

Farm Price of Cotton Not Considered The Retail Price Factor

The improved farm prices of cotton in the past several months may not be considered determining factors in the relatively increased prices of finished cotton goods, says E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer at N. C. State College.

"Rather," Floyd reports, "the increased 'spread' of profit to the cotton manufacturer has been tagged as responsible for the rapid increase in the price of cotton products."

"While the farm price of cotton was moving up three cents a pound between June, 1940, and June, 1941, mill margins for cotton manufacture were moving up 11 cents a pound. Last May, when a consumer bought an ordinary dollar cotton shirt, he paid less than nine cents to the farmer who spent a whole year in producing the cotton that went to make the shirt—even less than the laundry price for washing the garment once."

"This year, for the first time in the history of the nation's oldest 'money crop,' the farmer has a government guaranteed price for cotton under the AAA loan program. The guaranteed price to the farmer, with loans at 85 per cent of the parity price, is 13.43 cents a pound for 1941 cotton, Floyd says.

The same labor employed in cotton manufacturing plants produced 110.7 per cent more cotton goods in March of this year than for the average month in 1940, Floyd adds.

On the basis of the consumer cost of the finished cotton article in March of this year the farm price of the lint used would have been 19 cents a pound, whereas it was actually several cents a pound lower.

"So, it is easy to see," the AAA leader concludes, "that the farm price of cotton is not pushing up the retail cost."

Terrific Fighting Is Reported Along the Russo-German Front

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other large German cities. Apparently realizing that Hitler's fate will rise or fall in his Russian campaign, the United States is forging ahead to render every assistance possible to the Russians. Priority in the delivery of strategic war materials has been given, but the reports state that the purchases will be paid for in cash.

There is a possibility that Britain will strike against Germany in the north probably around Norway. The reports indicate that plans for a hard blow against Germany from all sides are in the making, and that far-reaching developments are to be expected.

Tension over the Japanese situation, swinging backwards and forwards as the pendulum of the clock, is tightening according to late reports, but tension between Vichy and Washington is slackening. Japan has halted ship service to the United States, while Vichy last week-end assured the United States that Dakar would be defended against Germany or any other power. Three countries, Britain, Dutch and U. S., are working feverishly to strengthen their positions in the Far East, and it is expected that Japan will be told to make up her mind and act accordingly.

Little is being heard on the defense front in this country as the Congress debates tax bills and considers plans for retaining selectees in service. A tax bill, calling for stringent levies, has passed the House and is now before the Senate Finance Committee. A bill calling for the retention of selectees and guardsmen in the service an additional 18 months was said to be certain of passage in the Senate before adjournment today.

Price Administrator Henderson, testifying before a committee today, stated that the United States was on the brink of inflation.

Men From 46 States Make Up Division

Fort Bragg—From border to border and coast to coast, from the cities and the country soldiers have come to the Ninth Division. The nearly 14,000 men are from the amazing total of 46 of the 48 states and the District of Columbia. Latest statistics show only Nevada and Oregon without representation.

The largest number is from New York which has contributed 3,666, about one-fourth of the total. New Jersey follows with 1,459, Pennsylvania supplied 993 and the trend shifts to the midwest where Illinois has provided 942. Even farther west is Wisconsin, 745, followed by Kentucky, 724; West Virginia, 702; Texas, 638; Michigan, 440; North Carolina, the home of Fort Bragg, has 381 on the personnel roster, to top Ohio's 348, from where the geographic distribution moves to New England, listing 329 men from Massachusetts and 197 from Connecticut.

Others include: Indiana, 175; Oklahoma, 137; Georgia, 136; South Carolina, 133; Tennessee, 122; Virginia, 103; Florida, 92; Delaware, 83; Vermont, 70; New Hampshire, 66; Maine, 63; Alabama, 62; Rhode Island, 61; Minnesota, 56; Maryland, 48; Mississippi, 37; Colorado, 34; Missouri, 32; Louisiana, 26; Arkansas, 18; New Mexico, 17; Arizona and California, 16 each; Iowa and Kansas, 15 each; South Dakota, 10; North Dakota, 9; Nebraska and Washington, 6 each; Montana, 4; Utah, 3; Idaho, 2; Wyoming, 1.

American Troops Train for an Invasion



United States Marines, in cooperation with the army and navy, engage in invasion maneuvers near Jacksonville, N. C., and are shown establishing a beachhead on a theoretically hostile shore. Top left, they go over the side into a landing boat. Top right, a light tank is floated ashore. Lower left, the Marines hurry to the beach through the shallow water. Lower right, they drag one of their pack howitzers into position.



Philippines in U. S. Service



Philippine scouts are shown manning a heavy calibre machinegun during recent maneuvers on the islands. All Philippine troops have been integrated into the United States Army by order of President Roosevelt in answer to Japan's threatening invasion of southern Indo-China only 700 miles away.

