

The Tobacco Situation

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 21.—A review of the tobacco situation in North Carolina shows that for the first time in the history of the tobacco industry, North Carolina produced more tobacco in 1926 than any other state and the value of the crop was over twice that of Kentucky, over four times that of Virginia, and many millions more than any other producing state.

A close similarity appears between the period for the past three years in that between the years 1917 and 1919. Both periods have been marked by substantial increases in acreage with consequent increases in production, and in both instances, prices have advanced with the increased production. Should the 1927 season be a repetition of that of 1920, a unfortunate situation would be the result, especially since it follows so closely the heels of the disastrous experiences with the cotton crop of 1926.

The State's 1926 tobacco crop was the third most valuable crop ever produced, being not only the largest in 1918 and 1919. It was the second largest crop ever produced, being over 40,000,000 pounds less than the 1920 crop. The acreage was the second largest ever grown, being exceeded only in 1920. The average of prices received during the season was only exceeded in 1919.

While the foreign situation in regard to exports is considered favorable, it is much more so for the dark burley types than for the bright types (cigarette type). The reduced average of burley last year with the consequent lowering of stocks has created a favorable situation for this year, whereas the increase in the bright leaf and the decrease in the dark leaf in the United Kingdom, and the 1926 purchases, with the large stocks on hand of this type have created a condition that should quieten the bright tobacco grower. These facts are worth careful study by the tobacco farmer at this time. When possible disaster may be easily prevented by an understanding of the conditions that he must face.

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Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 14.—The success which club members attain in financial returns from their projects, is not the only or most important result of club work. A larger percentage make a success because they get a better knowledge of how to better farming.

"While we consider financial return as an indication of the success attending club work in the State, we also give great importance to the new knowledge which comes to the club member," says L. R. Harrill, club leader at State College. "We find that a greater percentage of the club members make a success of their work in that they know more about better farm and home practices, get some good ideas about parliamentary practices and develop a greater cooperative spirit. The boys and girls on the farm today are learning more new methods of agriculture and home-making than the adult farmer of today. They are also making use of this increased knowledge."

Mr. Harrill states that he does not wish to minimize the efforts of adult farmers nor to discredit their ability to absorb new ideas but he does wish to establish that during youth is the time to teach and demonstrate new practices. There is no better way to do this than to use the method of teaching by doing. This, he states, is the slogan of the four-H clubs of North Carolina. Today, in North Carolina, there are some 300,000 boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 20 who should be receiving training in the vocations they are now following—agriculture and home-making.

Such knowledge will create a greater love for rural life and the home farm and will cause the young folks to become community builders. It will also aid them in selecting their life work, should they decide to learn the farm at maturity.

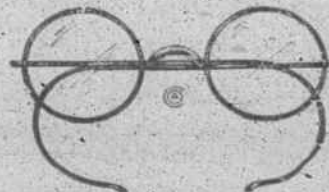
Seventy-six poultry and swine farmers of Beaufort County purchased 18 tons of fish meal in January at a saving of \$23.

Look After Bees Before Spring Comes

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 21.—On the first warm day of spring, when the bees are flying well, take a look at the hives and see the condition of the colonies. Most of those which need attention are the ones which were not well prepared for the winter.

The first examination of the colony is to determine whether or not the colony is queenless, whether it has sufficient stores, and whether there are sufficient bees to care for the brood to best advantage, says C. L. Sams, student of bee culture and extension specialist with bees at State College. "It is not necessary to actually find a queen because the presence of worker brood in all stages of development is proof that she is in the hive. Then, the presence of sealed honey above the brood and in the greater portion of two or three outside combs is proof that the colony has stores enough. If the brood nest is nearly full of worker bees, then there will be plenty to look after the brood."

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Insufficient food is generally the greatest deficiency. This may be remedied by feeding. A ten pound honey pail filled with syrup made of one part of water to two parts

of sugar should be fed to any colony that is low in food supplies. The pail is prepared with nail holes and turned upside down over the bee escape hole of the inner cover. An empty hive body, without frames, is placed over this. To prevent robbing, this food should be given when the bees cease flying in the afternoon.

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