

Northampton Farm News

Gardening Has Values Other Than Monetary

RALEIGH — At this time, there is more interest in home vegetable gardens than at any time since "Victory Gardens" following World War II.

On a comparable unit or area basis, the estimated income from the home garden is higher than for most other crops. In 1961, an income of over \$400 for each half acre of garden was not unusual. In these days of inflationary prices, the income is much higher.

It is entirely possible that other advantages may outweigh the monetary value for a large number of people. The family will eat more vegetables when grown in the home garden than when purchased from the market place. Then, too, they are always garden fresh and of higher quality. The home garden is unequalled as a hobby. This is especially true for urbanites and active, energetic retirees. Your family diet will be better balanced if you grow your own leafy green and yellow vegetables, tomatoes, sweet corn and others.

Summer gardens in the lower Piedmont and eastern Carolina are in full production and those in the mountain counties are coming along. It is now time to begin planting the fall garden as there are many crops that can be grown, some of which can be stored — cabbage, brussel sprouts and rutabagas.

Timing is important in planting the fall garden. Here is a table prepared by George Hughes, extension specialist, which I am passing along to my readers to be used as a guide:

Crop	Planting Period		How
	Eastern N.C.	Western N.C.	
Snapbeans	July 25 - Aug. 10	up to Aug. 1	Direct seed
Beets	Aug. 10 - Aug. 30	July 1 - 15	Direct seed
Broccoli	July 20 - Aug. 5	up to July 15	Direct seed
Brussels sprouts	July 15 - July 30	up to July 15	Direct seed
Cabbage	July 15 - Aug. 10	up to July 20	Direct seed
Cauliflower	July 15 - Aug. 10	up to July 25	Direct seed
Leaf lettuce	Aug. 15 - Sept. 20	up to Aug. 25	Direct seed
Turnips	Aug. 10 - 30	up to Aug. 15	Direct seed
Rutabagas	July 15 - Aug. 5	up to July 15	Direct seed

I should caution you about at least two problems you will encounter in growing a fall garden. In the first place, insect and disease problems will be more troublesome so you should follow a carefully planned pest control program.

Secondly, more attention must be given to irrigation if rainfall is not sufficient.

Plant a fall garden. You will be glad you did.

4-H Club News

The Garysburg Junior Citizens 4-H Club met for its monthly meeting Wednesday, July 18. Surena Green presided over the meeting and led the devotion.

The secretary collected the dues and called the roll. The minutes were approved and read.

Old business included the discussion of the selling of the patches.

Carl Barnes, 4-H leader, reminded 4-H'ers of the date in which their projects were due for the year, 1972-73.

Program included a game entitled "Who Shall Live."

The Garysburg Junior Citizens 4-H Club was represented at Millstone 4-H Camp near Ellerbe by Surena Green, Sylvia Kidd, Johnnie Green, Patsy Moseley, Harvey Moseley, Joann Vassor, Edna Davis, Gregory Davis, Brenda Best, Sandra Cosby, and Theodore Moody.

The two members who will be attending the National 4-H Congress during the week of July 23-27, 1973 are Surena Green and Patsy Moseley.

Surena Green, Reporter

Regional Cotton Meeting Scheduled July 27 In S.C.

COLUMBIA, S. C. — Department of Agriculture in cooperation with state Extension services, and the American Petroleum Institute.

An analysis of the current cotton supply situation by Dabney Wellford, assistant to the Council's executive vice president, will open the program. Harry Buzzard, Council's Washington communications manager, is scheduled to kick-off the discussion of the energy situation.

Scheduled topics and speakers on energy are: national and regional energy supply outlook, John B.

Butz, Maros Announce Conway Tractors Out Pull Gates

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A program to help cotton growers seek better yields was announced jointly today by Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz and Mike Maros, president of the National Cotton Council.

In announcing the campaign, the two officials said the cotton industry faces a special challenge in fulfilling demand during 1973.