Kin Oppose Hitler



Working with the British War Relief Society in New York, Bridget Elizabeth Hitler, estranged wife of Adolf Hitler's brother, Alois, is doing her bit to defeat her German kinsman. She is proudly pointing to her Aid Britain pin. Her son is in the Canadian army.

Mullins Market To Open Next Week

The greater Mullins tobacco market, with 12 mammoth warehouses and four sets of buyers, is all set for the opening next Tuesday, August 12th. Mullins warehousemen are busily engaged in completion of their organizations in anticipation of the opening on that day. Preparations are being made for the sale of millions of pounds of the golden weed to be handled on the warehouse floors in Mullins during the 1941 season.

An unusually large number of buyers representing more than a dozen different tobacco companies are arriving in Mullins now with their factory personnel and will be ready on August 12th to make their bids to the sing-song chant of the auctioneers.

Mullins is the largest tobacco market in the South Carolina belt and has had this distinction for a number of years, which is due in a large part to the utmost confidence tobacco growers, who sell in Mullins, have in the Mullins warehousemen. Growers know the ability of these men who have grown up in the tobacco industry and know that they will exert every effort to get top prices for every pound of tobacco placed on the warehouse floors.

There are 12 mammoth warehouses in Mullins, modern in every respect, and growers can always find space to put out their tobacco. Positively no floor space is reserved on the Mullins tobacco market—first come, first served. Mullins has the most expert auctioneers to be found in the tobacco business, auctioneers who are so alert and well-trained that no bid is ever overlooked.

Mrs. George D. Grimes has returned to her home near here after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. M. D. Tetterton, and Mr. Tetterton and infant son, Darrell Grimes, in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Yow and Mr. and Mrs. Mill, of Asheboro, visited Mrs. Ethel Anderson here yesterday, seasons this year. Supervisor Johnson said, "You can look for a live and hustling market in Williamston this year," Mr. Johnson added.

Plans for a series of good will meetings are being made, and the schedule will be released within the next few days.

Rate Is Tentatively Fixed At \$2.50 For Current Fiscal Year

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leading to the public library between the town hall and Attorney Wheeler Martin's office closed to vehicular traffic, and ordered the alleyway on the other side of the town hall kept open to traffic.

Rendering its report in accordance with an order issued at a previous meeting of the board, the cemetery committee, showing real signs of life and not sleeping as the name would imply, stated that titles to property adjoining the cemetery could be had only through condemnation proceedings in some cases. Such proceedings were ordered where necessary, the board agreeing to acquire properties through individual purchases where possible before instituting other proceedings.

Office hours for the new treasurer's office were fixed from 9 a. m. to 12 noon, and from 1 to 5 p. m. by the board.

The meeting last night was the first one held in the new treasurer's quarters, the officials leaving the crowded old quarters to the police department.

Training Programs For Civilian Safety

Nation-wide training programs for employees of local governments in such primary defense duties as air raid and sabotage protection are being urged as an "immediate necessity" by Mrs. Melville Muckleston of Chicago, president of the National Consumers Tax Commission. Mrs. Muckleston, who is a former national president of the American Legion Auxiliary, says that special training for employees of such municipal departments as public works, health, fire, police, and utilities is needed. These are the men and women who would be called upon to protect civilians from enemy bombs and to protect such essential services as municipal water works from sabotage should the nation find itself at war, Mrs. Muckleston says.

Wife Brutally Attacked By Husband In County

As a climax to a free-for-all fight here last Saturday night, Arthur Rhodes, colored, brutally attacked his wife with a pop bottle at their home on the Everett farm in Poplar Point Township. The blow was said to have cracked the woman's skull. Rhodes was said to have left immediately after the attack.

The trouble started when the wife, Lydia Rhodes, accused her husband with running around with "another woman" here. A fight followed in town with the husband and wife playing the leading opposition roles and with relatives and friends of the wife taking part. The first round was aired in Mayor J. L. Hassell's court at midnight, and the dangerous attack was made later in the county.

J. L. Peel Moving His Jewelry Store And Studio

The J. L. Peel jewelry store and studio, housed in the little shop next to P. P. Peel's, is moving to the Bowen Building just across the street today. Increased business and enlarged operations in his studio called for larger quarters, Mr. Peel explained.

Brighter Situation Is Created For Hog Grower

Ellis Vestal, swine specialist of the Extension Service, says more money in circulation as a result of the defense program has created a brighter situation for the hog grower. This has resulted in a favorable ratio between feed prices and hog prices. With hogs selling at 10 cents a pound and better, farmers and 4-H club boys may well afford to feed any pigs they may have, even if they have to buy some corn as well as protein and mineral.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

A bit of mystery surrounds the county's automobile accident record for the past week, officers stating that they had not been able to determine whether a man was run over or was otherwise hurt on the highway between here and Hamilton. He is not included in the list. Little damage was reported in the single sure accident.

