

Farm Receipts In '53 Down Somewhat In North Carolina

State Ranked Fourth In Cash Receipts From Crops

Farming in North Carolina yielded somewhat lower cash receipts last year than in 1951 and 1952, reflecting a nationwide trend.

Tar Heel cash farm receipts came to 94 per cent of 1952 receipts, according to C. W. Overman, Chowan County farm agent for the State College Extension Service. Mr. Overman, citing a recent survey of the USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, said 1953 cash farm receipts for the nation as a whole dropped slightly less, to 96 per cent of the 1952 receipts.

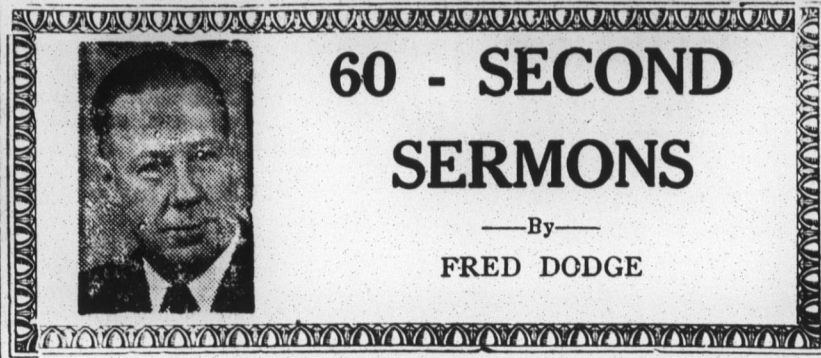
The nation's farmers realized a net income of \$12.8 billions in 1953. Though this was 5 per cent less than the amount received in 1952 and 12 per cent less than 1951, it was 4 per cent higher than the postwar low of 1950. Income in 1951 reflected the sharply increased demand caused by the Korean War.

Total cash receipts in 1953 were lower than in 1952 in 37 states, and higher in 11 states. The decreases ranged from less than 1 per cent in North Dakota to 26 per cent in Nevada, while increases ranged from less than 1 per cent in Pennsylvania to 20 per cent in Mississippi.

North Carolina ranked fourth in cash receipts from crops in 1953, with farmers getting \$672,434,000. Tar Heel farmers received \$211,636,000 from livestock, placing North Carolina 23rd among the livestock producing states. Total cash receipts—livestock and crops—amounted to \$884,070,000 in 1953. The \$884,070,000 makes North Carolina the 12th ranking state in cash receipts from farm marketings.

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Don Bishop and Eve Hunter, both Tar Heels with the National Broadcasting Co., in New York, teamed up to make quite a show with a parcel of North Carolina dirt supplied by Governor Unstead at Don's request for the new NBC-TV show "Home" which features a national "growery." Don, who calls New Bern home, is manager of NBC's television press department. Miss Hunter, who was born in Raleigh, is fashion and beauty editor at NBC-TV.



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TEXT: It is much easier to be critical than correct.—Disraeli

Pat and Mike were hunting. Pat saw a duck far overhead, gave it both barrels, and to his delight saw the bird wheel over and fall heavily to the ground.

"Ye sure wasted thot shot, Pat," Mike said pityingly.

Pat was astonished. "an' how is thot?" Sure an' oi got the boid, didn't oi?" he asked.

"Yis," said Mike, "but the fall woulda killed him."

Some folks live as though they must pass a sentence on everything. They stroll through life pointing out

HEALTH FOR ALL

Thumb-Sucking
Sucking is one of the few things a baby doesn't have to learn. It is one of his favorite activities from birth through weaning. Yet many parents become seriously alarmed when baby discovers the pleasures of thumb-sucking.

It is a pleasure to him. Religious paintings of the Renaissance frequently show placid cherubs sucking their thumbs. Apparently the habit was then looked on as a sign of peace and contentment. Only in the last century did physicians, dentists, and parents begin to worry about it. Thumb-sucking was blamed for dental defects, air swallowing, stomach and intestinal disturbances, and less than perfect beauty. Anxious mothers pulled the comforting thumb out of baby's mouth 20 times a day, put mittens on his fists, or painted horrid tasting substances on the offending thumb.

Recently, however, the old bugaboo has been losing much of its terror. Most experts doubt that any permanent deformity results as long as the habit is given up by five years of age.

Thumb-sucking seems to develop in the normal hand-to-mouth exploring play of infants and lasts through teething. New teeth probably feel strange, if not actually uncomfortable, and a thumb in the mouth is comforting. Two to four-year-olds who suck

what is wrong with the accomplishments of others. Ask about their achievements and you find that they haven't had time to create anything themselves.

