

Lower Poultry and Higher Egg Prices are Forecast

A more than seasonal decline in farm prices of chickens during the next three or four months, to be followed by a strengthening of prices in the last quarter of the year with December prices being higher than usual in relation to May, was indicated today by the bureau of agricultural economics.

Larger stocks of frozen poultry now in storage have a tendency to depress prices but the reduction in hatch indicates that fewer chickens are being raised for marketing in the latter part of the year.

The farm price of eggs, on the

other hand, is near its low point for the year and by the end of June is likely to begin its seasonal advance to December, the bureau said. December prices are usually double the March-June average, but the rise may be less this year on account of the large stocks, of eggs in storage.

Continuance in May, of the unfavorable feed situation was reported, since declines in prices of both feed and eggs—based upon prices at Chicago—kept the ratio near 11. This means that about 11 dozen eggs are the equivalent of 100 pounds of poultry ration, at present prices, compared with a little less than six dozen in May a year ago.

A decrease of 29 per cent in commercial hatcheries this May compared with last was estimated on the basis of preliminary reports from hatcheries. On May 1 there were about seven per cent fewer chickens in farm flocks than on that date last year.

The bureau reported market receipts of dressed poultry somewhat larger than at this time in preceding years, and said that the out-of-storage movement plus flock reductions may keep receipts during the summer above those of 1936. Stocks of frozen poultry in early June were the largest on record for this time of year.

The number of hens and pullets of laying age in farm flocks was reported at about 4 per cent more on May 1 than a year earlier. But the bureau said that with a high feed-egg ratio this summer, unfavorable to feeding for egg production, a more-than-average decline in size of laying flocks may occur.

The rate of egg production on May 1 was the largest on record for that date, or 2.3 per cent more than on May 1, 1936, and nearly 5 per cent above the 1925-35 average.

Intelligent Farming Puts Grower on Feet

Reducing a \$6,500 mortgage on his farm to \$325 in four years through intelligent use of his land is the story told by an eight-mule farmer of Halifax county to W. O. Davis, farm agent of the State college extension service.

Asking that his name be withheld, the grower told how he raised nothing but cotton, tobacco, and peanuts before 1932. Being a money crop farmer only, he bought all food and feed for himself, his tenants, and his livestock.

A \$6,500 mortgage held by a bank in Halifax blanketed his farm when that bank closed. The note was sold to another bank which called for payments. All the farmer had left was one bale of cotton. This he sold for \$19.35 which he gave as an interest payment.

When the AAA program was started in 1933, this farmer balked at the provisions but finally was forced to come in under the act. However, once he signed he followed the program to the letter from 1933 to the present time.

By following the program and raising more food and feedstuff and less of the money crops, he has been able to reduce his note at the bank from \$6,500 to \$325.

At the beginning of the present crop year, it was not necessary that he borrow money to finance his planting, Davis declared.

He has plenty of corn and feed for himself and his five tenants and is looking forward to another prosperous year.

From being a critic of the farm program, he has changed to one of its most enthusiastic supporters. Agent Davis says this farmer recently came to him greatly distressed because he had heard reports that the program would be discontinued.

Charles Hunnicutt To Go To Scout Jamboree

Eagle Scout Charles Hunnicutt, of Franklin Troop No. 1, was selected last June 7 by the scout committee to represent the troop at the National Jamboree to be held in Washington, D. C., from June 30 to July 9. He will leave about June 28. Charles is the son of M. R. and Mrs. E. S. Hunnicutt, of Franklin.

\$325,000 ASKED OF GOVERNMENT

For Aid to Children and Aged During First Quarter

RALEIGH, June 16.—Mrs. W. T. Bost, commissioner of the state department of charities and public welfare, has requested the national social security board to advance to North Carolina approximately \$325,000 for the aid of aged persons and dependent children in this state during the first three months of the operation of the new social security program, which goes into effect July 1.

Mrs. Bost announced that she has forwarded to Washington plans for administration of the two phases of the program, a manual of procedure drafted by the welfare department, and certified copies of North Carolina laws relating to the department and to social security.

Plans for the operation of the program, Mrs. Bost said, must be approved by federal authorities before funds can be secured and before old age assistance and aid to dependent children may be inaugurated in North Carolina. Such approval already has been obtained for the original legislation.

