

OUTLOOK FOR CIGARETE LEAF IS PROMISING

Signs Encouraging For Next Five Years If Crop Level Is Kept

The outlook for cigarette grades of tobacco in the next two to five years has been described by J. B. Hutson, chief of the tobacco section of the farm administration, as promising "if the profits of manufacturers are kept at reasonable levels."

Hutson said that in 1932 tobacco growers received only \$105,000,000 for their crop, while a dozen administration officials of tobacco manufacturing companies received more than \$2,500,000 for personal services or as much as was received by 10,000 farm families for their labor, for the use of their farms and for the purchase of necessary supplies.

"I have no quarrel with tobacco manufacturers," Hutson declared. "They have played the game under the rules that were laid down for them. There is a profit motive as that of other groups."

"During the last year on several occasions we have found manufacturers willing to join with us in getting larger returns for tobacco growers and we hope that we may have their cooperation in the development of other plans for a still more equitable distribution of the tobacco income."

Through the combined efforts of tobacco growers, tobacco warehousemen, other agencies, the adjustment programs and marketing agreements, the income of tobacco growers in 1933 was increased to \$186,000,000 from sales on the markets, Hutson said. In addition, the growers received crop reduction payments totaling \$28,000,000, bringing their tobacco income to \$214,000,000, more than double the 1932 income.

A decrease in value for the 1934 crop was seen unless growers receive prices more than 25 percent above those of last year. The production, because of acreage reduction, was estimated at slightly over 1,000,000,000 pounds as compared with 1,375,000,000 pounds in 1933.

"After every possible effort has been exhausted to expand outlets, it still may be necessary to control production for some time in order to hold production near the level of consumption," Hutson said.

"Unless production is kept near that level, we shall probably again experience some of the results of the past depression years. The re-

NO SPECULATION

Warehousemen and their employees are forbidden under the rulings of the industry's code to speculate in tobacco sold on their floors, although a warehouse is permitted to operate a leaf account to protect the sales on its floor. Warehousemen are forbidden to offer a guarantee or a minimum price to a tobacco producer as an inducement for selling tobacco on a particular floor.

turns to tobacco growers and tobacco warehousemen during the next five years will depend to a considerable extent upon whether or not they are united in their efforts to obtain a fair share of the returns for their branches of the tobacco industry."

CODE INSURES FAIR TOBACCO COMPETITION

New Ruling Will Prevent Discrimination Between Growers

Under the provisions of the warehouse code of fair competition, safeguards against discrimination between growers have been established. Rebates of all kinds, direct or indirect, are prohibited. No warehouseman shall reserve space in his warehouse for any person other than a producer or bona fide dealer in tobacco. The reservation of floor space for truckers is prohibited. The code provides that it shall be a condition of every sale of tobacco at auction that the buyer of the tobacco shall not be permitted to reject tobacco purchased by him upon the grounds that such tobacco was not of the character or in the condition which the buyers believed it to be at the time of his purchase unless it shall be proved that such tobacco was "nested," "false-packed" or damaged.

The last North Carolina Legislature passed a law making it a misdemeanor for a grower to "nest," "shingle" or "overhang" tobacco offered for sale on auction floors. By "overhang" is meant the placing of a layer of good and then a layer of bad tobacco in the same basket with intent to sell the inferior grade with misrepresentation. Violation of the law carries a \$50 penalty or 30 days in jail, and possibly both in case of conviction.

Beaufort County tobacco growers expect to produce more than their allotments of tobacco due to the favorable season.

238 RUM SELLERS IN NORTH STATE

That Number Of Individuals And Corporations Pay Tax To United States

Washington.—There are 238 liquor dealers who pay federal taxes in dry North Carolina—one of the two states which voted against repeal and a state where only 3.2 per cent beer is legal.

This situation was explained today by Wright Matthews, acting commissioner of internal revenue, who said the tax stamp issued was not a license to sell liquor but was a receipt.

"The law requires collectors of internal revenue to collect all taxes relating to liquor dealers whether in wet or dry territories," he said.

"For instance, druggists and other persons who sell distilled spirits on prescription, or otherwise, in dry states are required by law to procure a federal retail liquor dealer's stamp."

He said the special tax stamp issued to liquor dealers in such cases stated on its face that "this is a tax receipt—not a license."

A report issued by Matthews revealed eight such tax stamps had been issued to wholesale liquor dealers in North Carolina. There was no tax collected, however, from rectifiers or manufacturers.

A total of 2,436 retail beer dealers were licensed in the State for the 1934 fiscal year, the report revealed, while 148 wholesale beer dealers were licensed.

1933 Cigarette Output Is Under That Of 1931

A decrease of more than 8,000,000 in the number of cigarettes manufactured in the United States last year as compared with 1931 was recently reported by the Census Bureau.

Nevertheless the tobacco companies manufactured 112,704,260,156 cigarettes in 1933.

The bureau reported that although wages and cost of materials had decreased, there had been an 11.8 percent increase in the number of wage earners employed by the industry.

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