Farm Market Report

A total of 7,722 feeder pigs were sold on 13 state graded sales during week of January 19, according to the Market News Service of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture. Prices were mostly $6.25 to $8.25 higher per hundred pounds. U.S. 1-2 pigs weighing 40-50 pounds averaged $58.73 per hundred pounds with No. 3s $46.46; 50-60 pound 1-2s averaged $58.23, No. 3s $48.83; 60-70 pound 1-2s $53.22, No. 3s $43.43; 70-80 pound 1-2s $46.07 per hundred pounds with No. 3s $38.78.

At weekly livestock auctions held within the state the week of January 19, prices for slaughter cows and feeder calves sold at generally steady prices. Utility and Commercial cows brought $40-$50; Good slaughter steers above 800 pounds at one market brought $57 to $59; Few choice veal calves $60 to $64. Medium frame No. 1 muscle steers 400-500 pounds brought $60 to $71 per hundred pounds and same grade heifer 400-500 pounds sold $52 to $61.25. Beef type feeder cows with average flesh sold from $42.50 to $50.50; baby calves under 3 weeks of age brought mostly $40 to $95 per head. Market hogs brought mostly $41.50 to $42.85 per hundred weight and 300-600 pound sows $34.20 to $41.30.

Market hogs at daily cash buying stations about the state sold steady to 75 lower during week of January 19 and ranged mostly $42.00 to $43.00 per hundred pounds. Sows 300-600 pounds ranged $29 to $40.

Corn prices were 2 cents lower and soybeans 35 to 48 cents lower through January 22 compared to the same period of the previous week. No. 2 yellow shelled corn ranged mostly $3.73 to $3.94 in the Eastern part of the state and $3.63 to $3.95 in the Piedmont. No. 1 yellow soybeans ranged mostly $7.33 to $7.80½ in the East and $7.10 to $7.59 in the Piedmont; No. 2 red winter wheat $4.42 to $4.70. Soymeal FOB N.C. processing plants ranged from $243.30 to $159.50.

Sweet potato prices were firm this week. Supplies are short and demand moderate. Fifty pound cartons of cured U.S. No. 1s on January 22 were quoted at $11 to $11.50, few $12, few $10.50 to $10.75. Prices paid to growers for fifty pound cartons of No. 1s were $9 to $9.50 at the end of belt.

Registration Date Set For Vendors

ATLANTA, Ga. — Food service management companies which plan to act as vendors for USDA's 1981 summer food service program for children in North Carolina must register with the state agency on or before March 16, 1981.

The summer food program provides nutritious meals to children from areas of economic need at public or private nonprofit, nonresidential institutions or residentail camps during the summer months.

Regulations require that companies providing food for the summer program are reputable and able to meet the terms of their contracts. Under USDA's rules, food service management companies must provide states, at the time of registration, with detailed information on their operation for the past two years.

Companies wanting information on the summer food program or applications for registration in North Carolina should contact: Mrs. Ann G. Smith, Associate State Director, Division of Child Nutrition, State Department of Public Instruction, Education Building,, Raleigh, N.C. 27611. Telephone: (919) 733-7162.

Center Hill Extension Club Holds Meeting

Center Hill Extension Homemakers Club met recently at the Center Hill Community Building with Mrs. J. C. Boyce, hostess.

The president, Mrs. Helen Hollowell, welcomed the group and used the 100th Psalm for her devotion. Mrs. E. P. Jones led in prayer. Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Belch acted as secretary.

Mrs. Fran Ward, county extension home agent, was present and her demonstration was "The Joys of Pressure Cooking - Meal in One." This proved very interesting, since the majority of the members own a pressure cooker, some were used frequently and others very seldom. Mrs. Ward also explained the program for 1981 and the monthly programs, dates given. Each club member present filled out the year books and hcstess named for each month.

During the social hour, each of us sampled the "Meal in One" which was demonstrated and Mrs. Boyce served delicious refreshments.

The month of February will be held at the usual time at the Community Building and this will be a covered dish dinner. Husbands of club members and community members are invited to attend.

Public Meeting Slated

WILMINGTON — A public scoping meeting for the proposed farming operations by Prulean Farms will be held January 28 at 7:30 P.M. at the N. C. Marine Resources Center in Manteo.

Prulean Farms at Creswell has made application for a Department of the Army permit to place excavated materials in wetlands to clear and drain areas for agricultural operations in the vicinity of Mill Tail Creek, east of Alligator River in Dare County. The purpose of this work is to prepare land for agricultural development.

The Wilmington District Engineer, Col. Robert K. Hughes, has determined that such a permit, if approved, would constitute a major Federal action having a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the District Engineer intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Recent regulations of the President's Council on Environmental Quality provide for a scoping process: an early and open process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed in an EIS and for identifying the significant issues related to the proposed action. The Wilmington District Corps of Engineers invites the participation of affected federal, state, and local agencies and all other interested persons to this scoping meeting in Manteo. Agencies and the public will have an opportunity to identify issues and questions to be included in the EIS.

The merits of the applicant's proposal will not be debated at the meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to assist in developing the scope of the required EIS. The Wilmington District Corps of Engineers will conduct an exhaustive public interest review of this proposal at a later date when the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is published. Public and agency comment on the merits of the project, both verbal and written, will be received in the administrative record of the permit application at that time. It is anticipated that the DEIS should be released for review and comment in the winter of 1981.

Prulean Farms is a joint venture of Prudential Life Insurance Company and McLean Incorporated. It plans to drain and clear 22,325 acres for the production of row crops. The proposed work will incorporate existing canals, roads, and ditches constructed by prior owners and new canals, roads, and ditches to be constructed by Prulean Farms.

Although attendance at the January 28 meeting in Manteo is encouraged, written participation in this scoping process will be accepted before, during and within 10 days after the meeting. Information obtained in this process will play a vital role in development of the scope of the EIS.

Questions regarding this scoping meeting should be addressed to Mr. Frank Yelverton, U. S. Army Engineer District, Wilmington, ATTN: Regulatory Functions Branch, P. O. Box 1890, Wilmington,, N.C. 28402, telephone (919) 343-4640, FTS 671-4640.

Mr. Bass Speaker For Garden Meeting

There is much interest in the vegetable garden meeting to be held on February 4, at 2 P.M. in the Commissioners room, located on the Fourth Floor of the County Office Building.

The speaker will be Larry Bass. He will show an informative set of slides he has collected during the five years he has worked with the Agricultural Extension Service. His work generated so much interest that he had to call on the help of volunteers to answer telephone questions, while he worked in Wake County.

He will discuss varieties, weed control, fertilization, insects and diseases. He will be prepared to answer questions about growing vegetables and some about shrubs and landscaping.

Besides Wake County, Larry has worked in Rockingham County. In August 1979 Larry was promoted to the North Carolina State Extension Service Horticultural Staff with responsibility for State Home Garden Program.

"He is much in demand as speaker and we feel fortunate to have been able to get him", said Murray L. Goodwin, agricultural extension agent.

Henson Is Appointed

CHICAGO, Il — David L. Henson, administrator of Chowan Hospital, has been admitted to Nomineeship in The American College of Hospital Administrators, according to an announcement made today by Stuart A. Wesbury, Jr., Ph.D., President of the Chicago-based professional society.

Henson received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Business Adminstration degrees from the University of Maryland. He holds a Master's degree in Hospital Administration from Duke University.

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