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Thirteen Percent Drop In Tobacco Yields Predicted

Estimate Yield In Eastern Carolina Belt This Year At 441,000,000 Lbs.

The 1952 North Carolina flue-cured tobacco crop is estimated at 853,040,000 pounds, according to a report issued this week by the State-Federal Crop Reporting Service. This estimate is based on reports from growers showing the condition of the crop as of August 1. Hence, any improvement in the crop as the result of rains since August 1 would not be reflected in the August 1 estimate.

A 1952 flue-cured crop in North Carolina of 853,040,000 pounds would be 124,600,000 pounds or 12.7 percent less than the record 1951 crop of 977,640,000 pounds. The decrease in this year's flue-cured crop would be more pronounced if growers had not planted 8,000 more acres than last year.

The August 1 estimated crop of 853,040,000 pounds compares with the 1941-50 average North Carolina flue-cured production of 722,736,000 pounds and the 1950 crop of 858,140,000 pounds.

Extended dry weather and extremely high temperatures during June and July damaged the crop in most areas. The extent of such damage varied considerably, since some farms in a given area report better prospects than last year. The dry, hot weather caused upper leaves to scald and bottom leaves to burn. The dry weather retarded or checked growth altogether. In some instances early set tobacco had been harvested prior to the receipt of rain around August 1.

A North Carolina flue-cured crop of 853,040,000 pounds would result in an average yield of 1,143 pounds per acre. This compares with the record average flue-cured yield of 1,325 pounds in 1951 and the 1941-50 average yield of 1,120 pounds.

The estimated North Carolina yield and production as of August 1 is as follows:

Type 12 (Eastern Belt): Production of Type 12 tobacco (all in North Carolina) is estimated at 441,000,000 pounds. This compares with 510,890,000 pounds last year and the 1941-50 average production of 368,522,000 pounds. The 1952 type 12 yield is estimated at 1,225 pounds per acre compared with the record of 1,435 pounds last year and the 1941-50 average of 1,159 pounds.

Type 13 (Border Belt): Type 13 production is estimated at 119,040,000 pounds. This is 8,440,000 pounds or 6.6 percent less than last year's crop of 127,480,000 pounds, but exceeds the 1941-50 average production of 87,198,000 pounds by 31,842,000 pounds or 36.5 percent. As of August 1, the estimated type 13 yield per acre was 1,280 pounds compared with the 1951 record yield of 1,385 pounds and the 1941-50 average yield of 1,137 pounds.

The total U. S. flue-cured production is estimated at 1,265,620,000 pounds. This is 186,349,000 pounds or 11.5 percent less than 1951 production of 1,451,969,000 pounds. The 1941-50 average flue-cured yield is estimated at 1,137 pounds.

Motorcade Moved Out This Morning

Led by Williamston's High School band, the annual tobacco market motorcade moved out of here this morning slightly behind schedule but with plans to meet all the day's appointments. The motorcade, made up of about 25 vehicles, will touch just about every community in the county before returning from its last stop in Dardens late this afternoon.

Minor Accident At Jamesville

No one was injured and property damage was limited to about \$200-\$100 to each car—in an intersection accident at Jamesville yesterday morning at 7:30 o'clock. Daniel Jos. Belcher of Plymouth and Roy C. Cooper both were driving 1941 model Chevrolets. Patrolman J. E. Morton of Roper made the investigation.

Authorize Agency To Make Disaster Loans In County

The Secretary of Agriculture has designated all counties in North Carolina as areas in which Disaster Loans may be made. This announcement was made today by Mr. James C. Eubanks who is County Supervisor in charge of the Farmers' Home Administration's program in Martin County.

These loans are available to eligible farmers who have suffered substantial crop losses because of drought or hailstorm damage. In areas where pastures and feed crops have been badly damaged or destroyed by the recent prolonged drought the Farmers Home Administration is prepared to cooperate fully with other agricultural agencies and eligible farmers in an effort to immediately meet the need for feed that will be required to keep desirable production livestock on farms that otherwise would have to be sold because of the lack of feed.

