

State's Farm Land Drops Off 55,000 Acres Over 1955

1956 Farm Census Is Now Available For Distribution

The North Carolina Farm Census Summary for 1956 has just been released by the Crop Reporting Service at Raleigh.

The summary shows county and state totals of all land in farms, utilization of farm land, acreage of individual crops harvested in 1955, numbers of specified livestock on farms January 1, 1956, and other miscellaneous items.

For the state as a whole the summary shows a loss of about 55,000 acres of farm land from the previous year. The total of 21,048,000 acres compares with 21,103,000 acres reported from the 1955 census. There was also a smaller acreage from which crops were harvested in 1955. The total of 5,595,000 acres of land from which crops were harvested in 1955 is two per cent below that for 1954 and represents 28 per cent of all farm land.

Acreage control programs contributed to crop acreage losses. The census total of 2,166,000 acres of corn harvested in 1955 is almost three per cent, or 58,000 acres, below the preceding year. Cotton acreage was reduced sharply—from 360,000 acres in 1954 to 495,000 acres in 1955. There was a loss of 35,000 acres in land reported to have been utilized for harvest of tobacco and there were 13,000 fewer acres of wheat harvested for grain. These four major crops, all affected by acreage allotments, add up to a 1955 total about 174,000 acres short of 1954.

The only other individual crop with smaller acreage in 1955 was lespeveda hay. The total of only 347,000 acres of lespeveda harvested for hay in 1955 is 62,000 acres below that reported for 1954. This sharp reduction may be attributed largely to thinning of stands by the severe freeze in late March of 1955 and by the utilization of an increased acreage of lespeveda for production of seed.

Except for the crops mentioned above, increased acreages for 1955

were reported. Fairly large percentage increases are shown for sorghums, soybeans for beans and lespeveda for seed, while moderate increases are shown for oats and other small grains (except wheat), Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, and hay crops other than lespeveda. However, increases in acreages of these crops were not sufficient to offset the losses in acreages of major crops. The total of 6,321,000 acres of all crops reported to have been harvested in 1955 (counting acreage double-cropped) is slightly more than 100,000 acres less than the 6,426,000 acres reported for 1954.

Numbers of sows and gilts for breeding on farms January 1, 1956, were reported at 134,000 head—just slightly below the 135,000 head reported a year earlier. Inventories of breeding cattle declined more sharply, the 286,000 head of milk cows on farms January 1, 1956, being 20,000 head short of the number a year earlier. Inventories of beef cows were also reduced, as were numbers of laying hens and pullets.

The 1956 Farm Census collected some information not usually collected. One item of interest is the total of 49,500 colonies of bees reported on farm tracts. Of this total 54 per cent were in the Mountain counties, 35 per cent in the Piedmont counties and 11 per cent in the Coastal Plains.

Owners of farm tracts also listed 24,336 ponds on farms, more than two-thirds of which were in Piedmont counties. Many of these ponds have been used during recent years for irrigation of crops. Farm tract owners report that supplies of water and irrigation equipment on hand during 1955 were adequate for use in irrigation of 135,000 acres of land.

The 1956 Farm Census Summary is available for free distribution, and may be obtained by writing to the Division of Crop Statistics, N. C. Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, North Carolina.

NO COMMENT
By JAMES W. DOUTHAT

Washington—The new Congress will have many opportunities to take action aiding business and the nation.

There is every reason why this should happen. The voters did not return a radical Congress—a clear majority of elected members profess to support the private enterprise system—and the failure of Socialism and regimented economy is evident in many parts of the world.

But the statements of returning New-Fair Dealers, the demands of some labor union leaders, and fears voiced by some conservative members of Congress could easily lead to a different conclusion.

One thing is certain—lobbying pressures on the new Congress from those who subscribe to the spend-tax-elect-control theory will be extraordinary strong.

Some opportunities for Congress in the field of business legislation include:

Taxation—The administration's rejection of a proposed \$2.3 billion rapid amortization program for steel industry expansion again emphasizes the importance of the tax system.

Arguments for rapid amortization included the inadequacy of depreciation allowances for replacement of worn-out facilities—a condition frequently pointed out to Congress by spokesmen for business.

The "crisis in capital" and the cancellation of expansion plans—the difficulties of firms in raising equity capital to meet future growth needs—also have been pointed out to Congress.

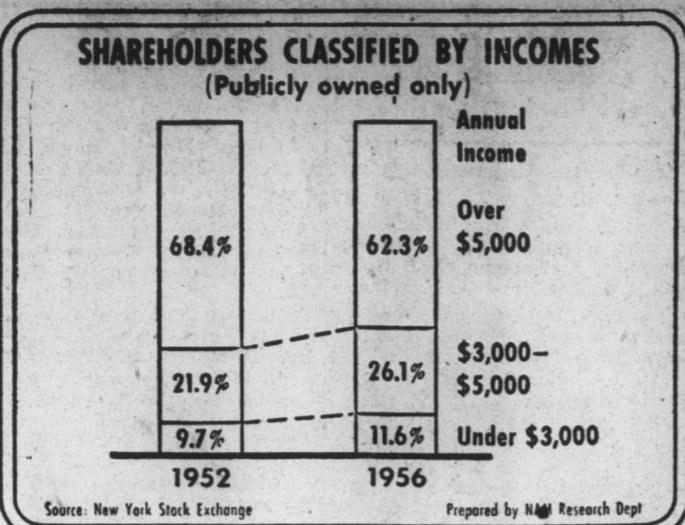
With the convening of the new Congress, it is expected that there will be a rising demand from business for tax relief for both corporations and individuals.

