

Local ASCS News

Farmers must use the latest technical know-how in order to produce good crops. They must make the right decisions relating to seed, seeding dates, fertilization, cultural practices, harvesting methods, and many other production practices. With all of these things handled properly and with a good harvest, the job is really only half done—the crop must be marketed for the best possible price for producers to realize a profit.

Two programs available through local ASCS offices can do a lot to assist farmers in the orderly marketing of grain crops. The first of these, the facility loan program, is intended to assist growers in erecting needed farm storage. These loans cover up to 85 per cent of the cost of the storage structure or drying equipment. The loans are repaid in four annual installments and bear interest at 6 per cent per annum.

The second program available is the commodity loan program. This is the mechanism that offers price support to eligible producers.

Safety With Pesticides

By C. W. Overman

Agricultural plants have varying resistance to chemicals. Plants also vary as to different chemicals. Tomatoes are very susceptible except to certain chemicals. This just an example of many plants that are more tender than others.

In selecting a pesticide for insect of disease control inquire for an agricultural authority: your agricultural extension agent, VO-Ag. teacher or some person qualified to give you the correct answer. Then follow the instructions.

Be sure to keep the proper label on every pesticide container. Several years ago a certain worker had a container of 2-4D herbicide and another container of Malathion. Neither container was labeled as to its contents. The containers were some different. A friend wanted some malation to spray his young apple tree and was told that he was welcome to get some out of the can.

The worker explained to his friend which container had malathion. When the friend went for the chemical the worker was away so he got what he needed. The next day the apple tree was wilting. Upon checking he found that he had made the mistake of getting 2-4D rather than malathion. I was called to the place for advice. I told him to dig up the apple tree and start again because the tree would soon die and it did.

I have mentioned proper application of pesticides. By all means do this. First, it takes the proper amount to accomplish the desired results. Next, mis-application can injure the plants. Again, in the case of a crop that is about ready for harvest, mis-application may result in excess residue that may be dangerous to the consumer.

Use a pesticide when it is needed only. This is a tricky statement but not so much so if we only take time to think and check. Check plants carefully to determine when an insecticide application is needed.

A few years ago I observed a field of soybeans showing wonderful prospects for a good yield. I suggested to the grower that he check the field carefully every three days. The grower was very busy and failed to check the field for a week or more. When he did check it, insects had taken half or more of the crop.

If you have so much to do you can't do it all properly, then cut down to your size.

Steps Up Output

Virginia Electric and Power Company has received permission from the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission to begin increasing the output of Surry Power Station Units 1 and 2 above their present level until they reach 100 per cent power output, or 788,000 net kilowatts electrical.

Vepco President T. Justin Moore Jr. said that the units will be escalated gradually from the previously authorized 92 per cent power level limit. Unit 1 is expected to achieve 100 per cent of power on or about December 1, followed by Unit 2 on or about February 1, 1974. Earlier limits of power output were imposed pending completion by the AEC of review of the fuel densification phenomenon in all pressurized water reactor designs.

"We are pleased that the AEC has concluded that both Surry units can be operated at full power without endangering the health and safety of the public," Moore said.

These commodity loans make capital available to producers to help defray production and harvesting expenses. The grower may redeem the loan at any time before the maturity date. The feature of the program allows the farmer to take advantage of the seasonal rise in prices that normally occurs after harvest.

Current prospects are for a record crop here in North Carolina in 1973. If farmers are forced to sell at harvest time due to a lack of adequate storage, they cannot expect to receive the maximum return. Historically, prices at harvest time are at the lowest point of the year.

By using the facility loan program and the commodity loan program where needed, producers can do a great deal to realize more net return from their corn and soybean crops. Producers interested in either of these programs should contact their local ASCS office for full details.

PAP SMEAR

All women should have a Pap Smear Test for cancer every year. If you have not had this test, talk with your family doctor or call the local health department. A Pap Smear Screening Test will be given on the second and fourth Mondays from 1 P.M. to 4 P.M. at the Chowan County Health Department, Edenton. Anyone desiring an appointment is ask to call the Health Department at 482-2511.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Sarah R. Hare would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for the many expressions of love and concern shown during the illness and death of our loved one. The memory of these acts of kindness will always remain with us.

THE FAMILY

Recreation Update
By ROY WINSLOW

LITTLE LEAGUE Final Standings

Reds	7-5
Yankees	6-5
Orioles	6-6
A's	4-7

The National League All-Stars defeated their American League counterparts 20-11, pushing across 11 runs in the third inning. J. Jernigan had three hits for the winners with D. Jordan, R. Taylor, A. Sawyer, and T. Bass each had a pair of hits.

M. Spear and D. Lassiter had three hits each for the American League stars.

Earlier, the A's defeated the Orioles, 7-5, although they were limited to two hits. D. Jordan and A. Sawyer got their hits while K. Slade was getting three for the Orioles and G. Whitehurst was getting two, M. Cross and B. Ashley one each.

E. Smith had three hits as the Yankees defeated the Reds, 27-7. M. Spear had two hits with Overton, D. Lassiter and A. Jones getting singles. J. Harrell, R. Taylor, J. Chesson and B. Hutchinson got the four hits for the Reds.

The Orioles defeated the Reds in another game, 12-1, holding them to a single hit by T. Bass. K. Slade had two hits for the winners with J. Lavoie, B. Ashley, H. Powell and M. Cross each getting one hit.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE Final Standings

Bankers	1-1
Carter's Ink	7-5
Stilley Electric	4-8
George C. Moor	2-10

The Bankers defeated Moore, 11-4. J. Bunch got five hits, S. Jackson, four, and M. Barrow and M. Jernigan, three each. L. Campen and B. Spruill got three hits each for the Moore team while D. Harrell and G. Gieseke got two each.

MEN'S LEAGUE Final Standings

Fiberform	16-1
Jaycees	15-2
National Guard	10-6
Chowan Hospital	9-7
Downtowners	8-8
George Chevrolet	5-11
UPS	4-12
Carter's Ink	3-13
Spedic	2-14

Fiberform blanked the Jaycees, 7-0, to win the crown in this league. The Jaycees were held to three hits—K. Lowe, B. Spencer and W. Ashley—while six Fiberform players were getting two hits each—L. Evans, J. Patterson, H. Herman, M. Spruill, T. Evans and E. Evans. In earlier action, Fiberform defeated George Chevrolet, 5-4, scoring two runs in the bottom of the seventh after George had scored three in the sixth to go ahead. R. Smith had two hits for the winners. W. Holley led George with three hits while B. Godley, A. Hughes and B.

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