

Average Value Tar Heel Farms About Half National Average

The average value of North Carolina farms has increased rapidly in recent years, but the typical Tar Heel farmer still owns a lot less than his national counterpart.

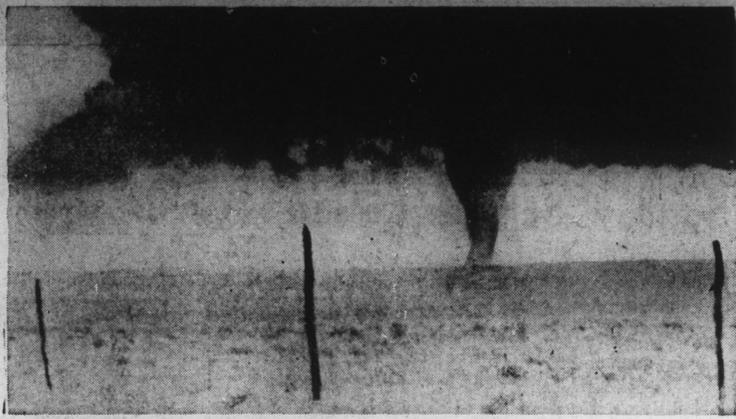
Preliminary information from the 1959 Census of Agriculture shows that the average value of farms in the state was about \$15,000 when the census was taken.

This is an 88 per cent increase since 1954, but still far short of the average national of \$33,000. Tar Heel farmers did close the gap some in the 1954-59 period.

The average farm in the nation only increased in value by 63 per cent during this period. The census figures only show the value of farmland and buildings. They do not include machinery, equipment and livestock.

Average North Carolina farm values are about in line with those of other Southern states with the exception of Florida and West Virginia.

The average Florida farm is valued at \$68,000 and the average West Virginia farm at \$10,000, which makes it the lowest in the nation. Arizona farms are the most valuable—\$174,000.



BIG, WILD AND DANGEROUS—This giant tornado funnel was photographed by Mrs. Bud Brown, using a Brownie box camera. The twister swept past her home in northeastern New Mexico, but did little damage in the thinly populated area.

AROUND THE FARMS IN CHOWAN COUNTY

By C. W. OVERMAN, Chowan County Agent

Nematodes Attacking Crops in Chowan: There is more damage to crops in Chowan County caused by nematodes this season than I have seen before. One reason for this is perhaps the additional stress placed on the plants by adverse weather conditions. Nematode damage has been noticeable in many fields each year, particularly in sandy fields. This spring the weather was cold and damp and continued so for so long that plants just didn't get off to a good start and were unable to withstand the nematode build-up when warm weather did come.

Sting nematode has been the principle one on peanuts. On cantaloupes we have found root knot, some sting and some stunt. On watermelons we have found root knot in some fields. These tiny microscopic animals feed on the roots of plants damaging the roots by injuring them and killing many roots. There is plenty of plant food in the soil but the plants can't take it up because the roots are so injured or killed. We might say that the plants are like a person who has

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his hands tied behind him or hands cut off sitting at a table loaded with food which he can't get to and is starving to death. The only answer to the nematode problem is proper crop rotation and proper soil fumigation. There are several chemicals which may be used before the crop is planted but only one that can safely be applied to the growing plants. Telone, DD, and W-85 must be applied at least two weeks before planting and are not safe to use on growing plants. Nematogon may be applied before planting, at planting time or to growing plants. These chemicals must be applied properly, at the correct rate and time, and where they are needed if efficient and economical results are to be obtained.

During the last three weeks we have diagnosed nematode infestation in many fields of peanuts. Where the areas justified it, the growers have applied nematogon in the soil beside the plants. Applications made two weeks ago are showing results in the formation of new roots and new growth above ground. Soil should not be fumigated unless there has been evidence of nematode damage to previous crops. Generally, nematodes attacking peanuts do not feed on tobacco and watermelons. The principle root knot nematode which attacks tobacco and watermelons does not attack peanuts, cotton and corn. The sting nematode attacks peanuts, cotton, corn, soybeans and other bean crops increasing its population on them. Just because you have nematode damage in

peanuts this does not mean that you can't grow watermelons in that soil next year without fumigation, most likely you will waste your money by fumigating for watermelons unless you know you have had nematodes which attack watermelons.

So, know what your problem is and treat it properly.

Control Cotton Insects: We recommended to you that you start dusting or spraying your cotton for boll weevil when your plants attained eight leaves. I hope that you have done this because we are finding some live weevils in some fields. Finish your early four applications of insecticides at five day intervals then stop but watch your fields closely every few days.

We have had much rain and some applications may not have had time to stick long enough to give best results. The second series of applications should be started about July 24. We shall continue to make field surveys and keep you posted in this column.

Safety: I hope and trust that you will have had a most pleasant safe July 4th by the time this paper reaches you. National Farm Safety Week will be observed July 23 to 29. Let's plan to clean up and remove safety hazards around our farms by the end of that week or before. We will save time, money and much pain and sorrow if we will practice safety every day and every week throughout the year.

Misconceptions About Food Are Considered

Grandma's remedy for "spring fever"—sulfur and molasses—brings to mind many of today's misconceptions about foods. While facts about food buying and selection may not seem ex-

citing as the "good old remedies," false information can waste your money and may affect your health.

Mrs. Ruby Uzzie, consumer marketing specialist for the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service, would like to know how you would answer the following questions. Would you answer them yes or not?

Question: Are Irish potatoes fattening?

Answer: No—About 20 per cent of a potato is starch. The rest is water, fat, protein, and minerals. Medium-sized potato contains about 100 calories. It's the butter and gravy that add up the calories.

Question: Are Irish potatoes perishable?

