

## Agriculturally Speaking

By L. C. COOPER  
County Extension Chairman

Wheat producers who have not pre-priced a good portion of their 1981 wheat crop have limited marketing options as harvest time is around the corner.

Prices are far below expectations at planting time due in part to the large acreage planted — all in concert with the supply and demand picture. Also, the plus projected carry over 954 million bushels is up from the previous estimate of 909 million bushels. The picture is rather bleak for farmers who have not hedged.

Farmers forward contracting in the fall of 1980 averaged 4.82 per bushel. May 1981 forward contracts and sales average 3.44 per bushel, a less or minus of 1.38 per bushel.

Farmers hedging in the futures market at planting the fall 1980 hedge average 5.25 per bushel less the

basis .60 cents growers received 4.65 per bushel. May hedge or futures 1981 average 4.04 per bushel less the basis .60 cents growers receive 3.44 per bushel — a cash net loss of 1.21 per bushel.

The risk on the farmers contract you must deliver at the locked in price or be penalized if the market goes beyond the locked in price.

Contract is that the participant has to advance margin cash and has to be able to cover the call margin should the hedged price go against the original accepted price. However, this type of marketing is less risky because the cash price offsets the hedged price. The hedging marketing tool is a major concept used in marketing cattle, swine and many other farm commodities.



Mrs. Mollie A. Haithcock, a past president of the Churchill Extension Homemakers Club, Warren County Extension Homemakers Council and District Association, and a very active club member and leader for many years, is shown with the afghan she made and gave to the Extension Homemakers County Council.

The afghan was used as a project to secure funds for the County Council. Each Extension Homemakers Club in the county participated in receiving donations for the afghan which was given away at the close of a bazaar held Friday in the AAA Gas Company.

The Warren County Extension Homemakers Council of which Mrs. Mary E. Turner is president, wishes to thank Mrs. Haithcock, and the Extension Homemakers for this project, and the general public for cooperating in helping to make the project a great success.

Mrs. Blanche Baker of Route 2, Warrenton, a young homemaker of the South Warren Extension Homemakers Club, was recipient of the beautiful hand-made afghan.

The largest donations reported for the afghan were through the Churchill Extension Homemakers Club, first; Triangle Club, second; and Ridgeway Club, third. The committee in charge of the bazaar included Mrs. R. J. Holtzmann, chairman, Mrs. Frank Twitty, Miss Mary Patillo, Mrs. Mollie A. Haithcock and Mrs. J. D. Holtzmann.

## TARHEEL KITCHEN

By MISS E. YORK KIKER

Are you looking for fun, convenience and even, possibly nutrition? You can have them all at a moderate price right in your own backyard or a nearby picnic area. Beef for Father's Day and June Dairy Month activities remind us that beef and dairy products team up to fit right into carefree summer meal plans. You may wish to honor Dad with T-bone steaks but the budget may not allow that for all the family.

Fun and nutrition can be found in ground beef and especially when combined with dairy products. Fortunately the nutritive value is approximately the same for equal amounts of lean beef whether from the tender or less tender cuts.

"Burgers" are so popular that it seems unnecessary to talk about them but how often they have been disappointing with their dry tastelessness. Proper handling and preparation can remedy the situation. Friends from the American Dairy Association have shared some of their favorite ideas with the Tarheel Kitchen home economist. Let the fun start with a basic "burger" mix, (handled gently, of course) along with toppers to be selected according to taste plus fresh summer vegetables cooked on the grill. Add bread, a beverage, and homemade freezer ice cream — and a congenial group of people to complete the "ingredients" for a successful backyard party.

### Basic Burger Mixture

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 egg
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper

In a bowl lightly mix beef, egg, salt and pepper.

### Hidden Gold Burgers

1 recipe Basic Burger Mixture  
1 cup (4 oz.) shredded Cheddar cheese  
Shape beef mixture into eight thin patties about 4 inches in diameter. Place 1/4 cup cheese on each of four patties; top with remaining four patties. Press edges together; broil or grill to desired doneness. Yields 4 servings.

### Country Club Cheeseburgers

1 recipe Basic Burger Mixture  
4 slices (4 oz.) Cheddar cheese  
4 slices (4 oz.) Swiss cheese  
Shape beef mixture into eight thin patties about 4 inches in diameter. Broil or grill to desired doneness. Place Cheddar cheese slices on four patties and Swiss cheese slices on other four patties. For each serving stack one Swiss burger on top of one Cheddar burger. Yields 4 servings.