LAST, "HALF"

Clerks, merchants and most office workers enjoyed their last half-holiday yesterday. In accordance with an agreement entered into last spring, all stores and business houses will remain open next Wednesday afternoon, the day before the market opening. The half-holiday schedule is readily accepted now, and there is a possibility that it will be observed over a longer period in the future.

Delaying 110,000 Line Connection

Tentatively scheduled for tomorrow, a connection between the local distribution system with a 110,000-volt line just west of Williamston is being delayed pending the completion of an inspection of the new line from a point near Aulander to the \$100,000 substation at this point.

It is expected that the new high-powered line will be engineered and that the switch will be closed next Monday, but the date is not definite, according to information coming from District Manager Roy Jameson. Everything is in readiness for the switch from the old 33,000-volt line from Tarboro to the new 110,000-volt circuit except an inspection which his being completed as rapidly as possible.

During the meantime, large crews of men are clearing the right-of-way for the construction of a 110,000-volt line from the station here to a point near Farmville via Washington and Greenville. A connection will be made with the Carolina Power and Light Company near Farmville, possibly sometime in December.

When the project is completed in its entirety, Williamston will have a three-way source of power, one from the station near Aulander, another from the Farmville end of the 110,000-volt line and one from the Tarboro end of a 33,000-volt circuit.

End Inspection Of Local Plant

Senor Enrique Gerrero and Ing. Octavio Mauero of Mexico City, Mexico, are leaving today to visit in Washington, D. C., and other chemical plants in the United States before returning home. These gentlemen have been here for several days studying methods of insect control and insecticides.

Senor Gerrero and Ing. Mauero expressed their appreciation to all Williamston people who have made their visit here so pleasant and stated that Williamston is where the expression "southern hospitality" originated. They also stated that if at any time anyone from Williamston should visit in Mexico City, the only calling card necessary for the return of this hospitality would be to let it be known they were from Williamston.

Both these gentlemen have expressed a desire to return to Williamston at some future date and declare that vacations in the future will most likely be spent in Eastern North Carolina.

Call Thirty-Seven County Youths For Preliminary Test

Thirty-seven young Martin County men have been called to report for pre-induction examinations in Raleigh next Tuesday morning. The group is scheduled to leave Williamston on a special bus and return late that evening.

Included in the list are more than thirty youths who underwent preliminary examinations some time ago. Twelve of the group making the trip next Tuesday are white youths, most of whom are making their first trip to an army examination or induction center. The names of those called include:

White: Claude Roberson Wilson, John Russell Revels, George Gray Corey, Julius Wade Forchard, Mayhew Jackson, David Earl Bunting, King David Leggett, Charlie Morton Rogers, Bennis Ray Hopkins, James Robert Williams, John Herman Beach and Andrew Paul Mobley.

Green Wave Band Plays To A Large Crowd Last Night

Presenting their annual Summer concert on the all-weather tennis courts at the high school grounds here last night, the Green Wave Band of Williamston High School drew the applause of the hundreds of young and old, friend and visitor and gave Director Jack Butler every reason to be proud of a job well done.

Swelled to a 65-piece band by the addition of old grads, including a number who closed their high school careers this spring, the organization tuned up with several chorals and then started the concert with a march, "The Cardinal," and followed with another, "Pursuit Squadron," the two being placed there so that the band could get the "feel" of playing in the open air where more volume is required than in inside work. Without a sounding board and in the open the band needed its power to carry over the crowd.

"Prairie Skies," an overture, proved popular as the third number on the program. A march, "Salutation," by Seitz, was fourth on the program, carrying more power than the two opening marches. "Grandfather's Clock," "When You Were a Tulp" and "Fort Bragg," followed in that order, the latter number, a march, drawing a chuckle from the audience as it was announced.