Economy—In spite of pressures for more spending resulting from the international situation, congressional economy leaders say billions could be slashed from the federal budget.

The Hoover Commission blueprint a program for congressional and executive action that could save billions. Congress has done little to implement this program.

Grants-in-aid could be slashed. Reports of the Kestnbaum Commission on inter-governmental relations depict many areas in which this would be done.

There is pressure for more military spending—and prices on military items have risen. But it has been officially disclosed that the requirement for most materials for military purposes may drop—the military budget will remain in a



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fluid state because of new weapons; many friendly nations are stronger.

Labor—In recent weeks both farm and business organizations have pointed to the dangers inherent in the monopoly power of labor—and Congress will have before it legislation to make big labor unions subject to the anti-trust laws. Thus far the House Judiciary Committee, where such a bill has been pending, has refused even to consider holding hearings.

Congress also will have before it again the Smith-McClellan bill, which declares that a federal law shall not prevent state action in the same field unless there is a direct and positive conflict. States have seen their powers whittled down through court decisions invalidating laws in the labor and anti-secession field.

Conservatives believe enactment of these two measures would go far toward stabilizing labor conditions in the nation—but the pro-session congressional talk dealt

during the same period. Those with annual earnings over \$5,000 declined percentage-wise—from 68.4 per cent to 62.3 per cent.

Of the more than 10 million total, 8,630,000—an increase of 33 per cent over 1952—own shares in companies whose stock is traded on securities exchanges or is owned by at least 300 shareowners, and 1,400,000 own shares in companies whose securities are restricted to a relatively few shareholders.

chiefly with weakening the Taft-Hartley Act.

Hospital Patients

Visiting Hours: From 2 to 4:30 and 6 to 8 P. M. Children Under 12 Years of Age Not Permitted To Visit Patients.

Patients admitted to the Chowan Hospital during the week of January 7-13 were:

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ford; Mrs. Juanita Sanford, Edenton; Mrs. Irene Mosley, Columbia; Mrs. Arnell Reynolds, Columbia; Mrs. Marion Nixon, Edenton; Mrs. Miley Barrow, Edenton; Mrs. Mary C. Lane, Tyner; Mrs. Vivian Holton, Roper; Mrs. Mattie Yount, Edenton; Mrs. Thelma Woodard, Edenton.

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Patients discharged from the hospital during the same week were:

White
Mrs. Nancy Twiddy, Edenton; Mrs. Esther Simmons, Columbia;

Mrs. Eva Taylor, Hertford; Mrs. Sylvia Gunnels, Edenton; Otis Holmes, Edenton; Mrs. Betty Constable, Edenton; Mrs. Addie Tucker, Hertford; Mrs. Ora Woodley, Creswell; Paul Maitland, Columbia; Mrs. Delores Alexander, Creswell; Mrs. Juanita Brown, Edenton; Mrs. Beulah Bunch, Hobbville; Archie Asbell, Tyner; Willie Skittlethorpe, Edenton; Miss Susan Twine, Hertford; Mrs. Juanita Sanford, Edenton; Mrs. Miley Barrow, Edenton; Mrs. Marion Nixon, Edenton.

Negro
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Births
Births in the hospital during the same week were: Capt. and Mrs.

Warren Sherman of Edenton, a son; Sgt. and Mrs. Ricky Woodley of Creswell, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Bunch of Hobbville, a daughter; Pfc. and Mrs. Harry Brown of Edenton, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. William Edward Barrow of Edenton, a daughter.