"The activity is especially important now because of widespread flooding that reduced cotton acreage in recent months," Secretary Butz said. "We will focus our effort on increasing yields of the highest quality cotton growers can produce to assure the supply that we need for

domestic consumption and our over-seas customers," he said.

Maros, a cotton farmer from Fabens, Tex. said, "The lateness of the crop due to flooding and bad weather underlines the importance of a 'late crop' management program." He said part of the challenge is the potential shortage of critical resources such as fuel, certain chemicals, and equipment.

"We also are looking at a serious transportation situation," Mr. Maros added. "This could result in delays of several weeks in moving cotton to mills."

He explained that extremely tight cotton inventories are being reflected in rising prices. The need for adequate cotton production is especially important because synthetic fiber production has been hampered by shortages of certain petrochemicals.

Maros said that similar programs by USDA and the Council during the past two years had enabled the industry to meet the challenges of those years.

"We believe appropriate action and close coordination between industry and government can overcome, or at least reduce, the adverse effect of most of the obstacles during 1973," Maros said.

Jasper Jernigan, Extension national cotton specialist, will introduce the section on the better cotton yield effort. State Extension specialists are scheduled to report on the yield and insect control situation in various states.

Beverly Reeves, USDA cotton gin specialists, will discuss harvesting efficiency and seed cotton handling.

R. H. McRae, Council's manager of marketing and processing, is scheduled to complete the program with a discussion of transportation needs to insure an orderly movement of the crop to market.

In 1971, farm prices were up 1.8 per cent, while food prices at the store increased 3.0 per cent.

CONWAY — Led by Tom Byrum of Conway who won first place in two events, Conway tractors held their own against the Gates competitors in the tractor pull sponsored by the Conway Volunteer Fire Department Saturday.

The tractors were scheduled in weight classes and each entrant paid \$3 per pull and was limited to six pulls.

The Mulder brothers added excitement to the annual event as they started their tractors off by raring them in the air.

Class winners included the following:

Class A — Mitchell Whitehurst, first; W. Garris, second; Melvin Whitehurst, third.

Class B — R. Brown, first; L. Clark, second; R. Flythe, third.

Class C — B. Godwin, first; L. Wade, second; L. Clark, third.

Class D — Tom Byrum, first; R. Brown, second; Tom Byrum, third.

Class E — Tom Byrum, first; Pete Turner, second. Volunteer Fire Chief Bobby Bridges reported a total of 122 pulls in the contest.

Handling the tape measurements were Aubrey Whitley and Billy Joyner. Working the weighted sled were Tommy Barrett, Stuart Lane, Eddie Joyner, William Garris and Linward Coggins.

Working with the weigh-in for each division were Larry Garris, Ennie Martin and Elbert Long.

Maintaining refreshment stands which offered homemade cakes and brownies and peanut butter fudge were Mrs. Janie Martin, Mrs. Juanita Britt, Mrs. Jean Whitley, Mrs. Helen Bridgers,

Mrs. Becky Joyner, Mrs. Rebecca Whitley, Mrs. Majorie Joyner, Mrs. Lucille Coggins and Mrs. Becky Martin.

Others were Mrs. Bettie Ann Whitley, Mrs. Maryanna Long, Mrs. Brenda Lane, Mrs. Lillie Mae Watson and Mrs. Martha Barrett.

Virginia-North Carolina Section — Rain and cool weather last week was ideal for growing conditions. The crop is making excellent progress. Quotations represent limited offerings of old crop. Sales and quotations prompt and August delivery old crop cleaned Virginia jumbo 29-29½ cents; Fancy 26-26½ cents; Shelled extra large 37-37½ cents; Medium 34 cents, occasional 34½ cents; Number one 26½-26¾ cents, very few 27 cents; Number two 23¾-24¼ cents, few high as 24¾ cents. New crop too few sales to quote.

The farm work force is a large one, although much of the hand labor has been replaced by giant machines. A government report indicates that about 2.8 million different persons did some work on farms for cash wages or salary in 1972. This is the second year of a slight increase following three years of a continuous decline.

