

# May Pea Crop So Far Has Brought Farmers \$100,000

## GROWERS TAKING A FAIR PROFIT

Most Elizabeth City Peas are Bringing \$3 a Basket Which Is Gross Profit of About 100 Per Cent.

May peas are now bringing prices on the Eastern markets which are considered profitable for the grower in this section. The latest quotations on Friday were \$2.75 to \$3.25 a basket and most of the May peas from this section were being sold at \$3.00.

At this figure it is estimated that the farmer who produced a good crop at reasonable cost is receiving a good return on the money invested. Those who produced inferior stock and a small number of baskets per acre are not faring so well.

The actual cost of producing a basket of May peas and delivering it in New York is estimated at from \$1.50 to \$1.75. This includes the cost of labor, seed, fertilizer, crates, commissions, freight, hauling and other costs of production and transportation. At \$5 a basket, therefore, there is a profit of \$1.25 to \$1.50 a crate. Taxes and interest on money invested subtracted from this gross profit represents the net gain.

On Thursday 22 cars were shipped and on Friday about 25 more started on their journey to the Eastern markets. The total value at this point of the crop shipped through Elizabeth City is perhaps something over \$100,000 up to the present time. Thousands of dollars are pouring into this section daily as a result of the shipments which are going out now at almost capacity.

Something of a shortage of labor is being felt as the picking season continues. In every field there are scores of pea pickers at work and still there is a demand for more. Pickers are now receiving 25 cents a basket. There is no indication that any considerable portion of the crop will be ruined for lack of pickers but most growers would feel easier in their minds were there a larger supply of labor.

## POTATO SEASON IN EARLY JUNE

Crop Looks Good and Price Prospect So Encouraging That Growers Hope for Best Season Since 1919.

Many farmers have begun to think about potato harvesting time as the end of the May pea season is nearing and interest will shortly shift to the spud market. It is generally believed that the condition of the crop in this vicinity is fairly good. Some think the rains have caused the potatoes to run too heavily to tops to the detriment of the potatoes but the majority believe there will be a good crop of excellent quality.

Prices quoted by the local commission men at the present time are around \$7 to \$7.50 f. o. b. Hastings, Florida. This is taken as an indication that the price f. o. b. Elizabeth City will at least be as high as \$5 to \$5.50 or even higher provided things move as expected.

Even should the f. o. b. price fall as low as \$4 there will be no cause for complaint as \$4 is considered to be a good money price for this section.

Plants are everywhere thrifty and some potatoes dug up for exhibition purposes about the size of walnuts have been shown about town. Hope is expressed that the crop will demand good prices and

## YOUTH'S ACHIEVEMENTS



O. H. Benson, the originator and organizer of boys' and girls' work clubs, junior extension clubs, and a well known lecturer, has attracted the attention of men and women high in the affairs of the nation, many of whom have personally cooperated with him in carrying on his splendid work among the youth of the country.

The subject of Mr. Benson's lecture at the coming Chautauqua, June 12 to 18 will be "Broadcasting Youth's Achievements," in which he will tell about his purpose in organizing these juvenile work clubs, encourage the growing boys and girls to take part in the business of production in their home community, whether this business be industry, trade, commerce or agriculture, and thus to make them better future citizens. He has taught countless thousands to love everyday work by infusing into it the spirit of contest, challenge and enthusiasm that comes from group effort.

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## WANTS STRAWBERRIES TO SELL WITH CREAM

E. M. Perry of Durants Neck is planning to rival the mythical botany expert who is said to have crossed the strawberry plant with milk weed to produce strawberries and cream. Mr. Perry, one of the progressive young dairymen of the section, will set out about three acres in strawberries which he plans to sell along with the cream he produces on his farm.

start another stream of money into the Albemarle as soon as the May pea season is over.

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## WORTH FARM IS A PRETTY SIGHT

Diversity of Truck Crops Grown an Indication of Opportunity Awaiting Truck Farmer in Albemarle

One of the best examples of what can be produced on a large scale on a truck farm in this vicinity is the W. A. Worth place on the Pasquotank river which is being operated by L. S. Parkerson.

At present May peas and strawberries are being picked and Mr. Parkerson complains that he cannot find sufficient labor to take his crop out of the field. One of the finest strawberry fields in this section is an important part of the farm. The field is five acres in extent and the plants set out last March are bearing heavily. Pickers are being paid 2 cents a quart and Mr. Parkerson says that they make more at that price than May pea pickers. The yield is 200 crates to the acre.

On two days this week, 700 crates of May peas were picked from a plot where 4 bags of seed had been planted. There are 25 acres in May peas all together. Mr. Parkerson used a 7-5-5 formula and three bags of fertilizer to one of peas.

"I could have used 200 more hands here Monday morning," Mr. Parkerson said Friday. "Some school children have been coming out after school and making from \$1 to \$1.50 before summer time," he said. "I wish more young white girls and boys would become interested in pea and strawberry picking."

Ten acres in cabbage will produce perhaps 2,000 crates, Mr. Parkerson estimated. There are also 14 acres in cucumbers, 25 acres in black eyed

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peas, 15 acres each in corn and hay and a 25 acre plot in which potatoes and cotton are alternated in 2 foot 3 inch rows.  
Mr. Parkerson is also superintending Willie Sample's farm. He produced ten car loads of radishes on Sample's farm this spring devoting 35 acres to that crop alone.

## TRUCK CROPS MOVING AT GREAT RATE NOW

Truck crops are moving in Pasquotank County at a great rate. Cabbage and strawberries are being shipped as part of many cars of May peas and the production is increasing daily. One solid carload of cabbage has been reported.  
The prices of cabbage and May peas are considered to represent a profit to the farmer. Strawberries were quoted at 18 cents a quart in New York while cabbage was going at \$2 to \$2.50. These prices cover all costs of transportation and production and leave a margin for the farmer to spend.

## Vegetables

Spring Cabbage, Spring Greens, Spring Onions, Squash, Beets, Turnips, New Irish Potatoes, May Peas, Strawberries.

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## MANTEO BRIEFS

Manteo, May 24—Lewis Feuerstein, a prominent business man and ice manufacturer of Norfolk, was here Wednesday on business.

Miss Holland Wescott, music teacher in the High School here for the last session, took her class to Fort Raleigh Wednesday on a picnic. All reported a grand time on their return.

J. B. Hooker of Wanchese was here Wednesday on business.

Mrs. A. B. Ballance, formerly of Hatteras, but now of Norfolk passed through here Thursday en route to her old home where she will spend some time visiting relatives and friends.

Lewis Simpson, salesman for W. J. Woodley & Co., Elizabeth City was here Wednesday in the interest of his firm.

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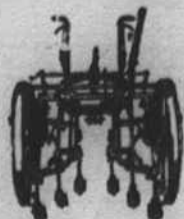
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