

Farmers Asked To Make Recommendation For ACP

Farmers of Robeson County now have an opportunity to cooperate in the 1950 Agricultural Conservation Program—to cooperate by making recommendation on practices and provisions that should go into the 1950 ACP.

E. G. Ballance, chairman of the Robeson County Agricultural Conservation Committee, says that the county committee has received a request from G. T. Scott, chairman of the North Carolina PMA committee, for recommendations for the 1950 Agricultural Conservation program, to be submitted April 20.

Mr. Ballance said the committee members talked to many farmers about the program and is aware of general farmer approval as it is. But, he said, the committee wants farmers to make a careful study of the program in the light of current conditions, and to feel free to make suggestions to the committee.

In making recommendations for new practices or changes in the ones we've had, the county chairman said that the objectives of the program should be kept in mind—to assist farmers in carrying out needed soil and water conservation that would not be carried out without program assistance. The chairman stressed the point that committeemen and farmers have a responsibility to the rest of the country to use program funds to get all conservation possible for each dollar spent.

TO ATTEND NCEA
RED SPRINGS—Among those of the faculty of the Red Springs schools who are expected to attend the annual meeting of the North Carolina Education association at Asheville April 8-9, are Supt. W. R. Durlay, Miss Lillian Nance, Mrs. J. W. Carruth, Miss May Boone and Mrs. Geneva Martin, president of the local unit of the group.

A. C. Dawson of Southern Pines is retiring president of the Association. Mrs. Lucille Alien of Hendersonville, is expected to be elected to the presidency. Candidates for vice president are Miss Eunice Regan of Charlotte and Miss Margaret McDermott of Winston-Salem.

Agriculture Dept. Reports On Farm Markets For Last Week

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
Strawberry sales increased some at Louisiana marketing points as the second week of sales continued. The market strengthened some in early trading but turned weaker near the end of last week to close with 24-pint crates ranging from 6.00 to 6.25 f.o.b. local loading points. A few shipments of lettuce from the Wilmington section of North Carolina were reported near the end of the week. Most of the heads were small. 5-peck hampers of Romaine brought 1.25 to 1.50 in Philadelphia at the close of the week, while Bib Bostic type sold mostly from 1.75 to 2.00. 16-quart baskets containing 2 1/2 dozen bunches of radishes from North Carolina brought 1.10 to 1.25 in New York. Porto Rico sweet potatoes closed firm with bushels of the best North Carolina stock at 4.75 to 5.00. New stock white potatoes were steady at Dade County, Florida, marketing points with 50-pound sacks of washed Bliss Triumphs quoted at mostly 2.25 f. o. b.

LIVESTOCK AND MEATS
Hogs closed about 50 cents weaker at Carolina's cash hog buying stations with top hogs at 18.25 to 18.50. Receipts were heavy during the first part of last week and moderate to light in later trading. Chicago and Baltimore reported drops of 75 cents to 1.00 in hog prices; while on the Richmond market, top hogs closed at 16.75 last week as compared with 19.50 at the end of the previous week. Slaughter cattle showed breaks of 25 cents to 1.00 on the Baltimore and Chicago markets as compared with the previous week's close. Medium to heavy weight steers showed the greatest decline on the Chicago market. Steer and feeder cattle broke from 50 cents to 1.00. On Rocky Mount, North Carolina's, auction livestock markets, cattle prices

Negro Farmer Helping To Win Corn Contest

Willis Williams, Negro farmer of Route 3, Williamston, is doing his part to help North Carolina win the corn contest with Virginia this year, reports R. M. Edwards, Martin County Negro farm agent for the State College Extension Service.

Williams tried the recommended five-step program last year for the first time, planting N. C. 27 hybrid seed and following approved practices of cultivation, seeding, and fertilization. Despite difficulty in obtaining enough nitrogen he made more corn than any of his neighbors.

Several other farmers in the neighborhood visited his field and were amazed to find at least one full ear on every stalk. In fact, says Williams, the only complaint came from his boys, who said it took too long for them to gather the corn. Although the yield was not officially checked, he estimated it to be 70 bushels per acre, about 22 bushels greater than the yield of his old corn.

This year Williams ordered his fertilizer early, and he hopes to produce at least 100 bushels per acre. Three of his neighbors have set a similar goal for themselves.