Answer: Yes—The new crop potatoes on the market have a high moisture content and will spoil quickly. Potatoes are sensitive to light which results in a green colored potato. The green portion is bitter to the taste and must be cut away before cooking.

Question: Are picnics really just small hams?

Answer: No—There are only two hams from a hog. Picnics are shoulders and have different muscle structure, tenderness and flavor; therefore, they require longer cooking than hams.

Question: Is an unfrozen turkey superior in flavor to a frozen one?

Answer: No—Buy a frozen turkey for best chances of high quality. The frozen bird was

processed, frozen at peak of quality and proper freezers hold this quality. A fresh-dressed bird can be several days old before you buy it.

Hubert G. Rountree Is In Mediterranean

The destroyer USS Mullinnix serves as flagship of Commander Destroyer Squadron 32 which has been operating as a unit of the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean since February.

Serving aboard the destroyer is Hubert G. Rountree, boilerman second class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sweetie Rountree of Tyner.

The Mullinnix and crew ended an eight-day visit to Athens, Greece May 22, that was highlighted by tours to local points of interest for the Navyman. They in turn played host to many Greeks who visited aboard the American destroyer.

The Mullinnix is scheduled to return to her home port at Norfolk, Va., late this summer.

CENTER HILL CLUB MEETS

Center Hill Home Demonstration Club met Tuesday night, June 20, at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. B. P. Mond.

Mrs. J. C. Boyce, president, called the meeting to order with a short devotion from II James and prayer was offered by Mrs. E. L. Belch.

Johnny DuBois entertained the

group with a piano solo "Dancing In The Dark." Johnny was one of the Center Hill Junior 4-H Club members who competed in the district meeting at Chocowinity last week in the talent division.

Miss Pauline Calloway, home economics agent, presented the demonstration, using slides to tell the story of nutrition notes for "Song of the Salad." "Salads are extra rich in vitamins and a source of vital nutrients as well as colorful and tasty," she said.

He that knows nothing of it may by chance be a prophet, while the wisest that is may happen to miss.

—Benjamin Franklin.

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A LETTER TO THE TAXPAYERS OF CHOWAN COUNTY

Edenton, N. C.

June 26, 1961.

Dear Taxpayers:

We wish to call to your attention a special election which has been called in Chowan County to be held on July 11th to approve or disapprove the issuance of bonds to the extent of \$289,000.00 to be used for school construction.

According to the public notice, \$89,000.00 will be allotted to Chowan High School, and \$200,000.00 to the Edenton High School (colored) and John A. Holmes High School (white). We, a committee of taxpayers, seriously question the need for these funds at this time. First, let us consider Chowan High School. We understand these funds are to be used for a new cafeteria and a new auditorium. Why this sudden need? We understand that there has been very little increase in enrollment for the past several years. There may be two or three occasions during the year that the auditorium will not accommodate quite all the people who seek admission, but we have heard no demand that huge sums be spent to build a new and larger one. In reference to the cafeteria—we know that the children are fed in shifts, but isn't that desirable regardless of the size of the cafeteria? Sociologists recommend that primary, elementary and high school age groups be kept separated. For current expenditure of any funds at Chowan High School, we would look with favor on building a covered walk-way leading from the main building to the present cafeteria. As to the other projects, we say NO. There is a feeling abroad that Chowan High School will soon be consolidated with the John A. Holmes High School, and leave the primary and elementary grades at the present location. To substantiate this statement we quote from the News and Observer of June 24th: "The State Board of Education will therefore take a close look at local plans for the use of the funds (the One Hundred and Six Million Dollar new school appropriation) . . . that progress in High School consolidation must be accomplished where this is needed". You, the taxpayers, know who will determine whether it is needed and desirable.

As to the expenditures at John A. Holmes High School, we cannot honestly comment, because we do not know in detail what is planned, but it seems to us that the beautiful high school plant that has been so recently completed has deteriorated very rapidly.

Now we come to discuss the needs of the Edenton High School. We understand the plan is to increase the facilities for teaching Science, Home Economics and Industrial Arts. Our Committee approves of this and will do what we can to see that instruction and training in these fields are the best we can reasonably obtain. To do this will require money, but we do not know how much. A suggested source will follow.

We have given some reasons why we are opposed to the Bond Issue, but the principal reason is increased taxes. In the June 22nd issue of The Chowan Herald the County Commissioners had published a copy of the Budget for 1961-62 which showed an increase in the Town tax rate of 22c or 20%, and the County tax rate of 32c or 29%. The taxpayers of Edenton must not forget that the State authorities have made it mandatory that the Town spend huge sums for a sewage disposal plant that, we understand, will be financed by a bond issue and you will be taxed for it. As to other increased taxes, do not forget the new sales tax on food to produce One Hundred and Six Million Dollars (News and Observer, June 24th) to provide Governor Sanford's Quality Education. This is a tax on all the people in North Carolina—and that includes the people in Chowan County.

To provide funds for that part of the proposed program which we approve, it seems reasonably clear from the reports coming out of Washington our Congress is going to provide a large amount of money for public education. It has been agreed that each State can use its share for either salaries or construction. Since our Legislature recently approved a 21% increase in teachers' salaries we should reasonably expect the most of North Carolina's share to go into construction—and our County can expect its part.

Vote AGAINST The Bond Issue July 11th!

(SIGNED) COMMITTEE OPPOSING BOND ISSUE.

P. S. According to The News & Observer June 27, 1961, Gov. Sanford announced plans to call a special session of the Legislature late this summer or early fall unless Congress passes some sort of Federal school construction program.

The Governor has said he will seek a bond issue of between 75 and 100 million dollars for public school construction.

From above announcement it appears that Chowan County will get all the school construction funds it needs without voting for a bond issue.



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