

Martin County Ranks High in Value Agricultural Products

Martin county as a community center and a place to live in has advantages equal to almost any other section of the world. It may be that there are some places offering peculiar conveniences that are not found here, but when the balance is struck, the county's average is fine.

Martin is among the old counties of the State, antedating the Revolutionary War by two years. The county was formed from Tyrrell and Halifax counties in 1774. Our first court house was built here in 1775 just below the river hill. This building was burned and a second court house was built on the brow of the hill on the north side of Main street in the year 1835. This structure also went up in flames in December 1883, a man said to have had an indictment against him for stealing coon skins having set it afire to destroy the indictment. The present court house was built immediately after the second one was burned.

Martin is just a little smaller than the average North Carolina county, embracing in its boundaries 438 square miles.

There are more than fifty white churches in the county or a church for every 300 white people. The average for the colored people is about the same as it is for the whites.

Recent reports from the office of the State Superintendent of Schools, the schools in Martin county measure up well with the State average.

Agriculture is practically the only source of income, the county leading all its neighbors in the value of crops produced.

We are bounded by Bertie, Halifax, Washington, Beaufort, Pitt and Edgecombe. These counties are very similar to Martin in that they depend almost entirely upon their agricultural resources. The crop income in these six counties is \$282 per year for every person in them, while the income in Martin is \$293.50 for each person which is equal to 45 per cent. more than the income in our six neighboring counties. These same counties, however, are 65 per cent. higher than the State average income per person which is only \$125 from agricultural sources.

While these figures apply to the income on a population basis, yet the income per acre basis also shows a good lead.

Taking all land whether cleared or wooded, we find the State's income to be \$10 per acre. Our six border counties average \$16.50 per acre and our county produces \$22.00 per acre. We

are 120 per cent ahead of the State's average and 33 per cent. ahead of that of our neighbors.

The acreage income for Beaufort was only \$8.50 against our \$22 while that of Bertie was \$9.35 per acre.

The crop values of Martin county in 1925 was \$6,707,975; Beaufort \$4,703,605; Bertie \$4,370,933. This shows that Martin has a lead over Beaufort by \$1,420,370 and over Bertie by \$1,753,051.

There are only two counties in the State with a smaller acreage than that of Martin and that have a greater agricultural income. They are Wilson and Lenoir, both of them having a much larger percentage of their lands in cultivation than Martin.

Martin ranks seventh in tobacco, thirty-fourth in cotton, twenty-fourth in corn, twenty-third in sweet potatoes, twenty-eighth in soy beans and second in peanuts, being excelled only by Bertie which produced peanuts valued at \$1,422,641 as against \$1,126,678 for Martin.

Of the 100 counties of the State, Martin was the only one that produced three money crops that sold for above the million dollar mark. Our tobacco, peanut and cotton crops, everyone going above that figure. A few counties produced three million dollar crops including corn. They were the larger counties and their three crops were cotton, corn and tobacco.

These figures are taken from our State and National Departments of Agriculture and apply to the 1925 crops. They embrace seventeen of

the leading crops, but do not include fruits and berries.

The following twelve counties, Allegheny, Avery, Cherokee, Clay, Henderson, Jackson, Mitchell, Swain, Transylvania, Dare, Tyrrell and New Hanover combined produced crops worth only \$10,000 more than those grown in Martin.

NOTICE

Under and by virtue of a judgment in the action entitled, "D. G. Matthews vs. W. J. Adams," the undersigned commissioner will on the 17th day of September, 1927, at 12 o'clock noon, at the courthouse door of Martin County, offer at public sale to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described tract of land located in Jamesville Township, and known as the Carey land, and now owned by W. J. Adams, and being the same land set out and described in a tax certificate of sale dated June 7, 1926, and the same land listed by the said M. J. Adams for the year 1925.

This the 17th day of August, 1927.
B. A. CRITCHER,
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