### Cheese-Relish

2 packages (3 oz.) each cream cheese, softened  
1/4 cup sweet pickle relish  
2 tablespoons prepared mustard  
Beat together cheese, relish and mustard until smooth. Spread on hot hamburgers. Yield: approximately 1 cup.

### Mushroom-Cheese

1 can (10 1/2 oz.) condensed cream of mushroom soup  
1 cup (4 oz.) shredded Cheddar cheese  
1/4 cup chili sauce  
Blend together soup, cheese and chili sauce. Spread on hot hamburgers. Yield: 2 cups.

### Packet Vegetables

Potatoes, thinly sliced  
Carrots, cut in strips  
Green pepper, cut in strips  
Butter  
Water  
Cooked bacon bits

For each serving: On double thick rectangles of aluminum foil, place about 6 potato slices, 6 carrot strips and several green pepper strips. Add 1 tablespoon butter, 1 tablespoon water and 1 teaspoon bacon. Fold foil down onto vegetables in tight double fold; fold ends over up close to vegetables. Place on grill folded side up; cook 20-35 minutes or until vegetables are tender.

### Flavored Butter Rolls For Corn On The Cob

1/2 cup (1 stick) butter  
1 tablespoon prepared mustard  
1 tablespoon onion salt  
2 tablespoons chopped parsley  
In a small bowl cream butter; add mustard and onion salt. If desired, can be used immediately as a spread or place mixture on waxed paper; wrap and chill for ease in handling. Shape into a roll; then roll in the parsley. Cut off slices to spread on corn.



There were no sheep in America before 1540.

## Easy Freezer "Cookery"



Summertime, and the cooking is... infrequent! That's why this refreshing, light and easy pie is a "must" for your summer collection. Yogurt, frozen whipped topping and fresh strawberries are a tasty trio, especially when spooned into a pie crust. It's pretty enough for company, simple enough for everyday, and just plain delicious!

### STRAWBERRY-YOGURT EASY-AS-PIE

- 2 containers (8 oz. each) vanilla yogurt
- 1 container (8 oz.) Cool Whip non-dairy whipped topping, thawed
- 2 cups sweetened diced, sliced or finely chopped strawberries
- 1 baked 9-inch pie shell, cooled

Fold yogurt into whipped topping, blending well. Spoon yogurt mixture and strawberries alternately into crust. Cut through with spatula to marble. Freeze until firm, 4 hours or overnight. Remove from freezer 30 minutes before serving and keep chilled in refrigerator. Garnish with additional whole strawberries, if desired.

## Your Week Ahead Horoscope

Forecast Period: 6/7 - 6/13/81

- ARIES**  
Mar. 21-Apr. 19  
The old neighborhood comes alive with activity. Cooperating with others avoids a lot of hassle.
- TAURUS**  
Apr. 20-May 20  
A phone call from a loved one eases your mind. Tell this person what it is that troubles you.
- GEMINI**  
May 21-June 20  
You are lucky where things at home are concerned. Let those who've helped you know how much you appreciate it.
- CANCER**  
June 21-July 22  
Buying and selling looks more promising now. Play your hunches even if you must spend a few dollars.
- LEO**  
July 23-Aug. 22  
Others are drawn to you magnetically and bring the good things that make life a bit easier and more enjoyable.
- VIRGO**  
Aug. 23-Sept. 22  
A stroke of good fortune can come your way. Set the stage now for some radical change in lifestyle.
- LIBRA**  
Sept. 23-Oct. 22  
Take it a day at a time. A boost from one who matters brings promise of a profitable enterprise.
- SCORPIO**  
Oct. 23-Nov. 21  
The business picture brightens. An opportunity comes your way for improving the financial picture. Use your keen intuitive sense.
- SAGITTARIUS**  
Nov. 22-Dec. 31  
As with Scorpio, use your intuitive knowledge. Create your own luck. Do expect miracles. They are all around us.
- CAPRICORN**  
Dec. 22-Jan. 19  
If it's romance you're after, there's someone not far away who is very receptive. Approach on a mental level.
- AQUARIUS**  
Jan. 20-Feb. 18  
Your mate or partner keeps you in a whirl with the quick change treatment. Don't be deluded.
- PISCES**  
Feb. 19-Mar. 20  
Employment matters are bothersome. Lend an ear to co-worker troubles but don't take them on as your problems.

