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POPULATION DATA
(1930 Census)

Salisbury	16,911
Spencer	3,128
E. Spencer	2,098
China Grove	1,258
Landis	1,388
Rockwell	696
Granite Quarry	507
Cleveland	435
Faith	431
Gold Hill	156
(Population Rowan Co. 56,665)	

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1936

**SUDAN GRASS AND MILLET
YIELD SUMMER HAY CROPS**

Thousands of North Carolina farmers face a serious shortage of grazing and early hay crops this summer as a result of the hot, dry weather this year.

However, if the drought is broken any time soon the situation can be remedied by planting rapid growing hay crops, said P. H. Kime, plant breeding agronomist at the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station.

Sudan grass and millet grow rapidly and are usually ready to cut in 45 to 60 days after planting. They give good yields of palatable hay, and will grow on a wide range of soil types, Kime pointed out.

Sudan grass, best adapted to loam or sandy loam soils, should be seeded at the rate of 25 to 40 pounds per acre, drilled in or broadcast, and covered to a depth of one-half to one inch. The amount of seed to use depends upon the fertility of the soil.

When the seed heads begin to show, the grass is ready to cut. The hay will be tender, leafy, and nutritious, and will cure easily.

German millet, or Golden millet, gives larger yields than the other varieties, but the hay is rather coarse. It requires a fertile soil and plenty of moisture.

Common millet is more hardy than German millet, although it produces a smaller growth. It makes a better quality hay, and is more suitable for thin, dry soils.

Millet should be seeded like Sudan grass. When the heads are about one-fourth out of the 'boots,' about 50 to 60 days after planting, it is ready for cutting. Unless mixed with other hay, millet should not be fed continuously to work animals.

**EROSION CONTROL MEASURES
INVITE VALUABLE BIRDS**

The value of the robin and blue bird as the farmer's friend has been proven by experimentation showing these birds more than earn the few fruits they steal from the farmer's orchard, according to S. Z. Pollock, junior biologist of the Soil Conservation Service.

Experiments conducted by the U. S. Bureau of Biological Survey, using 1236 stomachs of robins show that 42 percent of the robin's food is animal matter; 16 percent beetles 5 percent grasshoppers; 9 percent caterpillars, and 11 percent various insects.

In the experiment using 244 stomachs of bluebirds it was found that the contents were 58.51 percent animal matter and 41.49 percent vegetable, demonstrating that the bluebird is of economic as well as aesthetic value, said Pollock.

Where wild food is not abundant, a few fruit-bearing shrubs and vines planted in favorable locations will serve the triple-purpose of controlling erosion, providing ornamentation, and furnishing food and cover for the robin and other valuable birds fond of pillooting the fruit of the cherry, wildgrape, green-briar, holly, elder, dogwood, service berries, and persimmons.

**NEW FARM BROADCAST
NOW HEARD OVER WBT**

A new series of farm radio programs, sponsored jointly by the State College Extension Service and the Soil Conservation Service, is now being heard over the Columbia Broadcasting System's 50,000-watt station WBT in Charlotte three times a week.

Each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 12:15 p. m. these broadcasts of timely farm and home information are aired. For the most part, county and home agents of the Extension Service and specialists of the Soil Conservation Service are heard in discussions of seasonable interest to the farm people of North Carolina.

Forney Rankin, of the SCS, is spokesman for the two agricultural agencies and in addition to arranging for speakers, he presents several news items of general interest on each broadcast.

The farm agent of Mecklenburg County, Ocar H. Phillips, and the home agent, Mrs. Pauline W. Taylor, are heard once each week. Other county and home agents will be brought in to appear on the program from time to time.

Already reports received indicate that the new program is gaining wide favor with the farm people of this State. Many inquiries are received after each broadcast. Both WBT officials and representatives of the two agricultural agencies are pleased with the response received.

The new program is not the same as the Carolina Farm Features broadcast, a presentation of the Extension Service at State College, and heard over six stations each week day.

**BOYS AND GIRLS LIKE TO
HAVE DEFINITE PROJECTS**

The farm boy or girl who has definite projects to look after will gain a great deal of valuable experience, take a greater interest in farm life, and develop finer traits of character, said Dr. R. Y. Winters, director of the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station.

Now that schools and colleges have closed and thousands of boys and girls are on the farm for the summer, he continued, the assignment of projects to these young people will help solve a difficult problem.

"We sometimes lose sight of the opportunities afforded on the farm for training young people and developing in them a sense of responsibility," Dr. Winters stated.

"Often parents do not have enough patience to train their children as they should. The children, in turn, lose interest in the farm and home, often preferring to work elsewhere, even though the jobs are hard and the pay small."

"But this summer the possibilities for outside employment are not so good, and the parents have an excellent opportunity to give their children tasks to do, or projects to carry out, that will make them feel that they are accomplishing something worth while."

Projects in boys and girls 4-H club work provide a good medium for training young people and keeping their enthusiasm alive, Dr. Winters continued.

The older the boy or girl, the greater the responsibility he is capable of assuming. If the interest of older children is to be held, they must be given duties worthy of their ability, Dr. Winters said. They like to study and make plans, to feel that they are on their own.