According to Patrolman Whit Saunders, damage estimated at \$35 resulted, but no one was injured in an accident near the Pitt County line Sunday night.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

31st Week Comparison	
Accidents	Inj'd Killed Dam'ge
1941	1 0 0 \$ 35
1940	1 0 0 300
Comparison To Date	
1941	54 44 2 \$17,210
1940	56 37 2 6,770

This Week In Defense

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learn to operate the secret devices. War Secretary Stimson said 3,000 airplanes and 10,000 Air Corps officers and enlisted men will take part in maneuvers stressing coordination of ground and air strength in the Beaufort, La., area from September 1-30, in the simulated warfare between 50,000 men of the Second and Third Armies, and in the First Army maneuvers to be held in the Carolinas, November 3-30.

Defense Petroleum Coordinator Jeko's recommended 100,000 gasoline filling stations in all the eastern states be closed from 7 p. m. to 7 a. m. every night, effective last Sunday. He appealed for a voluntary one-third cut in consumption and said he hoped closing the stations in Eastern States nightly "plus the voluntary curtailment will be enough to put us across."

Priorities Director of Priorities Stettinius issued an order freezing all stocks of raw silk because of "unsettled conditions in the Far East." Mr. Stettinius announced a new plan to grant blanket preference ratings to projects which must be completed promptly. He issued a limited preference rating to 40 manufacturers of mining machinery and to 75 producers of cranes and hoists needed by defense manufacturing plants.

Agriculture OPM Director Knudsen told Agriculture Secretary Wickard the OPM will cooperate to meet shortages of farm equipment and machinery now hindering efforts to increase farm production. The Office of Price Administration revised its allocation program to increase storage space for farmers for the current grain harvest by increasing the quantities of steel and zinc for grain bin construction.

Materials The OPM Production Division formed a defense advisory committee of the pulp and paper products industry and said defense requirements will increase consumption of the industry's products by 2,000,000 tons this year and an additional 2,000,000 tons next year.

OPM announced plans to increase the scrapping of worn-out automobiles by 1,000,000 tons a year, and said one car provides enough scrap for a light cannon, and 20 cars, enough for a tank. OPM asked zinc producers to set aside 27 per cent of their June production during August for an emergency pool, and said the supply of fabricated alloy steel for aircraft manufacture will be tripled before the end of next year.

Labor and Employment Labor Secretary Perkins reported non-agricultural employment increased by 484,000 during June to reach a new all-time high of 38,799,000—an increase of 3,365,000 since June, 1940, and 1,800,000 more than the June, 1929, record. WPA

Some Gas Stations Violate Blackout

While all local filling stations are cooperating to the fullest extent by restricting their sales to those hours between 7 a. m. and 7 p. m., unconfirmed reports state that a few operators of stations near here are remaining open for business long after the scheduled closing hours. An unofficial investigation is said to be in progress, and it is possible that the distributors will be asked to withhold future deliveries if the reported sales are proven.

The movement is meeting with success, as a whole, but according to reports coming out of Washington today, rationing of the gasoline supply can be expected possibly after the Labor Day holiday, if not before.

Several local stations reported slight gains in their gas sales, but others stated they could observe little variation in their business volumes.

Double United States purchases from Latin America for 1941 are estimated at \$1,020,000,000, or double the normal value of Latin American exports to continental Europe.

employment dropped 77,000 and NYA, 96,000, she said. OPM Associate Director Hillman asked airplane companies to employ and train women in defense jobs without lowering wages or working standards.

The Navy, War and Commerce Departments jointly proposed the 60,000,000 Americans born in this country but without documentary proof of citizenship apply to State bureaus of vital statistics and similar agencies for "delayed birth certificates" to break the bottleneck by which native-born workers are barred from jobs in defense plants for lack of such proof of citizenship.

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Dates Are Fixed By Board Of Education In Meeting Monday

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ion that some arrangements should be made either by the county or the WPA to finish the projects. Several citizens were before the Board of Education and Board of Commissioners, but action on the projects was delayed pending an answer from the Works Progress Administration, it was learned.

At the present time, the WPA is constructing an agricultural building in Oak City. They plan to complete that project about mid-October. If those men are not transferred to the U. S. Highway 17 widening project, it is possible they will be assigned to the gymnasium projects.

There was very little business before the board, and the session was comparatively short. Children transferred from the Oak City-Hamilton district to the Robersonville district in 1933 are to return to their old district, the board ruled. Only a few pupils are to come under the ruling, it was learned.

Chairman J. D. Woolard, of Williamston; George C. Griffin, of Grifins; Leslie Hardison, of Jamesville; H. C. Norman, of Robersonville, and J. W. Eubanks, of Hassell, were present for the meeting.

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