Social Security In Brief

April 30, 1949 is the deadline for filing Social Security quarterly returns. All employees of ONE or more employees file this return with the collector of Internal Revenue at Greensboro, N. C.

The report is for the calendar quarter ending March 31, 1949 and must list each employee by name, by Social Security Account Number, and show the total wages paid him for the quarter.

Any employer who has not been able to obtain the correct Social Security Account Number for each employee on his payroll may do so by:

1. Having the EMPLOYEE who is at 164 in Norfolk.

GOTTON
Spot cotton prices moved up some during the first part of last week, but lost most of the advance in late trading. Middling 15-16 inch average 32.66 cents per pound at the top markets on Friday, April 1, as compared with 32.62 a week earlier, and 35.65 on the corresponding date a year ago.

The parity prices for middling 15-16 cotton on March 15 was 32.61 cents per pound compared with 32.48 in February. If parity on July 15, 1949 should be at the present level, the Commodity Credit Corporation loan rate for the 1949 crop would be about 29.70.

Trading in spot cotton was fairly active last week. Reported sales in the ten markets totaled 122,500 bales, against 121,200 last week, and 100,900 a year ago.

SHEEP SHEARING CONTEST PLANNED

The National Committee on Boys and Girls club work this week announced details of the 1949 National Sheep Shearing Contest, which is open to all 4-H Club members under 21, according to L. I. Case, in charge of animal husbandry extension at State college.

First and second place winners will be awarded college scholarships by Sunbeam Corporation, sponsors of the contest. The red ribbon group consisting of the next six winners will be awarded \$50 savings bonds. State winners will receive championship belts and specially designed sterling silver 4-H buckles.

Last year, two North Carolina boys were among the top eight winners. Clint Reese of Reese won fifth place and Walter Jones of Stratford won sixth place in the national finals.

The program is conducted in each state by the 4-H Club leader and the Extension Service. Club members interested in competing are urged to see their county agent for details.

To learn sheep shearing, the young growers are advised to attend a shearing school or help an experienced shearer with his flock. Case says 4-Hers should learn how to hold a sheep while shearing, how to hold the shearing head, tie fleeces properly and increase the market value of the wool clip by obtaining all the wool and avoiding second cuts.

Because wool usually constitutes a third of the total financial returns from sheep, the club members who learn shearing is more likely to put into practice approved systems of sheep management, feeding and marketing, Case asserts.

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Pullet Projects And Poultry Work

Pullet projects for 4-H Club members are doing much to promote interest in better poultry production throughout North Carolina, says C. F. Parrish, in charge of poultry extension work at State College.

More projects are being sponsored this year than ever before, Parrish adds. Some 500 club members in more than 40 counties are receiving 100 sexed pullets each. After raising the chicks, each member will exhibit 12 of his best pullets at a county show, at which time the birds will be used to start new projects next year.

Extension poultrymen and agents who supervised the projects will decide which members are to receive awards for having done the best work.

The Sears Foundation, which last year sponsored projects in 30 counties, has added 10 new counties to its list for 1949. These are Wake, Gates, Hertford, Brunswick, Moore, Columbus, Duplin, Edgecombe, Nash, and Burke.

Sears is also sponsoring projects for Negro club members in four counties, and civic clubs and hatcheries are sponsoring additional projects for white members in five counties.

Plentiful Foods Listed For April

Food markets will be well supplied in April with carrots as winter crop marketings are expected to be 20 per cent greater than last year, Miss Evelyn Caldwell, home demonstration agent for the State College Extension Service, said in a news release from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's April plentiful foods list for Southern states.

Carrots, Miss Caldwell said, are rich in carotene, which the body changes to vitamin A.

With the 1948 oat crop slightly below the highest production on record, oatmeal has been named as a plentiful food for April. Oats products are an inexpensive source of food energy, the home agent pointed out. Corn products also will be in good supply in April.

Among the protein foods on the April plentiful list that offer food shoppers a wide choice in menu planning are: broilers, fryers, eggs, processed dairy products, dried beans and peas, peanut butter, and fresh and frozen fish.

Oranges will continue in good supply in April despite the unfavorable weather early this year, and canned citrus juices and grapefruit sections will be abundant.

Prunes, especially the smaller sizes, and raisins will be plentiful for several months.

Farmers' production costs are likely to continue high this year, but prices for their products probably will show a decline. Tar Heel farmers need to plan their operations carefully in order to maintain their present net income and standard of living.

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