Weekly Peanut Report



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NORTHAMPTON COUNTY FARMERS

With favorable weather conditions through harvest Northampton County farmers have the best prospects in several years.

PEANUTS

The peanut crop is developing rapidly. Accumulated effective heat units are 30 days ahead of last year's crop. This should be an early crop.

- Blackheart (concealed damage)**
Control measures: ½ lb. of actual Boron per acre.
(a) 2½ lbs. per acre of 20.5 Solubor used as a spray.
(b) 15 lbs. per acre of Copper Sulfur with Boron used as a dust.
 - Manganese Deficiency (pale yellow with green mid-vein)**
Control measures:
(a) 1½ lbs. per acre Sesquiterene Na₂Mn used as a spray.
(b) 25 lbs. per acre of 90-10 Sulfur & MnSO₄ used as a dust.
(c) Manganese Sulphate 27.3% at rate of 2-2½ lbs. per acre as spray.
 - Blue Mold (Southern Stem and Root Rot)**
Control measures:
(a) Terraclor 30% G used at rate of 30 lbs. per acre granules over entire pegging area.
(b) Terraclor 40%D used at the rate of 25 lbs. per acre as a dust.
- Note-- Check fields each week for spider mite buildup.

COTTON

The fruit load is excellent in most cotton fields. The first hatch of new weevils recently emerged. The first cycle of boll worms have just about but run their course. The next cycle of heavy moth activity is expected to begin next week.

- Boll Weevil**
Stay on a rigid 4-5 day schedule with treatments.
(a) 6-3 Tox. + MP - ½ gallon per acre spray.
(b) 8-2 Tox. + MP - ½ gallon per acre spray.
(c) Guthion - 1 pt. per acre spray (weevils only).
(d) Malathion - 1 pt. per acre spray (weevils only)
- Bollworm**
When moths are active in field add ¼ pint of Fundal or Galecron to spraying mixture for three applications. This will greatly reduce bollworm damage. The material prevents the eggs from hatching.

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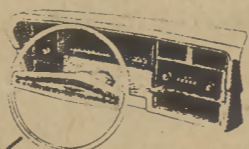
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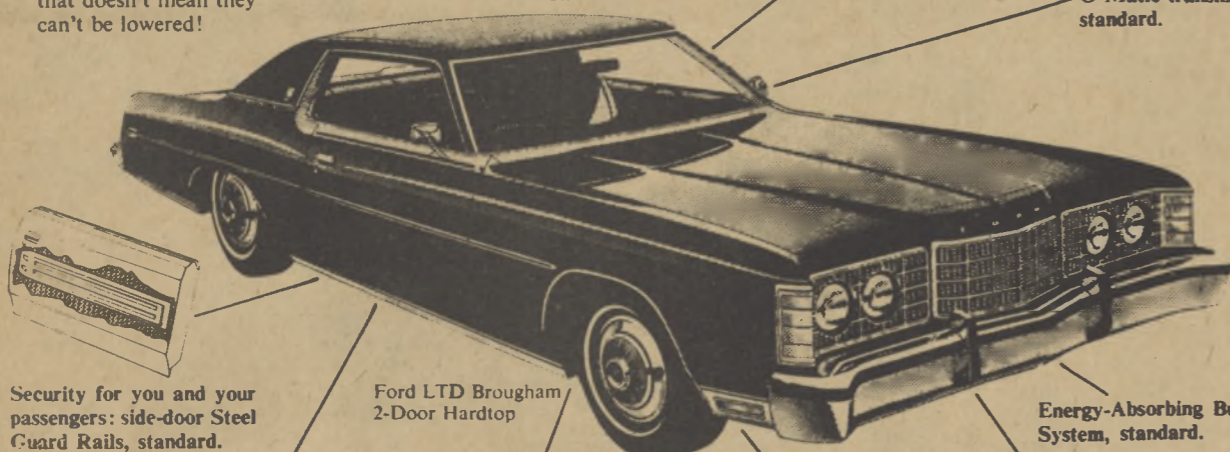


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