We are reminded that Addison said, "it is ridiculous for any man to criticize the works of another if he has not distinguished himself by his own performance."

Each should have opinions. We would be shallow dishes without them. When criticism is requested because we have a skill that makes our opinion of value, give it, helpfully—not habitually. The habitual critic makes us wonder what faults he is trying to cover by taking pleasure in pointing out other's short-comings.

their thumbs probably use the activity to help them fall asleep. The two-year-old tolerates it, and the four-year-old takes it out himself when he falls asleep.

Since thumb-sucking is a harmless pastime, the chief problem to the child is his parents' inept and over-anxious attempts to break the habit. The child may develop guilt feelings that harm him long after the habit is stopped. Even if the habit persists, mechanical devices, constant scolding, and at-

tempts to shame the child should not be used. Most persistent cases seem to result from boredom, fatigue, or unhappiness. The doctor can advise what the child needs to help him break the habit.

Parents will find that thumb-sucking will rarely continue beyond the normal time if the baby feels loved and safe. Close contact with the baby at feeding time, enough food at the time he demands it, and affectionate handling by the parents will usually prevent thumb-sucking problems.

Tobacco Crop Geared To Available Plants

If the plants are available, North Carolina's 1954 tobacco crop should be a good one, according to R. R. Bennett, State College extension tobacco specialist.

Bennett believes that growers will get prices almost as good as those received last year. A lot will depend on the quality of plants they start with.

Bennett says that water is the most important single factor in producing tobacco plants; it is particularly important on dry, dusty days.

Bennett says if tobacco growers expect to continue to enjoy the domestic and foreign demand for their product, they must produce quality leaf that cannot be matched anywhere in the world. "And they must produce

it efficiently."

This is necessary, according to Bennett, if North Carolina is to compete in the foreign market, which buys 10 per cent of the state's flue-cured crop.

Tobacco companies are stressing the fact that they are looking for ripe tobacco, relatively low in nicotine, and sorted so the company can do its own blending, Bennett says.

To meet this demand, growers must put quality into their tobacco; strong plants now will partly accomplish the job, Bennett declares.

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—George Macdonald.

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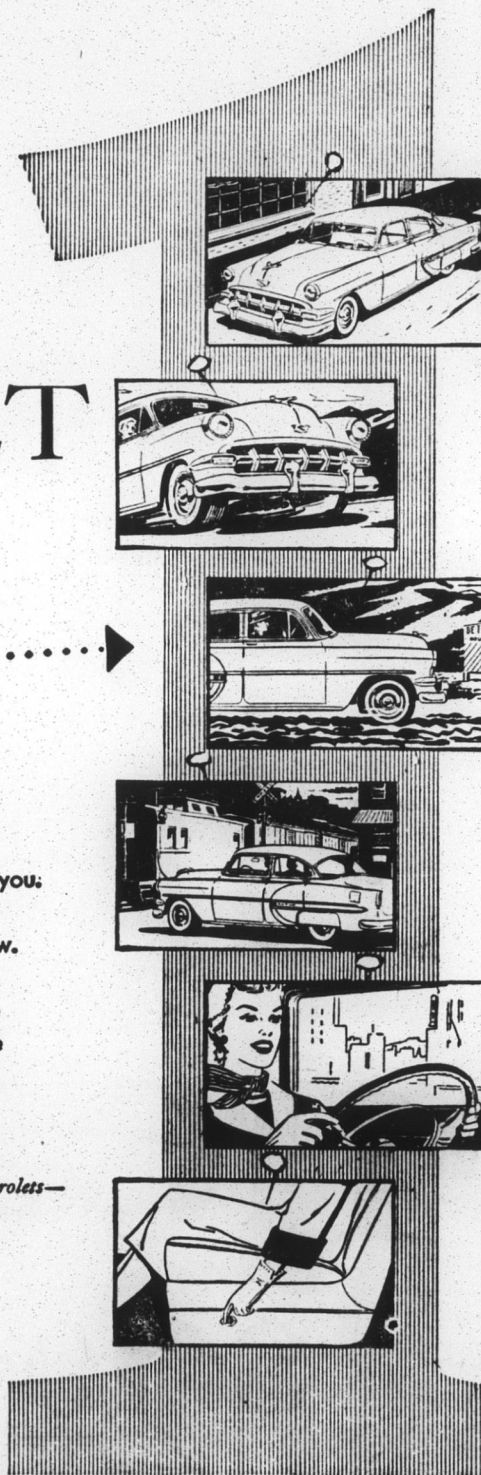
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