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SPECIALIST SEES FUTURE PROFITS IN RAISING HOGS

Rising Price Puts Producer In Favorable Position; Pointers Given

With the current trend of pork prices, North Carolina farmers are again finding a profitable source of income in the production of hogs.

Growers raising hogs for market should breed their sows about November 1 and May 1 each year, said W. W. Shay, swine specialist at State College.

By following this schedule, two litters can be produced each year so that they will be ready for marketing in September and April, respectively, when prices are usually highest.

The ideal marketing weight for a hog is around 200 pounds, Shay added.

Growers raising hogs for home consumption may vary the breeding date, but if they plan to sell some of their hogs, Shay said it will pay them to follow the recommended schedule.

Where pigs were farrowed in September, they should be weaned in October and early November. The weaning process should start by giving the pigs access to corn and fish meal or tankage. After about four weeks they should be taken completely away from the sow.

Castrate the male pigs before they are completely weaned, Shay recommended.

A self-feeder, in which food may be kept before the pigs at all times, will hasten their growth. Directions for building self-feeders may be obtained free from the agricultural editor at State College, Raleigh, N. C.

Give the pigs an abundant supply of pasturage on a lot that is not contaminated with worms. If worms once get into the pigs, they are usually there to stay, Shay warned.

Must Not Forget Children of Poor

By A FRIEND OF CHILDREN

The people of Washington County have never overlooked the children at Christmas time, and now we are ready to again go over our stock and see what we have to bless some little boy or girl again.

Many toys are put aside that can be repaired, repainted and made new, if given in time, and while no definite arrangements have been made for the distribution, you may rest assured it will be done right in line with previous year—with the Women's Clubs, the American Legion uniting with the churches, the fraternal orders, and local charitable agencies to see that no child is allowed to be disappointed.

The Federal relief has done much in providing warm clothing and other needs of indigent families, but it cannot fill the empty stockings on Christmas Eve, and now that the relief office is closing the opportunity to be personally helpful is greater than ever, and there is no worry about our people not doing their best as they have always done in the past.

Big Crowd Attends Roper Play Tuesday

Roper.—Upwards of 400 people attended the musical play, "Here Comes Arabella," that was presented by local talent in the Roper High School last night. Every seat in the large auditorium was sold. The entire cast performed well. The P. T. A. sponsored the show.

J. E. Aiken and his Carolina Aces, 10-piece orchestra, provided the music. Between acts Principal D. E. Poole sang and Miss Minnie Gay Marrow was crowned queen of the school over ten others. A fiddler's convention will be given in December.

Mrs. A. E. Davenport, president of the sponsoring organization, said "I wish to thank those who helped so willingly and generously in making the musical comedy such a success."

MRS. BRINKLEY ENTERTAINS

A most delectable three course dinner was enjoyed on Wednesday evening, November 13, when Mrs. David Julian Brinkley entertained the members of her contract club at her home on Adams Street.

Mrs. Sidney A. Ward having accomplished highest score during a number of interesting progressions received a novelty cigarette chest as prize while Mrs. Corinne Austin was presented a box of chocolates as low score prize.

The only special guest to the club was Mrs. Louis Horton.

Farm Notes

By W. V. HAYS, County Agent

Washington County had in 1935 106 corn-hog contracts, with benefit payments to the growers amounting to \$14,661.60, or an average of \$132.32 per contract. This compares to 89 contracts last year, with benefit payments to growers amounting to \$26,691.80. We will have corn-hog contracts for 1936, possibly permitting a greater number of hogs to be marketed but with a somewhat smaller corn acreage allotment.

Hog killing time will soon be here. Three important things about saving meat are bleeding the animal, salting only after all the animal heat is out of the carcass, and last, but still more important, clean vessels. Curing barrels should be thoroughly scalded and scrubbed with boiling lye water, then soaked and aired as much as possible until time to use.