An overture, "Gallant Cadet," and a march-fox trot, "In the Little Red School House," arranged by Beeler, and a march, "Columbian" preceded the playing of the local favorite, "Red Rhythm Valley," which also featured a routine by the majorettes under the leadership of Miss Jackie Harris, a graduate of the 1952 band who also came back for a brief twirling and strutting routine during the only encore the band played.

The band's efforts were rated tops and full credit was given to the hard work of the youngsters, the cooperation of the former band members and the band parader. (Continued on Page Eight)

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Not one week out of the thirty-two this year has been without a motor vehicle accident either on the highways or town streets. Just now the accident count is holding to a high weekly peak, or about five wrecks per week.

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.

32nd Week		
Accidents Inj'd Killed	Dam'ge	
1952	6	1
1951	5	0
Comparisons To Date		
1952	147	30
1951	149	38
1950	148	34

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Bill of Rights For Korean Veterans

Most of the benefits to veterans of World War II have been accorded to the veteran of the Korean war period. The new G. I. bill of rights provides for free schooling, government guaranteed home and business loans, and mustering out pay.

Service on the Korean battlefield is not required for one to become eligible. Any service man honorably discharged since June 27, 1950, and who has had 90 days of service, will be eligible.

Veterans will be entitled to one and one-half days of schooling for each day of service after June 27, 1950, with a maximum of 36 months except for World War II vets. The veterans going to school will get \$110 a month if single, \$135 if he has one dependent, and \$160 if he has two or more dependents.

Mrs. Lula Daniels Died At Home Of Son Here Tuesday

Mrs. Lula Keel Daniel, a native of Pitt County, died at the home of her son, Mr. H. L. (Jack) Daniel here on South Haughton Street Tuesday evening at 6:00 o'clock. She had been in declining health for some time, but was active until early this year. Since that time she had received hospital treatment at intervals. Her condition was critical for several weeks.

The daughter of the late Robert and Virgil Ward Keel, she was born near Bethel 85 years ago on January 13, 1867, spending her early life there. Following her marriage to W. Edward Daniel in the nineties she made her home in Williams Township for a number of years. Since Mr. Daniel's death in the early thirties, she lived with her children, spending the last seventeen years here with her son, Jack.

Mrs. Daniel was a member of the Methodist Church at Holly Springs for many years, and was a kind and thoughtful neighbor. Surviving are three sons, Jack Daniel of Williamston, Ben Daniel of Portsmouth, and Darrell Daniel of Norfolk; a brother, Charles Keel of Hamlet; a step-son, Chas. L. Daniel, of Williams Township, and a step-daughter, Mrs. John White, of Atlanta; eleven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services are being conducted in the First Methodist Church here this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by the pastor, the Rev. R. E. Walston. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Native of County Died On Tuesday

J. C. H. Johnson, retired Martin County farmer, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. L. Sanders, in Rocky Mount Tuesday morning. He had been in declining health about two years.

He was born near Oak City 74 years ago and spent most of his life in that part of the county. After operating a store in Palmyra a number of years, he was forced by declining health to retire and he went to Rocky Mount to make his home with his daughter.

He was first married to Miss Mamie Bellflower and some after her death he was married to Mrs. Peck. Surviving besides his daughter, in Rocky Mount are a daughter, Mrs. R. W. Mewborn of Norfolk, and a sister, Mrs. Lucy Parker, of Graingers.

The funeral service was conducted in Scotland Neck yesterday afternoon by the Rev. J. D. Aycock, Methodist minister, and interment was in the Oak City Cemetery.

Memorial Service For Late Pastor

A special service, arranged as a tribute to the memory of the late Rev. James M. Perry, former Williamston minister, will be held in the Robertsonville Christian Church Sunday morning at the 11:00 o'clock hour, it was announced yesterday.

Mrs. C. Abram Roberson and Mr. Sherwood L. Roberson will conduct the service which will be broadcast over Radio Station WRRF. Pastor of the Robertsonville church for many years, the late minister was affiliated with several other churches in the county over the years, and the memorial service will be of interest to many throughout this section.

