

USDA Grade Yield Explained

RALEIGH - The average housewife does not need to concern herself with the yield grade of beef which she buys says North Carolina Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham.

Graham's statement came as a result of an increasing number of calls to the department by housewives wanting information concerning the USDA yield grade. This is a system used by wholesalers of beef to rate the carcass in respect to the yield of red meat to be expected.

"Yield grade is a very useful tool of the retail butcher in selecting the whole carcass to be cut into retail cuts of meat," Graham said, "but once the cuts have been made the only meaningful grade is the quality grade."

"The yield grade, No. 1, No. 2, No. 3 or No. 4, is determined by official meat graders using four main criteria. They are: the amount of fat on the rib eye, the square inches in the rib eye, the amount of kidney fat and the weight of the carcass. The USDA grade shield with the grade number is stamped on the loin, the rib, and the chuck," Graham continued.

"The quality grade, Prime, Choice, Good, Standard or Commercial is determined by the same Federal grader but this grade is marked on the animal so that it shows up on individual cuts of meat."

"This is the thing that the housewife should look for and put her confidence in when she buys the family groceries," the Commissioner continued.

"It is good that the average consumer is becoming more quality conscious but the yield grade is for use only in the purchase of beef by the carcass. I realize that there is an increase in the purchase of beef this way and this is the reason for the renewed interest in the yield grade," Commissioner Graham said. "Our Markets

Division, headed by Curtis Tarleton, is most happy to assist with any question concerning any grading of meats or other products available in North Carolina.

"We are one of the few states in the Nation where state graders apply the official USDA grade," Graham concluded.

DOT Could Withhold Highway Funds

Although the Department of Transportation has taken the first legal step to withhold highway funds from 12 states for non-conformance with the 1965 Highway Beautification Act's billboard control provisions, a DOT environment official has stated that "it seems doubtful that any state will ever lose any of its (highway) money" under this law. In fact, it is expected that all states will enact the necessary conforming legislation before a final determination to withhold funds is made.

The North Carolina State Highway Commission, approved an agreement with the 1965 act at its June 24, 1971 meeting in Raleigh.

However, the North Carolina legislation enacted by the 1967 General Assembly, does not become effective until: (1) Federal funds are made available to the state for the

purpose of carrying out the provisions of said legislation, and (2) the State Highway Commission has entered into an agreement with the Secretary of Transportation as provided by the Highway Beautification Act of 1965.

The N.C. Highway board has requested \$3 million be allocated for use during fiscal 1972. It is now known when and if this request will be approved. Chairman D.M. Faircloth has been authorized by the Commission to execute this agreement with the Secretary of Transportation, covering control of outdoor advertising along the Interstate and Federal-aid Primary routes in North Carolina.

State's failing to enter into an agreement with DOT, controlling the size, spacing, and lighting of roadside billboards, may be, as the law states, subject to a reduction in federal funds of 10 percent. In recent months, Secretary of Transportation John Volpe has informed the Governors of 12 states (Florida, Georgia, South Dakota, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas) whose legislatures had adjourned without taking action to bring them into conformity with the Federal law, that he intended to invoke the penalty provision against them which would apply to fiscal 1973 highway fund apportionments.

In North Carolina, Chairman Faircloth stated that he desired to execute the agreement at the earliest possible date, and would, as soon as several administrative determinations regarding the proper implementation of the program have been made.

The law bans billboards within 600 feet on Interstate and Federal-aid Primary highways outside urban areas, except areas zoned for commercial or industrial use. The Federal Government pays 75 percent of the cost of removing billboards and "just compensation to the owners. A spokesman for the N.C. State Highway Commission stated that the law probably would not be implemented to any great degree in North Carolina for several years pending allocation of Federal Funds.

