

Farm Boy Nets \$133 Profit On Brood Sow

How a Macon County farm boy netted \$133 on his brood sow was told this week by the county agent's office.

He is Eugene Gray, of the Otto 4-H club, and he was given the sow by his brother, when the latter went into service.

By selling 16 pigs at \$12 each, he grossed \$192, and he kept account of his feed and found that, after it was deducted, he had a net profit of \$133.

And he's doing other things in 4-H work.

He wrote a letter to the county agent early in the year asking for one of the dairy calves being sponsored by business men, explaining that he wanted to get a herd of registered Guerneys started.

He was one of the boys selected to receive a calf, and he had and showed his animal in Asheville and won a blue ribbon. Later, he brought the calf to the Achievement day program here, where it was displayed in a class of senior calves for judging purposes.

Eugene recently was elected assistant secretary and treasurer of his 4-H club.

FARMERS IN '46 USED NINE TONS OF PHOSPHATE

Agricultural Conservation Program For Coming Year Outlined

Macon County farmers participating in the Agricultural Conservation program put 8.68 tons of phosphate on pasture and cover crops in 1946, hereby conserving and improving the land, increasing their yields and income, and improving the nutritional value of their crops, according to Chairman Robert Fulton of the County Agricultural Conservation committee.

"Experts now agree that there must be certain quantities of certain minerals in the soil if life is to continue," Mr. Fulton explained. "These minerals are numerous and some are needed in only small amounts, but phosphorus—along with nitrogen, potassium, and calcium—is needed in larger quantities."

Mr. Fulton said that application of phosphate is only one of several important soil-building practices carried out in Macon County under the Agricultural Conservation program. ACP aims at more and better food for all consumers, as well as better land, higher yields, and profits for farmers, he said.

Farmers are now filling out 1946 farm plans, signing application for payments, and filling out 1947 farm plans in the AAA office. Farmers are expected to use more phosphate next year. Other major soil-building practices that will be encouraged during the new year are: use of lime, phosphate, potash, winter cover crops, permanent pasture, and alfalfa.

Under ACP, the government shares with the farmer the cost of carrying out soil-building practices and water-conservation measures. Additional information concerning conservation practices to be encouraged in Macon County during 1947 may be obtained from the county AAA office in the Agricultural building.

ed this week by Robert Fulton to complete soil conservation practices before December 31 and file performance reports at the local county AAA office.

Any approved conservation practices which farmers carry out up to December 31 will aid in achieving the farm goal for the year, Mr. Fulton explained. Lime received through the 1946 program must be spread before the end of the year if proper credit is to be given, he said.

Approximately 34,342 pounds of crimson clover, 60,345 pounds of Austrian winter peas, and 5,077 tons of lime have been furnished to Macon County farmers through the conservation program this year, he said.

TURKEY RAISING IS OPPORTUNITY IN THIS COUNTY

County Agent Seeks To Learn How Many Are Interested

By S. W. MENDENHALL (County Agent)

Turkey raising has long been an important enterprise in North Carolina because great quantities of turkey meat are required annually and its use throughout the year is becoming more popular.

Where conditions are suitable and proper methods of management are followed, turkeys can be raised successfully with very simple equipment; therefore, the capitol outlay in the enterprise may be quite small.

The practice of breeding poulters artificially is becoming more popular and is usually more successful than breeding with turkey hens. The methods used in artificial breeding are very similar to those used in raising chicks.

A few farmers have indicated their desire to raise turkeys. It is possible that, if there are enough interested farmers in the county, C. F. Parrish, our extension poultryman, would come to Macon County to help get this enterprise started. All persons interested in raising turkeys should contact the

State College Hints To Farm Homemakers

By VERA STANTON
Assistant State Agent

The holiday season may be sweet in many ways this year but not with very much candy. Home made candy is a great favorite both for its taste and for the fun of making it. Sugar is scarce but it will be worth your while to do a little looking for honey, molasses and corn sirup because there are sugar saving sweets to be made with these.

Dried fruits and nuts can be dressed up to take the place of candy. Dates, figs, prunes stuffed with nut meats and lightly rolled in sugar are something special. The Bureau of Human Nutrition and Home Economics gives this recipe which is popular with adults and children:

Fruit Balls: Wash and dry 1 cup prunes and 1 1/2 cups raisins. (If prunes are extra dry, soften slightly in water.) Grind through meat chopper, using medium knife. Add 1/2 cup chopped nut meats if desired. Mix well with 1 tablespoon lemon juice and a few grains salt. Make into balls, 1 rounded tablespoon mixture to a ball.

county agent's office so that it may be determined whether to request the help of Mr. Parrish

and roll in sugar. Store in a sprig, or dates—may be substituted for part or all of the able, other dried fruits—figs, prunes or raisins.

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