County Young Man To Get His MA Degree

Completing recently all the required work, William D. Harrison, son of County Commissioner and Mrs. William M. Harrison, will be awarded his mater of arts degree at special exercises to be held at East Carolina College tomorrow evening. The young man will continue as a member of the Beta Gamma fraternity.

Nematodes Damage Tobacco In County

Reporting Damage As High As Fifty Percent In Areas Fumigation Seen As Only Plan Now To Combat The Nematode

By S. A. Tuten Assistant Farm Agent

An examination of tobacco plants in many fields throughout the county has revealed that nematodes are present in large numbers. Much larger than last year. And losses ranging from about 10 to about 50 percent of entire crops have been observed. It seems advisable that all growers should examine their crop, or roots if stalks are cut, to determine whether or not nematodes are present.

Dry weather, undoubtedly, has been a big factor in reduced yields. However, much of the rim firing, premature yellowing and the hard-to-cure tobacco can be credited to nematodes. The following questions are a few which have been asked about the nematode problem. For more detailed information, with illustrations, see an article by H. R. Garris, Extension Plant Pathology specialist which appears in the August edition of the Progressive Farmer.

Q. What are nematodes? A. Nematodes which attack tobacco are very small worms. The two principal kinds have these names: Root knot nematodes and meadow nematode.

Q. Can they be seen in the roots of a tobacco plant? A. Only the Root Knot Nematode females can be seen with the naked eye. The male can be seen only with a magnifying glass.

Q. What are the symptoms? A. Root Knot Nematode: Elongated knots on the roots which vary in diameter from the size of a pencil lead to the size of your thumb.

Meadow Nematode: No knots are present. The roots develop a red-brown decay which first appears as small galls which eventually destroys the fibrous feeding roots and then the entire root system.

Q. How is the plant affected? A. The plants are weakened, frequently stunted, showing pale green to yellow leaves, excessive wilting on hot dry days and premature ripening. Brownish rim firing has occurred this year under dry hot weather conditions. Sunburn alone is usually more blackish in appearance.

Q. Why is the plant's growth retarded? A. The supply of water and plant food is slowly cut off as the nematode population increases. In some instances, plants will reach full growth before injury becomes severe. In such cases, the only above ground symptom is a rapid yellowing of the leaves.

Q. Are other crops grown locally attacked by nematodes? A. Austrian winter peas, sweet potatoes, clover, soybeans, lespedeza, cowpeas, Irish potatoes, beans, tomatoes, pepper and others.

Q. Do we have crops which are resistant to nematodes? A. Some crops resistant to root knot nematodes are oats, wheat, rye, crotalaria, peanuts, grass and many native weeds. Peanuts, however, are attacked by meadow nematodes. Both root knot nematode and meadow nematode injury has been identified in local areas.

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ANOTHER BARN

For the second time this season fire struck Farmer C. C. Fleming's Ball Gray farm and destroyed a tobacco barn near Jamesville on Tuesday of this week. A first one, less than 100 yards away, was destroyed last Saturday.

So far this season, six curing barns have been destroyed by fire in this county. The two Fleming barns were destroyed by fire in Jamesville.

At least.

Market Ready To Receive Tobacco Here On Monday

Warehouses Announce All Arrangements Made For Aug. 21 Opening

The Williamston Tobacco Market has completed all arrangements to start receiving tobacco next Monday for the opening of the new marketing season on Thursday, August 21, it was announced today by Blue Manning, sales supervisor. All warehouse personnel, including certified weighers, floor manager and others are already under contract and stand ready to enter upon their duties, it was pointed out.

While the date for receiving the first 1952 deliveries is possibly a bit early, local warehousemen pointed out that a number of farmers had tobacco already graded and needed more room to store the curings now coming up. At least, no early rush is anticipated under the conditions presently existing in this section, and opinions differ as to the amount of tobacco that will be offered for sale on opening day. It is agreed that there'll be no block sales on the floor opening day with the prospect that sales will continue light through the remainder of August and possibly well into September. Any way, Williamston warehousemen are ready to handle a small or a big rush.

