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# Four Year Cotton Program For Carolinas Insures Lint Price

## The Carolina Cooperator

By ROY H. PARK

North Carolina was represented at the 69th annual Grange convention at Sacramento, Calif., by State Master E. S. Vanatta and Mrs. Vanatta.

"We have had a great trip, one that will always be remembered," wrote Mr. Vanatta from Sacramento. He told of visiting many scenic points of interest, one of which was the Sequoia National Park where they saw the "General Sherman tree." Estimated to be between three and four thousand years old, this tree is said to be the oldest living thing in the world. It is 272.4 feet high, and has a diameter of 36.5 feet.

"Just suppose one of our Carolina darkies treed a 'possum in this tree,'" remarked Mr. Vanatta.

**C**OTTON growers in North and South Carolina will receive not less than 5 cents a pound on the average yield of lint cotton on land which they hold out of production under the new cotton program. This payment would average approximately \$12 an acre for the two states, and about \$8.60 an acre for the cotton belt.

The new contract is for the calendar years 1936, 1937, 1938 and 1939. Any signer, however, may terminate his contract at the end of the year.

It was decided to offer producers a four-year contract because of advantages obtainable under a continuous adjustment effort extending over a period of years. To meet changing conditions in production, supply and demand, the contract can be modified, but producers may plan with the knowledge that other essential details probably will remain unchanged.

**County Associations**

A total base acreage of 44,500,000 acres has been adopted as a base or national acreage quota which will be allocated among the various cotton producing states on a basis corresponding to the base acreage in 1935 in each state.

Allocation to the counties within the states will be made from the state's quota by the AAA Division of Cotton, but 10 percent will be held for apportionment by the State Cotton Board to be used in adjusting acreage for counties and individual producers. For individual producers the base will be determined by producers and the County Committees subject to review by the State Cotton Boards and the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

The states may select one of five base periods for the purpose of allocating acreage to individual producers. The bases from which the choice may be made are 1928-1932, inclusive; 1931-1933, inclusive; 1932-1934, inclusive; 1933-1935, inclusive, and 1935.

The choice of bases was given in order to correct inequities brought about because unfavorable weather and other conditions had reduced the yield and acreage below normal in some areas during the original base period, 1928-1932.

Once selected, a base period will apply uniformly throughout a state. For example, a state may not choose the 1932-1934 period to apply to one portion of its area and select 1933-1935 or some other permitted period for another portion.

Officials said that the application of any of the bases for a state would result in a total which would approximate the base for 1935.

**Thirty Percent Reduction**

The minimum adjustment required will be a reduction of 30 percent below the bases established for individual farms. The producer, however, will have the privilege of reducing to a maximum of 45 percent below this base. In 1934 the adjustment required ranged from 35 to 45 percent below the base; in 1935 the required adjustment was 25 percent, with the option of increasing it to 35 percent. Adjustments for other contract years will be determined by the Secretary in conformity with prevailing conditions for the specific contract year.

A single adjustment payment of not less than 5 cents a pound on the average yield of lint cotton on land withheld from production under the contract will be made; it will be made as soon as practicable after compliance has been determined. Compliance work will begin as soon as the planting season is over in any county. At 5 cents a pound, the average payment would amount to about \$8.60 an acre, which is approximately the same as the payment made in 1935, and slightly more than the 1934 payments.

The Farmers Co-operative Exchange did a cooperative business of \$1,129,179.39 during the first ten months of 1935, M. G. Mann, general manager, reported at the last board meeting.

"We have handled since January 1," Mr. Mann said, "24,842,229 pounds of feed. This represents 12,421 tons, or 621 cars of 20 tons each, representing 62 cars a month.

"We have purchased 2,794 barrels of flour, and 1,590,868 pounds of seed.

"Our fertilizer totals 16,873 tons, and miscellaneous items of spray materials, paints and other supplies that go into the production of a crop totalled 509,731 items."

## N. Carolina Future Farmers Stand High In Accomplishment

Only one Southern State—Texas—has a larger membership in the Future Farmers of America than North Carolina, Shelton Turlington, of the Benson High School, told a recent gathering.

Other accomplishments were cited as follows:

One hundred and eighteen father and son banquets held with 10,481 fathers, sons and visitors attending.

Twenty-one thousand dollars worth of farm products and supplies bought cooperatively by the boys.

School ground beautification done to the value of \$7,003.65.

Thirty-four thousand dollars put on savings and \$103,375.71 invested in farming.

The Future Farmers of America is a national organization of farm boys with a membership of 125,000, and the Young Tar Heel Farmer organization is the North Carolina unit of the national body.

## Carolians Win At International Show

James A. Patterson, of Salisbury, N. C., won first place for region five, composed of Southern and Southwestern states, for prolific varieties of corn at the International Grain and Hay Show at Chicago.

J. F. Cress, of Salisbury, was second in the prolific variety group, with R. L. Patterson, of Salisbury, third.

Mr. Cress also was first in the region five showing of yellow or greenish yellow soybeans. H. E. Bonds, of Concord, was second; James A. Patterson, third, was second; James A. Patterson, third, in the region five yellow corn group.

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