel. Co., bill, J. B. Small's office, \$5.28; State commission for the blind, \$55.35; By motion of E. N. Elliott, seconded by A. S. Hollowell that the chairman be authorized to pay school bonds due March 15, 1949, \$5,357.38, and April 1st, 1949, road and school bonds, \$13,230.02; M. S. White, bill, care of prisoners, \$128.00; Modern Typewriter Service, Inc., bill, \$12.75; Edenton Ice Co., Inc., bill, \$78.63; P. W. Melick Co., bill, \$1.39; Hooper Bros., bill, \$3.50; A. N. Bateman, balance due on plastering in the court house, \$500.00.

The following names were drawn for jurors for April term Superior Court: Clarence Lupton, C. B. Boyce, M. D. Baker, J. F. Harrell, Glenn Bunch, J. E. Ashley, Isaac Byrum, Henry Brabble, J. C. Lane, C. F. Boyce, Carey A. Privott, C. Eston Baker, T. E. Parker, C. B. Davenport, Herman Layden, W. E. Jordan, Jr., C. E. Byrum, M. C. Hobbs, Paul M. Wallace, A. C. Boyce, Haywood Pthistic, James Swindell, Jimmie Jordan, J. B. Harrison, Howard Overton, J. W. Baker, E. M. Ward, J. D. Ward, W. S. Perry, W. H. Pearce, William Corpew, W. B. Hassell, George W. Bunch, G. A. Boyce, C. M. Asbell, W. S. Bass, Ervin R. Saunders, J. Louis Harrell, A. D. Ward, John Parrish, John M. Elliott, J. H. Thigpen, Robert J. Boyce, Milton Copeland, Jesse W. White, W. C. Bunch, R. B. Hollowell, D. T. Ward, Jr., Paul L. Partin and Vandy Nixon.

"On motion J. R. Peele, duly seconded by J. A. Webb and unanimously carried, it is ordered that the County Treasurer transfer the sum of \$10,000.00 from the School Building Bond Fund to the Chowan High School Gymnasium & Garage Building Fund.

this representing the final payment to said gymnasium and garage building fund".

A motion of A. S. Hollowell, seconded by J. R. Peele that the following resolution be adopted: Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners of Chowan County, North Carolina does hereby select and designate The Bank of Edenton, Edenton, North Carolina, as the official depository of the funds of said county, which funds shall be secured by bonds of the United States of America, Chowan County, The Town of Edenton, or otherwise in accordance with Section 159-28 General Statutes of North Carolina, and amendments thereto.

By motion of A. S. Hollowell, seconded by E. N. Elliott, that W. H. Roberts and W. E. Charlton be ap-

pointed to the Brown-Carver Library Board.

The following reports were accepted and ordered filed: Lillian Swinson, assistant home agent; Dr. J. W. Warren, County physician; Supt. Public Welfare, Treas., assistant county agent, county agent, Miss Colwell, home demonstration agent, J. A. Bunch, sheriff, Esther B. Rascoe, Negro home demonstration agent, J. B. Small, Negro County agent, letter from State Highway & Public Works Commission approving addition to County highway system known as "Oak Grove Road".

There being no further business the board adjourned to meet March 14, 1949 as a tax Board of Equalization and Review.

M. L. BUNCH,
Clerk to the Board.

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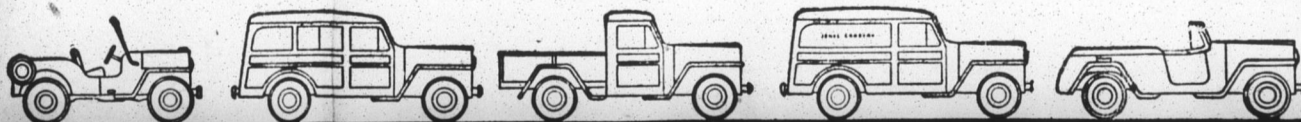
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