County farm and home agents and vocational teachers will be glad to advise parents about projects for young people, he added.

**TIME FOR WORK SHEET
SIGN-UP IS EXTENDED**

An extension of time has been granted North Carolina farmers for filling out and signing work sheets under the new farm program.

Over most of the State, said Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College, the time limit for field workers to sign up farmers expired May 31, but farmers will be allowed to sign work sheets in their county agent's office during the first weeks in June.

In the mountain counties, both agents and field workers will continue the sign-up campaign thru June 20.

Certain misunderstandings regarding the new program have tended to handicap the sign-up, the dean explained, with the result that it was not completed on schedule.

The work sheets do not obligate farmers in any way, Dean Schaub emphasized. They do not compel farmers to comply with the program, but they must be signed by



Timely Questions

My cows are eating a weed which imparts a bitter flavor to the milk. Is there any way of overcoming this flavor?

A. It is evident that the cows are consuming bitter weed which is very prevalent in eastern North Carolina pastures. This weed imparts a distinctly bitter flavor to milk—one which is very objectionable and which cannot be removed by processing. The best remedy for this trouble is to remove the weed from the pasture either by pulling or digging it up. By taking the cow off the pasture at least six or seven hours before milking time and give her some dry feed may help in eliminating this trouble, but it will not entirely overcome the flavor.

Q. What causes limberneck in fowls?

A. Botulism, or limberneck as it is commonly called, is caused by

all who wish to secure soil-lonserving or soil-building rayments.

The severe drought this spring has undoubtedly hurt crops in North Carolina, he pointed out, and most farmers will find these payments a helpful form of crop insurance. When a farmer carries out the practices for which payments are offered, he will receive his payments regardless of the effect of dry weather on his crops.

The work sheets will be used in checking each grower's compliance with the program to determine the amount of his payments. The work of checking compliance will start soon, the dean said, and farmers who have not signed work sheets by that time will not be eligible for payments.

So far, 100,000 or more work sheets have been signed in North Carolina. A total sign-up of 150,000 is expected. Some counties have already signed up more than 90 per cent of their acreage.

the bird eating decayed animal or vegetable matter which contains a powerful nerve poison. Treatment no value. Epsom salts given in the of the visibly affected birds is of drinking water at the rate of one pound to three gallons of water aids in flushing out the digestive tract. When botulism is suspected, the poultryman should make a careful search for the decaying vegetable or animal matter. In the meantime, the flock should be confined until the source of trouble is found and removed or until it has a chance to decay completely

Q. How soon should one start to get animals ready for fairs this fall?

A. Farmers who plan to enter animals in fairs this fall should begin preparations eight to ten weeks before the animals are to go in the show ring. Dairy cattle should be in good flesh, but not too fat or too lean. Clip the hair about eight weeks before fair time, then wash and keep the animal blanketed constantly. Begin polishing the horns several days before the exhibition date with pumice with sweet oil. It is also important to teach the animal to stand and walk properly.

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Brief News Items

As farmers become familiar with the new conservation program they are glad to sign work sheets and to cooperate fully, says T. J. W. Broom, Union County farm agent.

Madison County farmers say that soybeans planted in rows will produce more hay and beans per acre than when broadcast.

About 100 farmers from Rowan and adjoining counties met on the farm of C. L. Neel last week to study small grain variety tests.

The Barr Farm near Terra Ceia in Beaufort County owns 20 Angus cows from which he secured 100 per cent of a calf crop this season.

The Edgecombe Livestock Association shipped a car of 106 lambs to Jersey City where top prices were secured.

Terraces have added \$600 to the value of the old Strickland Farm near Webb's Mill in Nash County.

Eight farmers in Craven County are conducting farm management demonstrations in which they are using legumes, raising more feed and practicing a balanced farming system.

Eastern Carolina farmers generally are rushing to fill our work sheets since the continued drought has seriously hurt all crops.

Cleveland Route 2

Cleveland-Scotch Irish Grange held its regular bi-monthly meeting Tuesday night with a very good attendance for this time of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Steele and Miss Lucille Merrell of Statesville visited Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Steele Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoytt Hill and son Dandy of Washington, D. C. with Mrs. Hill's mother, Mrs. Mary Wallace over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. George Niblock have returned from Washington, D. C. where they visited Mr. Niblock's sister, Mrs. Madge Wilson, who is sick.

Mrs. Carrie Fink, little Miss Patsy McCurdy and brother A. B. McCurdy of Statesville and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Guffy visited at P. A. Johnstons Sunday.

Little Miss Betsy Lou Steele spent last week in Statesville with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Steele.

Mrs. Jennie Campbell is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. F. McDaniel at Needmore, N. C.

Miss Helen Page a senior from N. C. C. W., Greensboro and a class mate, Miss King from Florida are visiting Mr and Mrs. Rolph

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Mrs. John Moore and children, of Seattle, Wash. are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. H. W. Cartner who suffered a stroke of Paralysis several weeks ago is not very much improved, we are sorry to write.

Miss Sadie Wilhelm left Wednesday for the A. S. T. C., Boone where she will attend Summer School.

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