## Bidding Edge

### Given Firms

### In Our Area

RALEIGH — Employers in 14 North Carolina areas including Warren, are eligible for preference in bidding on federal government contracts, according to the Employment Security Commission (ESC).

Bidding preference is offered to employers in areas of persistent high unemployment to channel federal dollars through private industry to areas of severe economic need and encourage the creation of private sector jobs. The number of areas in North Carolina which have maintained sufficiently high levels of unemployment to warrant this preference has doubled since 1980.

"Labor surplus areas are designated annually based on sustained high levels of unemployment," said Dave Garrison, assistant director of ESC's Bureau of Employment Security Research. "Labor surplus areas are not established because of seasonal or temporary rises in unemployment, but because a serious, continuing imbalance between the availability of labor and the number of jobs exists."

New labor surplus areas can be designated only if there is a sudden unforeseen rise in unemployment which is not because of temporary conditions, Garrison explained. "This can occur if a major area employer goes out of business, for example," he said.

The 14 areas now eligible for bidding preference must have averaged 7.9 percent or higher unemployment during the two-year period from January 1979 through December 1980.

Effective June 1, employers in Brunswick, Cherokee, Clay, Halifax, Swain and Vance counties and Wilmington city may receive preference for government procurement dollars. Cumberland County (excluding Fayetteville city), Graham, Hoke, Person, Robeson, Tyrell and Warren counties remain eligible from last year.

Each of these areas experienced unemployment rates at least 20 percent higher than the national average rate during the past two calendar years.

## ENERGY SAVING WAYS

### With DISHWASHERS

In this age of energy conservation, energy options are an important consideration when buying an appliance. According to home economists from Whirlpool Corporation, newer dishwashers do the tough job of washing dishes, pots, pans and casseroles clean at quite a low cost. In fact, those accustomed to washing and



rinse dishes under a flowing stream of water may be surprised to find that more hot water, and therefore more energy, may be used in handwashing than by operating many dishwashers on the market.

The estimated average usage for a dishwasher is eight loads per week. According to energy costs based on U.S. Government Standard Tests, washing a load of dishes in a Whirlpool dishwasher costs only 16¢ with an electric water heater, and only 7¢ with a gas water heater.

Newer machines also offer an energy-saving Air Dry option. By using this option instead of heated drying whenever possible, energy consumption can be reduced substantially. For older models without this option, the homemaker can simply turn the dishwasher off after the wash/rinse cycle is over and open the dishwasher door to let dishes air dry.

### Sweet Tooth

Candy makers, catering to the age-old craving for "something sweet," were pictured in Egyptian tombs as far back as 3,500 B.C.

"One man with courage makes a majority."  
Andrew Jackson

## The Agronomist's Corner

## Leaf Support Price

## Announced In Raleigh

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The average support price of \$1.59 per pound was announced at the annual Flue-Cured Tobacco Stabilization meeting held on May 29 in Raleigh. For 35 years, stabilization has administered the price support program for flue-cured tobacco growers.

The main objective of the program is to assure a stabilized market and a minimum guaranteed price on the warehouse floor for certain grades.

The price support levels are set by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, based on a sliding formula.

The average support price in 1946 was 32 cents per pound.

Warren County was well represented at the meeting, and listened closely to remarks by Senator John East. Senator East reassured the group of his continued support for the tobacco program.

## DIPLOMA DAY — HOT AND HUMID



For just a moment, think about graduation days you have known—whether your own, your children's or your grandchildren's. Almost without fail, the day is a scorcher and the attendant excitement—particularly with young teenagers—creates a massive thirst for everyone. To toast the graduates, there's no more refreshing punch than Lemony Cooler. Sugar-sweetened lemonade flavor drink mix with its natural lemon flavor, combines with orange juice as the base for this sunny citrus drink, and the addition of halved strawberries lends just the right festive touch to the occasion.

### LEMONY COOLER

- 1 can (12 oz.) frozen concentrated orange juice
- 4 scoops Country Time lemonade flavor drink mix
- 2 quarts water
- 1 bottle (28 fl. oz.) ginger ale, chilled
- Halved strawberries

Reconstitute orange juice as directed on can. Combine orange juice, lemonade mix and water in large punch bowl. Just before serving, add ginger ale and strawberries. Makes 5 quarts or 40 servings.



The phrase "crocodile tears" derives from an ancient Greek legend—The giant lizard was believed to attract its victims by loud moaning and then shed tears while it devoured them.

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