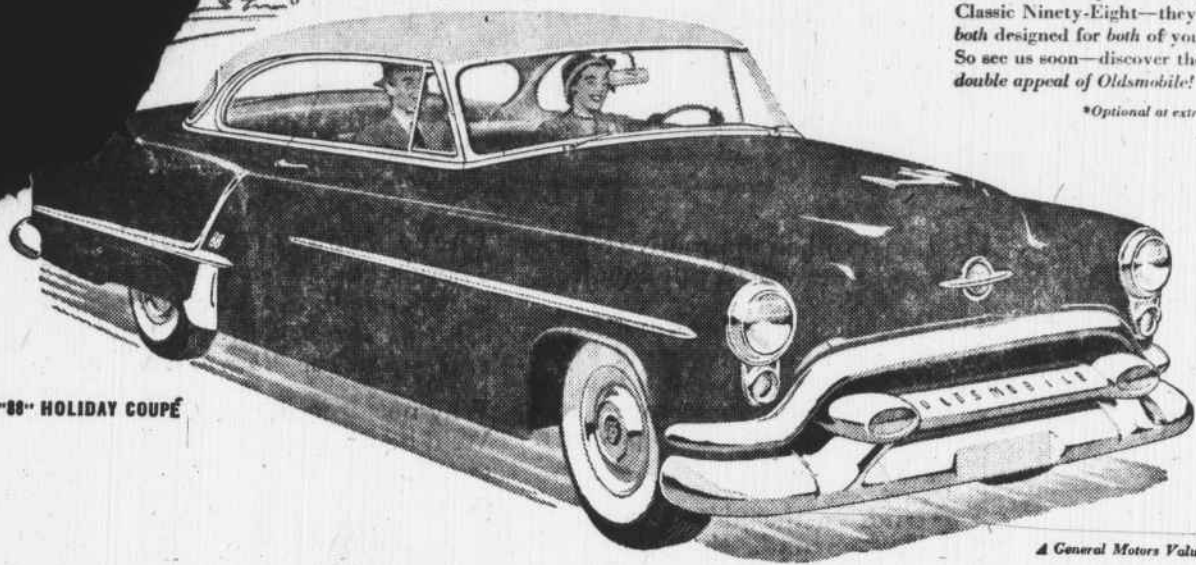


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## This Week With Macon County Agents

BY ROBERT M. RAY  
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What is the outlook for farming during the next few months? During the past six months this question has arisen in the minds of many of our farm people. Of course, no one can give a definite answer to such a question; however, there are indications of what we might expect during the next few years.

First, it seems to me that the period of farmers doing a haphazard job and still making money is about over. From here out, I believe farmers will have to do a better job of management and cut every corner possible to keep production costs at a minimum. This is true because prices are leveling off on most farm products. To the dairyman this means that he must produce the best roughage possible for his cows so that he can eliminate buying so much expensive grain and protein feed. A combination of good lucerne hay and silage, plus plenty of good roughage, seem to be the best roughage program for dairy cows. He must cull his cows very rigidly and obtain high production. Artificial breeding should be used and the dairyman should set a goal of 9,000 pounds of milk per cow.

For the poultryman, there is a great need for better sanitation. It takes a healthy flock of hens with good breeding behind them to pay their way. This year egg prices are exceptionally good; however, I do not advise a person to jump into the poultry business at this time. In all probability prices will not be so good next year.

If you have hogs you should breed your sows and try to raise large litters. Hog prices should remain good for the next several months. The beef cattle people can still make money by good management. Producing cheap roughage and good pasture are a must. Cows should be bred to drop calves in January and February, so that 500 pound calves can be

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produced on pasture during the spring and summer. Other factors that farmers should be concerned with are borrowing money, purchasing machinery, and expanding the size of the farm.

Credit, when used wisely, is a very good thing; however, in a period of price decline a farmer may find himself obligated for more than his income will justify. Borrowing should only be done in order to maximize farm profits. If you believe this can be done, then arrange for long or short term credit.

In my opinion 75 percent of the farms in Western North Carolina are over mechanized. According to records of unit demonstration farmers there is evidence to indicate that the more machinery on farms the lower the net income. It seems advisable not to invest in expensive machinery where it must be financed with borrowed money. If accumulated profits are on hand the operator prefers to buy machinery to make his operation easier, even though it won't pay economically. I see no reason why he should do so. A tractor to a farmer might mean as much to him as a television set for a city dweller.

If a farmer is considering

buying more land he should have it appraised on a long time normal agriculture value. That is, the farm should pay enough in good years and bad to pay for itself if cash is not paid or else pay a satisfactory return on his investment.

These are just a few things which farmers should be thinking about as they plan their operations for the coming months and year. The lower your production costs the more profit you can expect to make.

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