This county is becoming fast a seed source for small grains, as far as our own needs are concerned. For two years J. C. Tarkenton has been sowing pedigreed Norton oats and rye and has had no trouble in disposing of the seed. Last year he had a small acreage to Abruzzi rye in which voluntary vetch did so well that a good mixture of vetch and rye were harvested together with a combine. Mr. S. C. Smithson harvested vetch with oats in 1934 with excellent results. It is next to impossible to save vetch seed alone on account of dampness. Edward S. Blount has seeded pedigreed Norton oats for seed purposes; so has Clyde Smithson. Mr. Tarkenton has somewhat increased his acreage to Norton oats.

Two years ago a well-known man who is quite an authority on cotton, stated that we would never have good cotton until we had better gins. We have the same gins in the county today that we had then, and records show only three gin-cuts bales have been ginned this year. Only one of those was due to faulty ginning, the other two was on account of damp cotton. A study of the classification sheets on cotton show that about 39 per cent of our cotton staple was 7-8 inch, while about 28 per cent ran 15-16 and 33 per cent one inch or better. This means that on 60 per cent of our cotton this year growers should receive a premium from \$2 to \$5 per bale. Information on hand indicates that part of this is due at least to the better seed which have been planted in the past few years. It would be very profitable, indeed, if all the cotton producers in the county would plant one variety of cotton. All the seed planted in the county by the county agent in the past three years have been of the Norton strain.

In one field we checked a beater type bean harvester against a combine. On four rows, the regular beater type got 5 bushels and the combine got 8 bushels and 15 pounds. Another patch checked 15 1-2 bushels with the beater harvester and the combine 25 bushels. In another field we got 15 1-2 bushels with the regular bean harvester and 31 1-2 bushels with the combine. These figures should help bean growers to figure out advantages, or whether to use a combine at prevailing prices.

Little Girl Hurt in Unusual Accident

Little Joan Stillman, the 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stillman, received a fractured collarbone last Wednesday when a refrigerator box fell over, pinning her underneath. A front leg under the box gave way when the little girl went to open the door of the refrigerator, causing it to topple over on her. The child was rushed to Dr. T. L. Bray for treatment and is reported as getting along nicely.

Sunday School Meet To Be Held Sunday

Roper.—The Lees Mills Township Sunday School Convention will meet Sunday, November 26, at Mount Zion, near Roper, at 2:30.

As this is the four hundredth anniversary of the English Bible, the program is centered mainly on the Bible.

W. B. Davenport will relate the history of the Bible and the Rev. M. L. Ambrose will make a talk on the influence of the Bible. D. E. Poole will sing a solo.

It is hoped that every church will be represented.

Southern Albemarle Association Meeting To Be Held Dec. 20th

Policies Governing Future Activities of Association To Be Formulated

"Inasmuch as we will be called upon to shape the policies of the future activities of the association, this meeting becomes the most important said C. W. Tatum, of Columbia, president of the Southern Albemarle Association, in regard to the meeting of the executive committee, which is to be held in the courthouse at Columbia on the morning of December 20.

Matters for discussion will include a correlation of the resolutions offered at the last meeting of the association, which was held in Columbia in October. These resolutions had to do with highway development of the Southern Albemarle Sound counties. Also publicity to be handled by Sheriff D. V. Meekins as well as maps and papers will be studied.

Included in the list of items to be discussed will be the devising of a scheme for development of the counties—Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell, and Washington—and their resources; consideration of the invitation to join a similar organization on the north side of the Sound; to devise ways and means of securing finances to defray expenses of the organization.

Members of the executive committee include four men and four women from each of the member counties, with the ninth person, the vice president of the association, representing a county each. These officials include M. R. Daniels, Manteo, Dare; W. W. Watson, Lake Landing, Hyde; J. E. Norris, Columbia, Tyrrell; Z. V. Norman, Plymouth, Washington.

Mr. Tatum urges that the members of this committee be present. These important matters that are to be attended to at the first executive committee meeting will be important, as decisions will be reached that will guide the organization.

