

## There's Not As Much Livestock But Its Overall Value Is Higher

There isn't as much livestock on North Carolina farms as a year ago, says the State-Federal Crop Reporting Service in the N. C. Agriculture Department.

The estimate, based upon reports received from thousands of farmers in the State, says there were fewer mules, cattle, sheep and chickens on January 1 than on the same date a year ago—but slightly larger numbers of hogs and turkeys.

The total value of North Carolina livestock was placed at \$220,828,000 as against \$200,819,000 a year earlier and \$134,502,000 for the 10-year (1936-45) average.

Increases in the average value per head of all cattle offset declines in numbers. However, the decrease in the number of chickens more than offset the advance in the average value.

### Horses and Mules

The number of horses on North Carolina farms as of January 1 was estimated at 95,000 head, the same as on January 1, 1946, but 5,000 head above the 10-year average value per head declined \$4 and as a result the total value was about three per cent less than on the same date a year earlier. Mules, estimated at 277,000 head, were about two per cent under the number a year earlier, and about seven per cent less than the 10-year average number. Thus the total value was about two per cent less.

### Cattle and Calves

The number of all cattle and calves of North Carolina farms January 1, 1947, was estimated at 677,000 head, a decrease of about two per cent from the preceding but still about four per cent more than the average number on farms during the 1936-45 period. The value per head of all cattle averaged \$81.70, compared with \$67.50 the preceding year and \$40.10 for the 10-year average value per head more than offset the drop in number and the total value of all cattle on North Carolina farms January 1 was \$55,311,000, or about 19 per cent above the total value on January 1, 1946, and slightly more than double the 10-year (1936-45) average. The number of milk cows and heifers two years old

and over was placed at 376,000 head, a decline of two per cent from last year but still three per cent above the 10-year average.

### Sheep

Sheep numbers continued the downward trend, with the numbers on North Carolina farms January 1, 1947, being estimated at 39,000 head, compared with 42,000 a year ago and the 10-year average of 56,000 head. However, the increase in the average value per head was enough to give a total inventory value of \$554,000, compared with \$428,000 on January 1, 1946, and \$378,000 for the 10-year average.

### Hogs

Hogs numbers on farms showed an increase of eight per cent, with an estimated number of 1,103,000

head on farms January 1. The value per head on January 1, 1947, averaged \$28.30, compared with \$23.50 a year ago and the 10-year average of \$11.40. Increases in both the number and value per head has placed the total value of all hogs 30 per cent earlier, and 126 per cent above the 10-year (1936-45) average total value.

### Turkeys

The number of turkeys on farms January 1 was estimated at 56,000 head, or 5,000 head more than was on farms a year earlier, but still 4,000 head below the 10-year (1935-46) average. The value per head averaged slightly more than a year earlier. The total value of all turkeys on farms January 1 was estimated at \$325,000, about 14 per cent above the total value on January 1, 1946, and about 76 per cent greater than the average total value for the 10-year period (1936-45).

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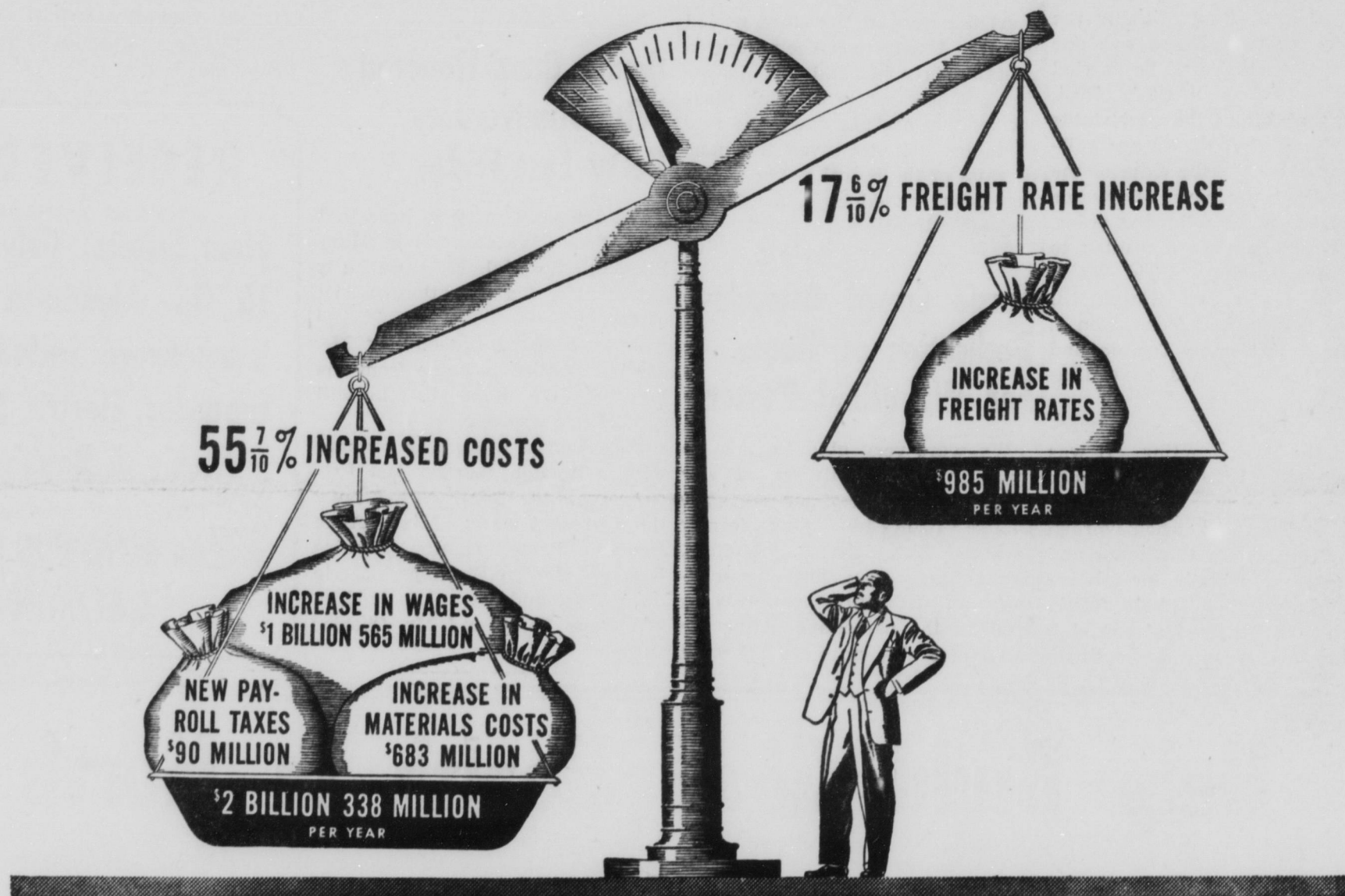
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