

# Orderly Marketing Of Cotton Advised

## Dumping Entire Crop on Market May Cause Price Drop

If cotton prices are to remain steady, growers must continue to market their crop in an orderly way, D. H. Stancil, cotton marketing specialist for the State College Extension Service, declared this week.

So far this fall, Stancil said, cotton farmers have done an unusually good job of orderly marketing. Instead of dumping the entire crop on the market as fast as it was ginned, they have held enough off the market to enable the channels of trade to handle sales efficiently. As a result, prices have gone up.

"However," added the specialist, "the present higher prices are leading many farmers to change tactics and begin selling as rapidly as the crop is ginned. This is unfortunate and could easily cause prices to drop again."

The government loan, he pointed out, offers farmers necessary operating capital while holding their cotton off the market. By means of the loan program the grower can obtain a large percentage of the value of his cotton and still not sell it.

Stancil said farmers would do well to ask their ginners to sample each bale of cotton when it is ginned so that a government classification may be obtained. This information on grade and staple will enable the farmer to watch the markets more intelligently and know approximately what price he can expect for each bale on each day's market. Having the cotton sampled at the same time it is ginned may save a trip back to the gin or warehouse.

The Market News Service of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the Extension Service, now provides daily price quotations from six leading cotton markets in the State. This information is sent out over Associated Press and United Press wires each day before noon, and the quotations are carried by many newspapers and radio stations. Thus the grower who has had his cotton classified, knows the grade and staple and watches daily price quotations in good position to sell his crop for the highest possible price.

# Changes in Farm Program Increase Dairy Income

Many dairymen in the great dairy regions of the Central and North-eastern States, as well as in other parts of the country, could increase their net incomes up to \$1,000 or more per year at current price levels by making full use of the latest and best technical information on grassland agriculture, according to the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Increased forage production could be handled without increasing the labor force on the farm by using newer machines, such as the field pick-up baler and the field forage harvester, and by relying more heavily on custom hired work. Mow finishing of hay, according to preliminary research results, will provide 5 to 10 per cent more milk per acre of forage than regular field curing methods. The increase may be as high as 40 per cent in comparison with field cured hay that has been rained on.

More cows will require more feed so that the farm's cropping program also will get plenty of attention. More legumes will be used in the hay mixture. Rotations will be better planned to include more years in grasslands and more fertilizer will be used. Corn will get a liberal application of manure and 250 pounds of 5-10-10 commercial fertilizer, or its equivalent, per acre at planting. Mixed ladino seedings will receive lime, manure, and around 500 pounds of superphosphate. So far as possible, all hay will receive an annual top dressing of either manure amended with superphosphate or double the quantity of 0-14-

14 fertilizer. Suitable areas of permanent pasture will be improved by reseeding and treated every third year with 8 tons of manure and 400 pounds of superphosphate and with 1 ton of lime every 7 years.

As a result of these practices, production of forage might increase about one-fourth. Use of hired custom equipment for corn planting and harvesting and pasturing more of the farm forage would prevent any increase in labor requirements.

Along with the increase in productivity the dairy farmer would find a noticeable improvement in his income. Assuming prices received and costs at about current levels, the net increase in income from an average size northeastern dairy farm would be more than \$1,000, most of which would result from the gain in farm output.

Each farmer would have to plan according to his particular circumstances. The forage crops a farmer adopts would depend, among other things, on the type of soil on his place. The amount and type of equipment needed would vary from farm to farm. The same would be true of changes in barn chores and other herd management practices.

In planning a reorganization of his farm program the dairy farmer will find it worthwhile to get the opinions of agronomists, dairy nutritionists, farm management specialists, and other experts. Because of the broad scope of his plan, the more good information he gets, the better will be his chances for success.

and get dressed, we regained our festive mood and by the time we left Edenton we were happily singing and talking.

