

Wilkes County--A Changing Agricultural Community

Farmers of Wilkes Have Food Outlet

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With its past record of poultry production and the coming of new industries to Wilkes county that afford available markets for poultry and dairy products, Wilkes stands to make rapid strides agriculturally, thereby contributing much to the "Food for Victory" program and, also, is in line to add much to the agricultural wealth and cash income of the farmers of this great mountain area.

Wilkes county has made great progress in agricultural development during the past few years and has built a poultry business equal, if not greater, than any other county in the state. Also Wilkes is in good position relative to foundation flocks and excellent hatcheries. With the available market in Wilkesboro for unlimited production of milk and eggs, it is now to be expected that the increases in this type of farm production will take on new life and create greater incomes for the farm people of the county. The program is sound and the market afforded by "Coble" is here to stay regardless of war requirements for food products at this time. The type products turned out at the Wilkesboro plant, namely powdered milk and eggs, have never been produced in sufficient quantities to meet the demand of bakeries, etc., even in peace time, and it is to be expected that there will be a demand for more than can be produced for years to come. Therefore it now may be assumed that much expansion will be made in poultry flocks as well as dairy cattle in this area.

Even with the availability of markets as we now have, there are still many problems involved in increasing production. It is just as necessary, if not more so at this time, to do careful planning of farm operations on a business-like basis. Problems of labor, equipment, feed, better man-

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ures, buildings, and proper management are still before us and will require much thought and effort. In building a larger poultry industry it is imperative that we adhere to the basic facts involved. Well bred chicks, good feed, sanitation, good housing, equipment, and careful attention are very necessary in building a sound, profitable poultry enterprise. Also the production of grain at home to supplement the poultry ration and to decrease costs of production is essential. In so doing, we must also endeavor to build up the fertility of the soil and improve living conditions in order that the farm may not only be more profitable but will also be a more enjoyable place to live. Careful grading and preparation of products for market will be of great significance and the use of labor-saving equipment, when possible to shorten man hours, will be a necessity in producing profitably.

In building a sound dairy program, which is making rapid progress in Wilkes county, many things must be kept in mind. The County Farm Agents' slogan of

"Lime, Legumes and Livestock" is the basis for safe and sound advancement. The feed costs have been too high and production per cow entirely too low in North Carolina as a whole. We had in this state last year an average production of about 3,900 pounds of milk per cow, whereas the D. H. I. A. herds in North Carolina, which are average good herds, with a feed and management program produced an average of 7,000 pounds of milk per cow last year. If we are to enjoy a profitable dairy industry in any county we must first keep good cows, then produce an abundance of cheap feed in the form of good pasture, ensilage, good legume hay, and as much grain feed to supplement this as possible. In this program we may be able to materially increase the production per cow this year, which is the surest way of making a quick increase in production—as increasing the number of cows is a relatively slow process.

With these things in mind we can visualize great things for agriculture in Wilkes county in the next few years and through this we may have higher farm incomes, better farms, improved buildings and equipment, and a farm populace that can truthfully say, "I'm proud I am a farmer."

AUSTRIAN PEAS PAY DUPLIN FARMER

A crop of Austrian Winter peas, planted in September by J. G. Holland of Duplin county, has made two and a half times as much growth as another crop planted in late October in the same field.

USES BRICK BROODER FOR TWENTY YEARS

For twenty years, R. W. Hardin of Ashe county has been using a brick brooder for raising chicks. Hardin says "For economy and simplicity of operation, I would not exchange it for any other type."

Carlton Wright, Route 2 of Franklinton, is in the "Chicken Fight." He points to 4,500 broilers as his contribution to the war effort.

Farmers Urged to Save for Post-War

To avoid the disastrous results of both inflation and deflation, a three-point investment program has been suggested to North Carolina farmers by the Secretary of the Treasury, in a recent communication to Dr. I. O. Schaub, director of the Agricultural Extension Service at State College.

The Secretary pointed out that this Nation is looking to its farmers for more than the production of food for freedom, and more than the reduction of debts to a safe and sound basis.