It was estimated by the welfare department head that the program will get under way with approximately 7,000 persons over 65 years of age receiving assistance; that before the first quarter ends a total of 15,000 probably will be granted aid, and that the average load for the three-months period will be approximately 12,000. Statistics compiled by the department indicate that there soon will be approximately 25,000 aged persons in the state eligible for assistance.

Basing her estimates on an average grant of \$12.50 per month, Mrs. Bost said approximately \$450,000 will be required for the first quarter of the program's operation, exclusive of administration costs. One-half of this, or about \$225,000, is to be furnished by the federal government, one-fourth by the state, and approximately one-fourth by the 100 counties.

The welfare commissioner believes there will be 12,500 dependent children on the assistance rolls by the end of the first three months of the program's operation, and that the average monthly load for the period will be about 10,500. With an average grant of \$6 per month, the total cost of the program for the quarter will be about \$189,000, of which the federal government will furnish one-third, the state one-third, and the counties one-third.

In addition, the national government is to pay five per cent of its grant for old age assistance for administrative purposes. This would reach an estimated total of \$11,250, which will go to the counties.

Total grants for the aid to aged and assistance to children phases of the program for the quarter will be approximately \$660,000.

County welfare departments have been asked to examine their records in order to ascertain which of the 12,000 relief cases now being handled by the counties will be eligible under all three phases of the program, including aid to the blind, and that the program will get under way on July 1 with these cases as a nucleus. She said 300 mothers' aid cases, now being handled by the welfare department, would be turned over to the division of public assistance, which also will administer old age assistance and aid to dependent children. The division is under the direction of Nathan H. Yelton.

Aid to the blind is to be administered by the state commission for the blind, of which Dr. Roma S. Cheek is secretary, and also gets under way July 1. Dr. Cheek has forwarded to Washington for approval plans for the program in this state.

Farm Youth Hold Future of Nation

The welfare of the nation largely is dependent upon the farm families of the south.

This keynote was struck at the Older Youth conference held at State College last week and attended by 101 North Carolina farm

boys and girls from Perquimans county in the east to Haywood in the west.

The family as an institution is the bulwark of the nation, but in the big cities the family is breaking down, said Dr. O. E. Baker, of the U. S. department of agriculture.

While the birth rate is declining seriously elsewhere, it still exceeds the death rate on southern farms, and in 100 years, he said, most of the nation's population will have descended from southern stock.

"You young people hold in your hands the destiny of the nation," he declared, "and you have within your power the ability to build up a country that will endure through the ages."

Col. J. W. Harrelson, administrative dean of the college, also stated that economic changes are bringing agricultural districts to the front, while great cities built largely on wealth produced elsewhere have already seen their heyday.

Dean I. O. Schaub, director of the State college extension service, pointed out that one of the major problems of agriculture is how young people who wish to start farming can secure land of their own. Few have the capital required to buy and equip a farm of any size.

Many Prizes Offered In 4-H Canning Contest

The National 4-H canning contest offering county, state, sectional and national prizes is again offered to club leaders, and every girl enrolled in a bona fide club is invited to compete. The contest is conducted by extension agents without fee or obligation of any kind.

Contestants are required to report the number of jars and kinds of food canned, how they were utilized, exhibits made and prizes won, demonstration and judging contests entered, assistance given other canning girls and housewives, and awards or recognitions received.

Many girls are able to earn considerable sums through this project besides the valued training they gain.

Each county winner is awarded a handsome gold medal, the state champion receives an all-expense trip to the national 4-H Club congress to be held in Chicago early in December, and college scholarships totaling \$1,000 will be presented the four sectional winners and national champion through the Kerr Glass Corporation, sponsors of the contest for the ninth year.

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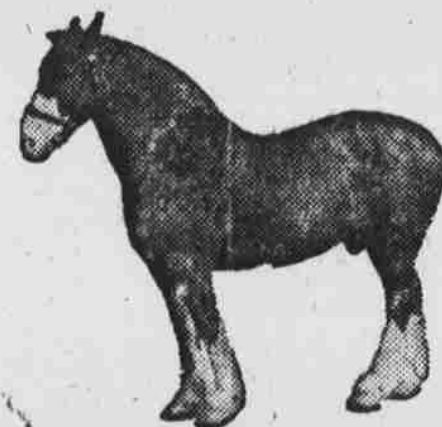
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