

STOKES FARMERS DON'T FEED SELVES

Agricultural Survey Shows Startling Facts — Lacked \$615,121 Worth of Feeding the County and \$334,867 Worth of Feeding Themselves.

Stokes county farmers neither feed themselves nor the non-farm population of their county with produce from Stokes county farms and depend on a big tobacco crop to bring in enough money to buy enough food and feed that other farmers produce to keep body and soul together.

This is shown in a survey of agricultural production and consumption in Stokes county in 1928, a survey of which was made by the agricultural extension service of North Carolina State College in connection with the "Live At Home" program of Governor O. Max Gardner.

This survey shows that in 1928 Stokes county farmers failed by produce worth \$615,121 of feeding their county and failed by produce worth \$334,867 of feeding themselves. They failed to produce enough oats, hay, sweet potatoes, pork, beef, mutton or milk to meet the requirements of the county at large, and failed to produce enough of the same items (with the exception of sweet potatoes) to meet their own requirements.

Requirements were based on the amount of these products consumed by the average citizen of the United States or the average farm animal, and the logical conclusion is that Stokes county people bought more than one-half million dollars worth of food and feed out of their county in 1928, or did without and in doing without lived below the standards of the average American citizen.

Governor Gardner wants full fed Tar Heels and he wants to stop Tar Heels from breaking their backs raising tobacco and cotton to sell at ridiculously small prices in order to scrape together enough money to buy something to eat that some farmer in Virginia or Wisconsin or Maine produced.

This practice, Gov. Gardner recently pointed out, is causing hundreds of millions of dollars a year to be sent out of the State for food and feed which North Carolina farmers could have raised but didn't.

Governor Gardner believes that if North Carolina farmers would slow down a little

bit on the tobacco and cotton and speed up some on food and feed that the agricultural condition of the State would be improved, that there would be more money in circulation, more happiness, fewer banks busting and better health.

The agricultural experts of North Carolina agree with the Governor.

A list of the surpluses or shortages in the staple foods produced in Stokes county in 1928 and the values of the surpluses or shortages follows:

Corn 48,126 bushel surplus worth \$53,419.

Wheat 24,074 bushel surplus worth \$35,629.

Oats 155,275 bushel shortage worth \$121,114.

Hay 871 ton shortage worth \$17,421.

Irish potatoes 48,968 bushel surplus worth \$49,942.

Sweet potatoes 8,148 bushel shortage worth \$7,822.

Pork 799,680 pound shortage worth \$119,952.

Beef 1,040,670 pound shortage worth \$156,100.

Mutton 104,880 pound shortage worth \$15,732.

Milk 1,026,297 gallon shortage worth \$359,238.

Poultry 77,755 pound surplus worth \$21,771.

Eggs 71,683 dozen surplus worth \$21,491.

To bring their deficient products up to requirements the farmers of Stokes county would have to quadruple their oat production, double their pork production, double their mutton production, revive the mutton industry, and double milk production.

Records show they have more than quadrupled oat production since 1919 and have doubled their beef production since that date but that their pork and milk productions have both declined and that mutton production has been stationary at a low level.

Corn production, however, has increased from 305,000 bushels a year in 1919 to 500,000 bushels in 1928, wheat production has increased from 119,000 bushels to 124,000 bushels, oat production has increased from 8,000 bushels to 38,000 bushels, hay production has increased from 4,000 tons to 19,000 tons, Irish potato production has increased from 18,000 bushels to 87,000 bushels, sweet potato production has increased from 25,000 bushels to 61,000 bushels, beef production has increased from 210,000 pounds to 429,000 pounds, and egg production has increased from 259,000 dozen to 428,000 dozen.

The 1928 tobacco crop in Stokes county was worth \$2,

518,295 and was more than twice as large as the tobacco crop of 1919. The cotton crop was only eleven bales. The rye crop was worth \$36,000. Fruits were worth \$89,939. Vegetables were worth \$162,150.

After the cost of fertilizer and land rent and of feeding the farm population and farm animals in 1928 was subtracted from the farm value of Stokes county farm produce there was a surplus of \$1,648,507 or about \$93 per member of the farm population.

The Prince of Wales took a 400-mile airplane ride and didn't fall off once.

A distinguished aviator fell into a storm sewer while running with his small son's kite. Airmen should stay off the ground.

Mrs. Dwight W. Morrow, mother-in-law of Col. Lindbergh, will aid her husband in his campaign for election to the United States Senate.

MISS CORNELIUS COMING TO STOKES

Will Visit Several 4-H Clubs— Hopes To Renew Interest In Club Work In County.

Miss Elizabeth Cornelius, State 4-H Girl's Club leader, will be in Stokes county, Monday and Tuesday, May 5 and 6, to visit various 4-H clubs with the county agent. The following clubs will probably be visited:

Tuesday, May 6th.
Germanton, 9:30 A. M.
King, 11:00 A. M.
Reynolds, 2:00 P. M.

Wednesday, May 7th.
Walnut Cove, 9:30 A. M.
Meadows, 11:00 A. M.
Pine Hall, 1:00 P. M.
Sandy Ridge, 2:45 P. M.

Parents are invited to attend these meetings. There are approximately 200 boys and girls enrolled in 4-H clubs in Stokes County. Some of the club members have gotten their work started in good

shape, while others are losing interest. It is believed that Miss Cornelius' visit to the county will renew the interest of all those who hear her.

J. E. TREVATHAN,
County Agent.

Mt. Tabor Club Meets

The Mt. Tabor Girl's Club met at the school building Friday, April 25th, at 2 o'clock. Eleven members were present and two new ones joined. The club opened by singing a club song and reading of the 23rd Psalm. Several prizes were given for sewing, all the girls showing much interest in the work as Miss McQueen has been teaching the club how to cut and fit with patterns. Irene Easley and Lelia Morris assisted her. At the conclusion of the sewing lesson Miss McQueen gave a demonstration in making pineapple salad which was served. The club then sung several selections from the 4-H Club song book. The next meeting will be held the fourth Friday in May.

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