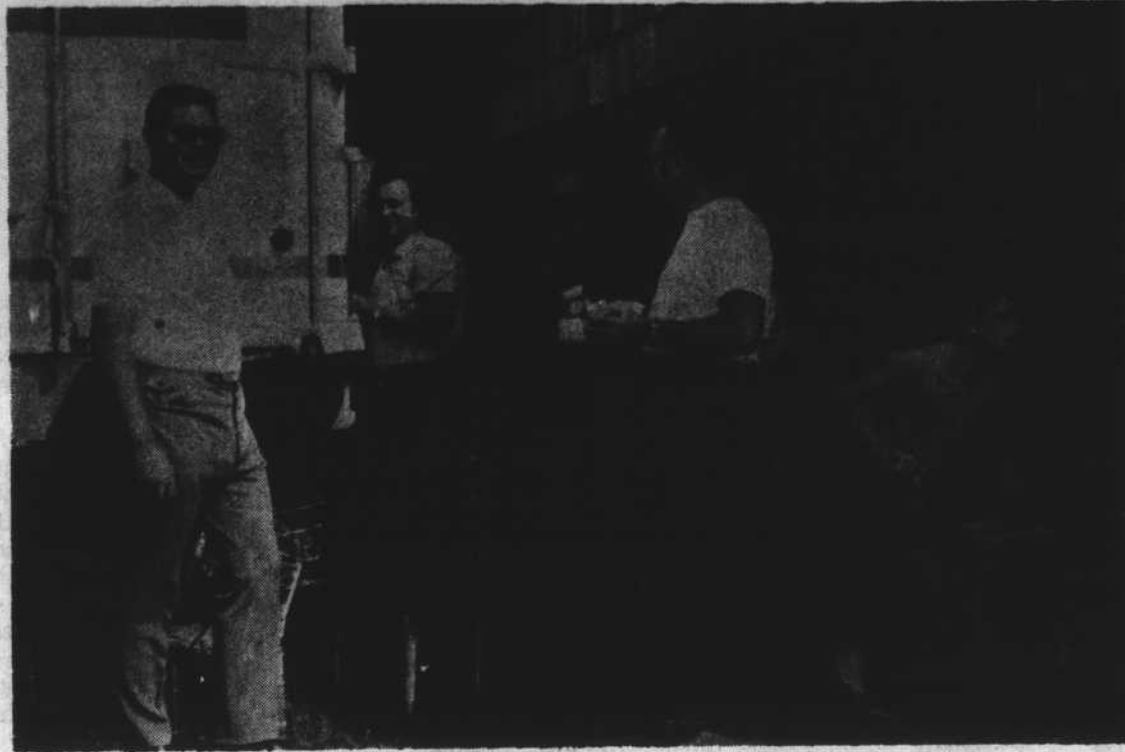
Students In Church Conference Scheduled

Student work methods in the local church will be featured at a special conference during Student Conferences at Ridgecrest, N.C., Baptist Assembly this summer.

The "Conference for Workers with Students in Churches" will be held August 30-31 at Ridgecrest. It will be the first of its kind held on a nationwide basis.

Charles Roselle, Secretary, national student ministries, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, pointed out recently that more and more students are commuting to colleges and universities.

"This means they are maintaining their memberships in their home churches and that churches, although some distance from a college or university campus, may have a sizable student membership."



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Petty Lequire, Hazel Beck, Bea Winchester and young Queve Woody get together during the picnic.

Citizens Must Report Child Abuse

All citizens of the State are now required by law to report cases of suspected child abuse or neglect to their local county director of social services.

The new law that went into effect on July 1, 1971, requires that all citizens not just professional persons, report suspected child abuse and neglect orally by telephone or in writing to the director of social services in the county where the child lives or is found.

The law gives immunity from civil and criminal liability to anyone reporting unless he does so with malicious intent. It also waives husband-wife and doctor-patient privileges.

It gives a physical or hospital administrator the right, after first notifying the parents and the director of social services, to retain temporary physical custody of the child when it appears for medical reasons that it is unsafe for the child to return to the home.

The county director of social services must investigate all cases reported to him and he must report cases of abuse to the district solicitor who shall determine whether criminal prosecution is appropriate. The county director, after his investigation of reported cases of abuse and neglect, and provide protective services when appropriate including, when necessary, signing a juvenile petition to allow for the removal from the home of the child or other children who may be in danger.

The new law is placed under the child welfare section of the General Statutes instead of under the criminal section, as was the old law. This denoted a change in philosophy from emphasis on punishment of the offender to emphasis on

providing protective services to the child as well as the parents. It is believed that most of these parents with proper counseling or psychiatric treatment can become adequate parents and the children remain in their own homes.

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Rockhounds will have a triple opportunity of seeing the beautiful mountain fall colors, enjoying the famous Nantahala Gorge, the Great Smokies, and the Cherokee Indian Reservation, and plying their hobbies of seeking new rock oddities.

The meeting will also give rockhounds a chance to visit gem country in Western North Carolina rapidly becoming famous nationwide for its rubies, sapphires, and other top gems. Even small diamonds have been found. Finds worth thousands of dollars have been unearthed, especially in the fields near Franklin.

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STI Holds Graduation Exercises August 27

SYLVA - Dr. Robert A. Davis, president of Bravard College, will deliver the commencement address for Southwestern Technical Institute on Friday, August 27. Ceremonies are set for 8 p.m. in Hoey Auditorium at Cullowhee. E.E. Byrson, STI president, will confer the Associate in Applied Science degree on 27 candidates in the various technical fields, and will present diplomas or certificates to 84 in the vocations.