Dry Storage Keeps Seed Corn Fertile

Seed corn should be stored in a dry, well ventilated place over the winter if it is to produce a good yield of high quality corn the following season.

Carelessly stored seed may so deteriorate during the winter that it cannot produce a good stand of corn, warns P. H. Kime, plant breeding agronomist at State College.

The ears of seed corn should not be thrown together in a pile, he added, but should be stored in such a manner that the air can circulate freely about each ear.

Given a chance to dry out thoroughly before cold weather, the seed will be able to withstand heavy freezes without injury.

Kime pointed out that a satisfactory hanger can be made with woven wire n d couple of two-by-four uprights. The meshes of the wire should be just large enough to permit the ears to pass through easily.

The uprights should be erected a convenient distance apart, with the board edges set at right angles to a line drawn between the two posts.

Place a length of the woven wire on each side of the uprights in such a manner that the complete rack resembles a double woven wire fence, with the meshes opposite and four inches apart.

The ears of seed corn can then be stuck through the meshes of both wires, where they will remain until ready for sowing.

Sometimes it is advisable to warm the storage room at first to facilitate the curing process. Kime added, but be careful not to raise the temperature above that of a comfortable living room, as too much heat will impair the germination power of the seed.

Local Young Man Enlists in Navy

Matthew Ransom Martin, son of Mrs. Estelle Martin, has enrolled in the United States Navy as an apprentice seaman. He was one of eight men going from this section. The waiting list of the New Bern station is very small, and any one making application will not have to wait very long to be enlisted.

Young Martin is a graduate of the Plymouth High School. He was a good baseball and football player. Also his work as a writer was outstanding as a high school student.

SAYS RIGHT WAY OF KILLING HOGS WILL SAVE MEAT

Farmer Who Uses Haphazard Methods Runs Risk Losing His Meat

The farmer who uses haphazard method methods and trusts to luck at hog-killing time runs a big risk of losing his meat.

The right way to kill hogs is just as easy as the wrong way, suggests R. E. Nance, professor of animal husbandry at State College, and with proper curing, it virtually assures successful preservation of the meat.

Many of the methods employed in "Dad's Time" were responsible for the heavy losses usually experienced. Nance pointed out some of the worst faults, as follows:

Hogs were usually killed on the coldest day of mid-winter, under the impression that the extreme cold helped preserve the meat. Bitter cold weather made the task difficult, and it was rushed through in too big a hurry.

A temperature of 28 to 40 degrees is preferable. The carcasses should be allowed to hang up overnight in the smokehouse so as to let all the animal heat dissipate before curing in started.

The custom of shooting hogs or knocking them in the head was prevalent. Then the hogs were dragged to a vat of water that was either too hot or too cold.

The bodies were bruised, the carcasses did not bleed properly, and the hair did not scrape off as it should. Stick the hogs, Nance said, allow them to bleed thoroughly, and scald them in water heated to 150 degrees, no more or no less.

Do not feed the hogs within 24 hours of killing time. Doing so wastes feed and makes the carcasses harder to dress. Do not cut up the carcasses until the next day, he advised.

Urge Road Body To Consider Needs of Albemarle Counties

Hundreds of Delegates From Each of Four Counties Expected To Attend

A request from the Southern Albemarle Association will go to the N. C. Highway Commission in Raleigh the early part of December asking that a special session be held to hear them present their program of development and improvement of Washington, Tyrrell, Hyde and Dare counties.

This request will be backed by a solid organization that has correlated their needs and desires for highway improvement into one concerted program of advancement for this section. A hundred delegates from each of the four counties are expected to attend. A committee, composed of Z. V. Norman, Plymouth, Washington, chairman; M. R. Daniels, Manteo, Dare; J. E. Norris, Columbia, Tyrrell; W. W. Watson, Lake Landing, Hyde; is at work preparing the program.