It is estimated that 75 percent of the crop will have been harvested in this county by the end of this week. Quite a few farmers have already completed the harvest and many will complete the task this week and next with the certainty that some will not finish the harvest before week after next, not to mention a few who expected to wind it up in early September. The September harvest depends to a great extent on the activity of worms and other unfavorable factors.

Report From The Georgia Markets

Average prices by grades for Georgia Florida flue-cured tobacco during the third week of auctions held fairly steady at levels set the previous week. According to the U. S. Department of Agriculture lower quality offerings forced the weekly general average to the lowest point of the season. Sales throughout the belt continued heavy with a fairly large number of markets expected to break the block for the first time early next week.

Gross sales for the week ending August 8 amounted to 44,896,407 pounds for an average of \$50.26 per hundred. The average was \$2.81 below the high of \$53.07 established the previous week. Volume was only slightly less. Season gross sales now stand at 133,518,112 pounds averaging \$51.52 - or \$2.30 above the comparable period last year.

Some leaf, priming and nondescript offerings showed increases of \$1.00 to \$4.00 per hundred. On the other hand, most lugs declined. The price changes were principally \$1.00 and \$2.00 with more gains than losses. Cutters were generally unchanged.

There was a fairly sharp increase in the amount of common to fair leaf marketed. The proportion of nondescript was also slightly larger. Less lugs and primings appeared. Common to fair leaf, to who god lugs, low cutters and nondescript made up the bulk of sales.

The take of the Flue-cured Stabilization Corporation under the Government loan program dropped to around 13 percent of the sales last week. This was the smallest percentage received this year. For the season through August 7 deliveries to the cooperative were 5,215,303 pounds or 4.2 percent of gross sales.

To Dedicate Dam On October 3rd

Buggs Island, Va.—The John H. Kerr Dam and Reservoir located at this point on the Roanoke River will be dedicated on Friday, October 3, in ceremonies which will begin at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Lieutenant General Lewis A. Pick, chief of the Corps of Engineers, United States Army, will be the principal speaker and Congressman John H. Kerr of Warrenton, North Carolina, who represents the Second North Carolina district in Congress, will be the honor guest.

The Corps of Engineers is cooperating with the Committee in making arrangements for the dedication, which is expected to attract between 10,000 and 15,000 persons from the two states.

Three Local Youths Enter The Air Force

Three local young men, passing their examinations in Raleigh this week, left for basic training at Randolph Field, San Antonio. They were, Herbert Harrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Harrell, and Sammy and Joseph Hopewell, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hopewell.

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To Attend Farm And Home Week

Martin County will be represented at farm and home week in Raleigh, beginning next Monday. However, the women will have to do most of the representing since the men continue to stay in tobacco to get away for a week.

In addition to sixteen home demonstration club members who plan to spend a week in Raleigh, others are expected to attend some of the daily meetings. Those planning to leave Monday for the week are, Mesdames Temple Keel, William Fagan, T. H. Wynne, W. L. Ausbon, J. F. Wynne, J. A. Powell, Gilbert Rogerson, Inez Jackson, Charlie Beach, Clyde Roberson, J. B. James, Walter Wynne, June Harris, T. F. Harrison and Misses Janie and Louvenia Rogerson.

Minor Car Wreck Tuesday Evening

Damage, estimated at \$165, resulted, but no one was injured in an automobile accident in Bear Grass on the road leading toward Everetts Tuesday evening at 9:40 o'clock. Patrolman B. W. Parker reported.

Chas. F. Edwards of RFD 4, Greenville, was driving into Bear Grass and after passing a car he hardly had time to get back on his side of the road and sideswiped Mrs. Mattie Rogers Cowin's 1940 Ford with his 1937 model car, the officer said.