Dr. Davis is a native of Georgia, and holds degrees from the University of Georgia, Emory University, Yale University, and Pfeiffer College. He has built a distinguished career in religious and educational fields, and holds membership in two scholastic honor societies and one for religious leadership.

He served as Wesley Foundation Director at Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1952-1956, and at Georgia Institute of Technology, 1959-1962. In Virginia, the Blacksburg Jaycees named him

Outstanding Young Man of the Year in 1957. Dr. Davis has been a teacher and lecturer in theology schools and lay institutes, and has directed European travel-study seminars. He served for seven years as Associate Director of Division of Higher Education of the United Methodist Church, prior to accepting his present post in 1969.

Other participating in the Southwestern commencement are: Paul Ellis, chairman, Board of Trustees; James B. Childress and Bruce McMurray, members of the Board; Mrs. Eugene Vosecky, vocalist; Mrs. Paul Ellis, accompanist; the Reverend Jim Gilland, pastor of Cullowhee Methodist Church, invocation and benediction.

James B. Childress is chairman of the Trustee's committee for arrangements, and Mrs. Lillian Hirt is chairman of the Institute's committee.

Steve Fuller, bottom, Denny Morgan, and Ricky Cochran, top team up to win \$10.00 in the greased pole contest.

Unsafe Vehicles Removed

Over 7,000 motor vehicles with defective equipment were removed from the streets and highways of North Carolina during the first six months of 1971.

Figures compiled by the License and Theft Division of the Department of Motor Vehicles, which administers the state's automobile inspection program, show that of the 1,417,998 vehicles inspected during the period, 1,410,959 were eventually approved.

On the vehicles approved, inspectors detected 569,948 items of defective equipment, which were corrected.

Lights headed the list of defective equipment with a total of 353,410. Signals - directional indicator - ranked second with 57,063.

Other equipment found defective included wipers, 54,254; brakes, 46,501; tires, 36,270; horns, 13,708; and steering mechanisms, 8,742.

Motor Vehicle Department officials point out that repair costs were less than \$1.00 for

each vehicle issued a sticker during the period. For the 1,410,959 vehicles approved, equipment repair costs totaled \$1,383,200.

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Rock Swap Weekend

August 28-29 rockhounds will meet again for the third rock swap shop for 1971 in the Nantahala Gorge, at the Gorgorama Park midway between Bryson City and Andrews, N.C. on U.S. Highway 19 to display their treasures and to exchange information, materials, and talk tales, renew friendships and make new friends. The fourth and final shop for the summer will be October 16-17.

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Voc. Rehab. Program Is A Success

The definition of "Handicapped person" has changed since vocational rehabilitation programs began, McLelland said. At first, counseling was directed only at the physically handicapped. In 1943 the program was enlarged to include those with emotional problems and mental illness or retardation, he said, and since 1965 it has included persons with behavioral disorders, as well.

Dr. Guy F. Hubbard, state director of personnel development and continuing education for the N.C. Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, said North Carolina was one of the first states to establish its own vocational rehabilitation program, and that it now supports counselors in schools, hospitals, correctional institutions, and offices throughout the state.

Dr. Robert M. Rigdon, assistant professor of education at WCU, is coordinator of the workshop, which ends on Friday.

The program is sponsored by WCU and the N.C. Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

A major goal of the vocational rehabilitation program is to get disabled persons off welfare rolls and into the labor market, the associate regional commissioner for rehabilitation services said here Monday.

Shelton W. McLelland, addressing new North Carolina rehabilitation counselors at a two-week orientation training session at Western Carolina University, said counseling has come a long way since its beginnings soon after World War I.

"Congress appropriated half a million dollars the first year, and 523 handicapped persons were successfully rehabilitated," McLelland said. "President Nixon just signed a \$560 million appropriations bill for this fiscal year, and we expect more than 300,000 successful rehabilitations."

Over-Water Express

An air cushion vehicle which skims over the water at speeds up to 60 miles per hour now makes the trip between San Diego and Tijuana, Mexico, in 15 minutes.

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A Pharmacist's Point of View by John Mattox, R.Ph.

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We no longer are content just to dispense pills and other drugs. Rather, we find ourselves coming from behind our counters to take a very personal interest in each patient, whether he wishes to have a prescription filled or just to purchase an over-the-counter item.

For example, when a patient fails to follow

doctors' orders by taking too much or too little of a prescribed drug, we often note the condition at the drug store level and refer the patient, whose condition may have worsened, to his physician. We are often in a better position to note this sort of problem than even the patient's physician.

With this type of special attention paying off in more satisfied customers, it looks like the old concept of the "neighborhood pharmacy" is here to stay. Your satisfaction is our professional reward, and when your best interests are served, so are ours. In fact, you are our best interest!

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