Farm families have sent their men and boys into the armed forces, but along with the maximum production of essential crops and a reduction of present debts, Secretary Morgenthau suggests that they also purchase War Bonds to the limit of their capacity. Not only is it patriotic, but it is strictly good business from every standpoint.

The Secretary, in urging the purchase of War Bonds by farmers, said: "The experience of the last war period indicates that those men who purchase these bonds will find greater security and satisfaction in the long run in building financial reserves to protect their farms and their standards of living than in enlarging their holdings beyond a size necessary for efficient operation."

Dr. Schaub said that the financial welfare of North Carolina farm families after this war will depend to a great extent on how wisely they handle the increased farm incomes of the present period. For the first time since World War No. 1, the incomes of most farmers have been high enough to provide some reserves above necessary operating expenses. The \$3 investment in War Bonds now will be worth \$4 at the end of ten years and the money can be used to purchase badly needed equipment that can't be bought now.

Oldtimers will remember that after World War No. 1 the conservative grower had a hard enough time but the ones who speculated were sunk without a trace.

Harvest Pulpwood for Dire War Need

Uncle Sam has asked all North Carolina farmers to join in a program which would step up the production of pulpwood to fifteen million tons in 1943. R. W. Graeber, extension forester at N. C. State college, says that those who take part in this national program should practice selective cutting because it is desirable under most conditions and because this method of handling the woodland provides more frequent cutting and larger cash returns over a period of years than does clear cutting.

"It is important to know what types of trees to take out in cutting pulpwood," Graeber said. "It is also important to cut the timber stand properly. The key to a productive forest is to maintain a good growing stock. Always leave a good stand of trees."

All trees which are to be taken out should be carefully marked and especially so when the job of harvesting is to be turned over to others. If a grower is not familiar with timber marketing he should see his county agent or consult with the regional forester. Sometimes it is best to remove several timber products, such as sawlogs, poles and pulpwood, at one operation.

Before marketing pulpwood, Graeber suggests that the owner go over his woods and estimate the number of cords to be removed. Definite contracts on the amount of wood to be taken out should be made in advance of any cutting. The sales contract should specify the trees to be cut, the period of cutting, payment for the timber, damage to unmarked trees and other points, he pointed out.

DURHAM 4-H CLUB HAS VICTORY GARDEN

The Broughton Junior 4-H Club, Durham county, has planted 150 pounds of Sequoia potatoes, 100 pounds of Irish Cobbiers, one-sixteenth of an acre of beets and of carrots in their garden.

PERMANENT PASTURES ARE BEING PLANTED

Permanent pastures are being planted in Green county, with 10 pounds of Dalles Grass, 3 pounds White Dutch Clover, 15 pounds Common Lespedeza, and 12 pounds of Red Top per acre.



UNCLE SAM SAYS:

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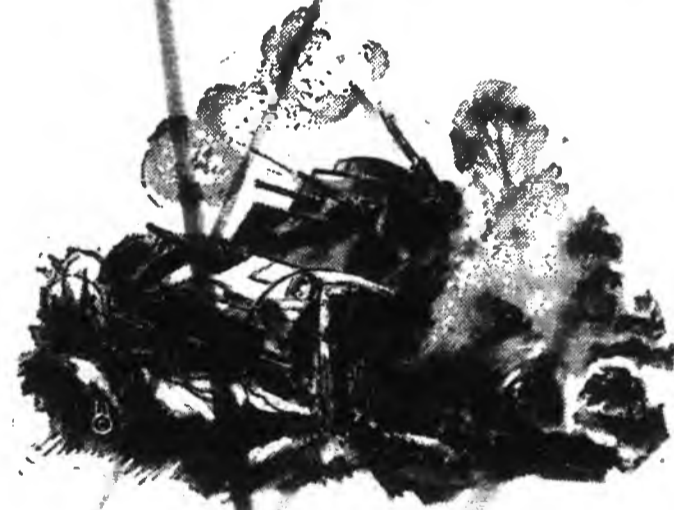
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