

FARM REVIEW and FORECAST

4-H Club News

TODAY IS THE DAY

Today is the most important day in your life because it is the introduction for what you will be tomorrow. It is the day of decision, preparation and dedication. A day to search for and to find the things that will provide for maximum use of your talents. A day to prepare for greater service for your fellow man in the community, country, and world. A day of dedicating yourself to apply the 4-H motto: "To Make the Best Better" in whatever field of service you may select as your career.

A great teacher once said to a small boy, "There is a ladder here in this room that reaches up toward the ceiling and through it to the skies beyond. You can climb that ladder as high as you will, but you must begin here where you are." And so, in reaching for higher goals in 4-H use past experiences and achievements as stepping stones; but remember that to have an outstanding record of achievement you must develop a constructive plan that will require your best skills, talents, and efforts. This plan you must pursue diligently and devotedly until your goal has been reached. Images of 4-H by L. R.

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4-H PROJECTS, TRY IT YOU'LL LIKE IT

What is the first thing that comes into your mind when you think of projects? Hard work, boring, too much of a challenge, just something to worry about, or rewarding, satisfying, a chance to really get involved, etc.; of course this list could go on and on in either a negative or positive direction. Nevertheless, the attitude I hope you take is a positive one, because projects in 4-H are "really what's happening." There is something for everyone. No matter if you are a "science fanatic" to a "horse broncho buster," the variety in 4-H projects will definitely find a place for you. So if you are tired of the regular "hum-drum" life you are living, stop by your county extension office and join up with one of the local 4-H clubs or special interest groups. I assure you that you will not regret it. Project work in 4-H offers many rewarding opportunities and privileges to anyone wishing to drink from its flowing cup of knowledge and prosperity. Won't you (ages 9-19) take a sip.

EIGHTEENTH 4-H LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The eighteenth 4-H Leadership Conference was held at Swannanoa 4-H Camp for 4-H'ers 14 years of age and older. Those that attended provided their own transportation. The camp was a week long, beginning August 6 and ending August 11.

Creecy Farmers Tour Texas Ranch

RICH SQUARE — Fifteen farmers in the W. S. Creecy School adult farm class recently completed a Texas tour of the largest ranch in that state.

The educational tour also took the Northampton farmers to Houston where they toured the famed Astrodome.

The group toured the 68,000 acre Kingsville Ranch at Kingsville, Texas, home of the original Santa Gertudis.

The purpose of the tour was to observe how cattle are raised in the Longhorn State and how the methods can be applied to beef production in Northampton.



WILLIAM BRIDGERS of Conway holds three ears of corn taken from his corn field which is a variety plot conducted by the extension service in Northampton County. There are 15 different varieties from eight different seed companies which provides yield checks on corn. The demonstration is done to give growers an idea of the characteristics and maturity of different varieties.

production as the Secretary of Agriculture has already announced:

1. No set-aside requirement for any crop.
2. Removal of conserving base maintenance. Program (CAP) Agreements may terminate upon request at the county ASCS office.
3. Farmers with long term Cropland Adjustment agreements may terminate upon request at the county ASCS office.

ASCS News Notes-

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JACKSON — The Agriculture And Consumer Protection Act of 1973 embraces new concepts of encouraging production of basic grains and cotton. This is a four-year bill, starting with 1974 crop and continuing through the 1977 crop.

Farmers are induced and encouraged to produce wheat, feed grains (corn, grain sorghum, barley, rye, and oats), and cotton.

There is a separate target or guaranteed price provision for 1974 and 1975 of \$2.05 per bushel for wheat, \$1.38 per bushel for corn, and 38 cents per pound for cotton (with adjustments in 1976 and 1977). This is a price or income assurance feature for producers in order to lessen their fears that excessive production could force farm prices and income to fall drastically.

There is target price escalator provision applicable to 1976 and 1977 crops. Target prices in 1976 will be the 1975 target price adjusted for changes in farm costs from 1975 to 1976, modified for changes in yield per acre. A similar adjustment will be made in 1977 based on the adjusted 1976 target price.

Farmers are to receive their income from the market-place normally, and only if prices fall below target prices would they receive any Government payments. These deficiency payments would normally cover farmers' costs for production.

Payments that can be made to an individual farmer, in the event any payments are needed, are limited to \$20,000 per person as compared to \$55,000 per crop under the Act of 1970.

This Act replaces the Agricultural Act of 1970 which will expire on December 31, 1973. The goal of the Act of 1970 was to adjust production to work down the surpluses and to supplement farm income through payments to farmers to set aside portions of their cropland. The production adjustment authority is carried forward to the new Act if it should be needed in the future. However, Secretary Butz has announced that there will be no set-aside in 1974.

Non-recourse loans are continued with loan levels being raised from \$1.00 to \$1.10 on corn; from \$1.25 to \$1.37 on wheat; and from 19½ cents on cotton to about 25 cents a pound. These are national rates — State and county rates will be set as in prior years.

A long-term conservation program is established which will be implemented in lieu of the former REAP which was terminated during 1972 — because of its heavy orientation to short-term, production-enhancing characteristics.

The bill establishes a forestry incentives program to encourage development, management, and protection of non-industrial private forest lands, with the following features:

Appropriations of not more than \$25 million annually are authorized.

Financial and technical assistance will be offered to the land owners under an owner-government contract on a cost-share basis.

Contracts will be limited to tracts of 500 acres or less.

The Department of Agriculture is currently developing program provisions and regulations based on the new Act. Further information will be released when available.

The 1974 program provisions will be established to encourage additional production of corn, wheat, and other grain crops, and cotton to provide adequate supplies for domestic and export needs. Additional cropland will be available for



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A. INSECTS AND ACARIDS

(1) Spider Mites—are spreading rapidly in peanut fields throughout the county. Control: Azodrin 5 - used at rate of 1 pint per acre with minimum of 25 gallons of water.

(2) Worms (Corn earworms, etc.) Population is heavy in soybean and peanut fields. Control: Lannate used at rate of 1 pint per acre; Sevin Sprayable -used at rate of 1½ lbs. per acre.

(3) Southern Corn Rootworm (larvae of the 12-spotted cucumber beetle) - small white worm that feeds on young pods. Control: Diazinon 14G - 10 lbs. per acre; Dyfonate 10G - 15 lbs. per acre; Thimet 10G - 15 lbs. per acre

B. DISEASES

(1) Southern Stem Rot (Blue Mold) - flagged or wilted plants with white mold in the base. Small brown fruiting bodies form in advanced stages. Control: Early stages of disease--Terraclor 30% granules used at rate of 30 pounds per acre. Advanced stages of disease--40% Terraclor dust at 25 lbs. per acre.

(2) Leafspot - Serious in some fields--causes plant to defoliate prematurely. Control: Stay on a 14-day schedule with one of the recommended fungicides until September 1.

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