Visiting ministers for the week

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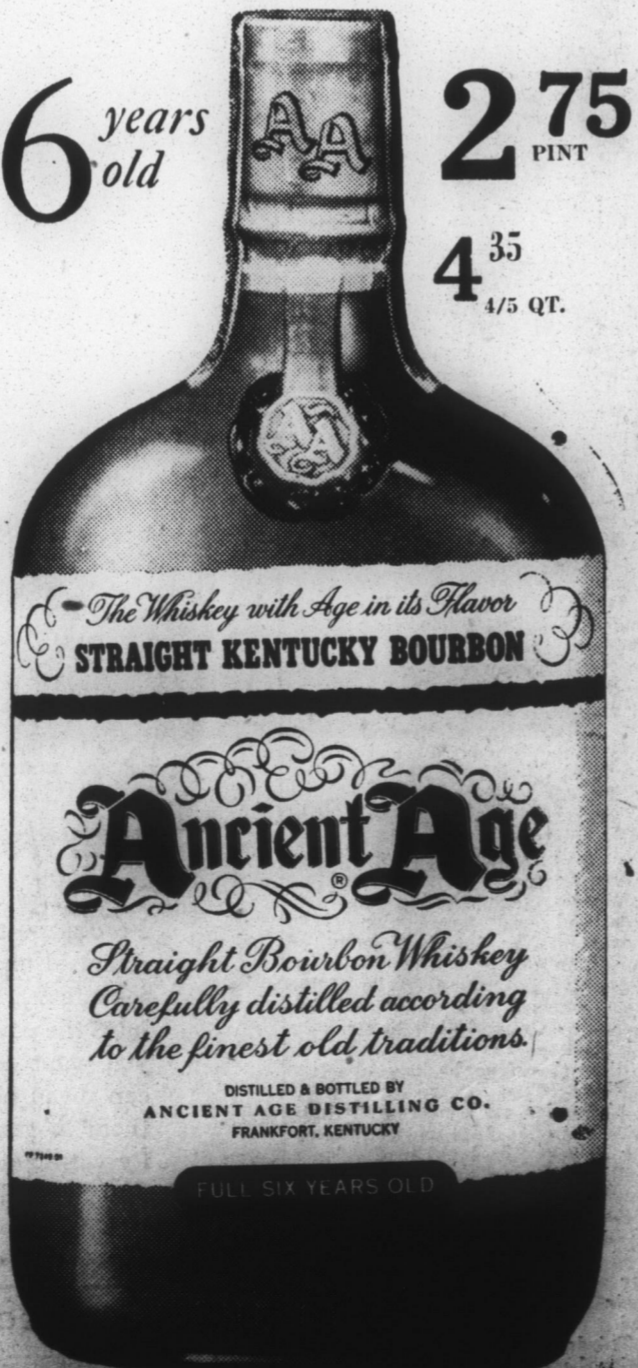
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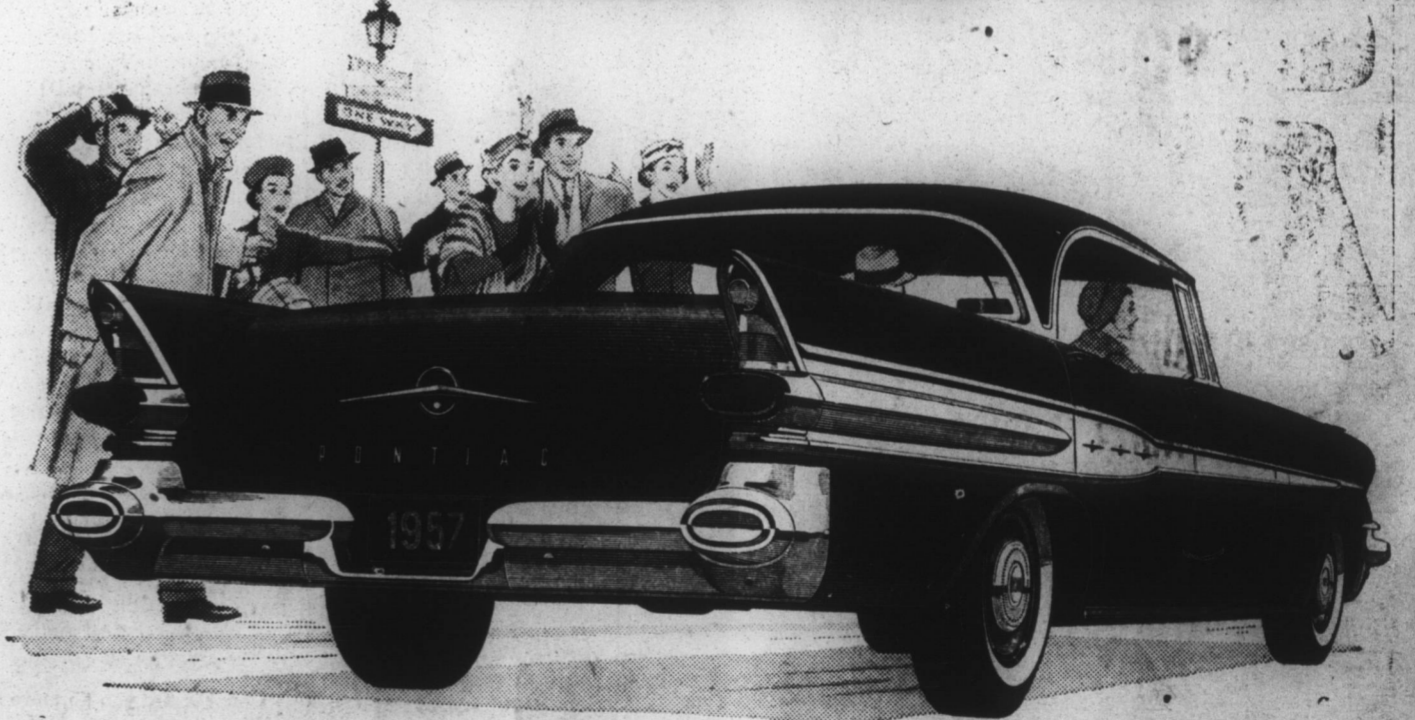
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