The senior class made the trip in several cars and the athletic bus. Everyone was completely happy and ready to take in the fair when we arrived in Raleigh about ten o'clock. First the class saw the many interesting and attractive exhibits, then we were ready for one (some were ready for more) of those foot long hot dogs. After being serious just long enough to pick out gifts and souvenirs for ourselves and our friends back in Edenton, we got up our nerve and took in the rides.

Finally, stuffed with cotton candy, pop corn, and candy apples, we left

the fair behind us about five o'clock and headed for home. With everyone in a carnival mood, we talked and sang all the way back, every possible song, popular, Christmas, classical, football, Easter, and even children's songs. We had a nice ride back but it was an exhausted and hungry senior class that stopped in Bethel to eat and rest (mostly eat). With this reinforcement the remainder of the trip was quite enjoyable and with a tired, but happy sigh, we agreed that it had been a perfect day and said "good night."

Now the seniors are putting on the same festive air again and getting ready for the big homecoming game with Hertford on Friday night. The class met on Tuesday and voted to en-

ter a float in the homecoming parade. A committee is working on this project. The seniors will also have a representative in the Football Queen Contest. We are looking forward to the big game and are all hoping for another victory.

Again we have a pep rally for tonight and are going out to show the boys we are really behind them. So we'll be seeing you at the game and good bye now.

## Cigarette Plants In State Attract Visitors

The world's largest cigarette factories are now open to visitors at Winston-Salem, Durham and Reidsville.

The R. J. Reynolds plant at Winston-Salem which manufactures Camels showed more than 20,000 visitors through its plant last year, and the number will exceed that considerably this year. The Camel plant was the first to re-open to visitors after World War II.

The Liggett & Myers Chesterfield factories at Durham were re-opened to visitors last year and are proving a popular tourist attraction.

The American Tobacco Company plants at Reidsville, where Lucky Strikes and other brands of cigarettes are made, have just been re-opened

to visitors. All the visits include close-ups of the intricate cigarette machines turning out thousands of perfectly rolled smokes an hour. About an hour should be allowed for the guided tours, and arrangements may be made by groups or individuals through the Chambers of Commerce in the cities where the plants are located, or at the company offices. The tours are conducted Mondays through Fridays only, as the plants are not usually in full operation over week-ends.

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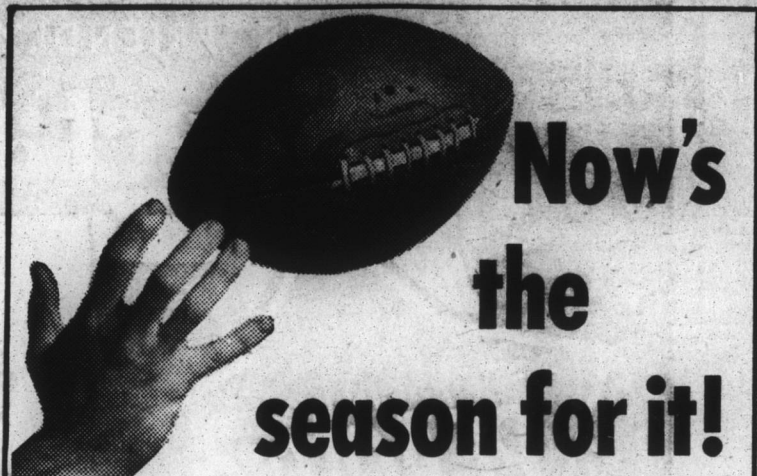
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## Senior Class News

By ANN COFIELD

Hi Everybody!

Here we are, even though about 5 A. M., October 16 we were positive we would never survive to tell about it. It was with half-closed eyes and sleepy yawns that the seniors stumbled through the early morning darkness, on this day. Less than a week ago we had all looked forward intensely to our trip to the State Fair but we had not considered leaving our nice warm beds at such an early hour. However, once we had made our way, half asleep, to school, and a crowd had formed, all telling at once of their struggle to open their eyes

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