Other committees appointed at an executive committee meeting held in Columbia Wednesday are as follows: Rules: W. M. Darden, Plymouth; O. L. Williams, Hyde; D. B. Fearing, Manteo; C. Earl Cahoon, Columbia. Agriculture committee: E. H. Liverman, Plymouth; Roy L. Davis, Hyde; W. S. Sykes, Tyrrell.

Finance: D. B. Fearing, Dare; J. A. Polson, Hyde; W. M. Darden, Plymouth.

Fishing: L. S. Thompson, Plymouth; W. S. Carawan, Columbia; Jno. A. Meekins, Dare; and J. H. Jones, Hyde. Sheriff D. V. Meekins, of Manteo, was instructed to proceed with his publicity work.

Revival Begins at Mt. Tabor Sunday

Creswell.—Rev. J. H. Abernethy, of McLeansville, will conduct a series of revival services in the Mt. Tabor Free Will Baptist church, beginning Sunday morning, November 24, at 11 o'clock. The meeting will run through Thanksgiving.

Roper Methodists to Hold Service Sunday

Creswell.—In the absence of the pastor, there will be a layman's service held at the Methodist Episcopal church here Sunday morning, November 24, at 11 o'clock. E. R. Davenport, lay leader, will be in charge.

Agriculture Pupils Of Three Counties To Meet at Roper

Plans Made for Session at Meeting of Teachers In Creswell

Creswell.—Plans for a group meeting of students of vocational agriculture in schools in three counties to be held December 13 at Roper were made by teachers of the farm courses that met in Creswell yesterday.

Present at the meeting was R. C. Jordan, Jamesville; C. H. Floyd, of Roper; A. H. Tucker, Creswell; A. H. Guy, Columbia; and J. O. Cooper, Plymouth. Counties included Martin, Washington, and Tyrrell. Close to 200 students are expected to assemble for the Roper meeting in December to elect group officers and plan a program for their organization.

The agricultural teachers will work toward more friendly relations between chapters; visiting and observing others in Future Farmers of America activities; friendly rivalry in public speaking, stock judging and athletic contests; group father and son banquet; group picnic; promotion of rural leadership; encourage love for country life and promote vocational agriculture.

Harvest Soybeans For Feedings Hogs

Soybeans which have been grown with corn will yield a better profit when harvested, as compared to leaving the beans in the field to be gleaned by hogs.

Harvesting the beans is much better than turning hogs into the field to eat them after the corn has been removed, said L. W. Anderson, Perquimans County farm agent.

For a number of years, he said, farmers in that county have been growing soybeans with their corn, but did not try to harvest the beans, since the cornstalks prevented the use of a harvester.

Many of the growers were satisfied, as the beans improved the land and provided feed for their hogs without reducing the corn yield.

But some of the more thrifty farmers noticed that seed from most varieties of soybeans do not remain in the pod long after they become mature. They fall to the ground, absorb moisture, swell, ferment, and lose their feed value.

The fermented beans frequently cause stomach disorders, especially in young pigs.

With this in mind, some of the leading farmers began harvesting the corn as soon as it matured, and cutting down the stalks. With the stalks out of the way, they were able to save the soybeans with a harvester.

In this way, they are able to secure a normal crop of corn and of beans from each field, Anderson brought out.

Funeral Held for Andrew L. Ainsley

Funeral services were held in the Robertsonville Christian church on Tuesday for Andrew L. Ainsley, 48, of Greenville, native of Washington County and a brother of Mrs. J. T. Terry. Rev. C. B. Mashburn officiated. Mr. Ainsley, who was well known in this section, leaves a widow and four children.

Will Hold Service Thanksgiving Day

For the benefit of those who are thankful for the blessings which have been theirs this year, and wish to express it by worshiping in the "House of the Lord," a special Thanksgiving service will be held at the local Christian church Thursday, November 28, at 11 a. m. o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

MRS. SIDNEY SMITHSON HOSTESS LAST FRIDAY

The home of Mrs. Sidney Smithson was the scene of a most delightful bridge party Friday afternoon, from 3:30 until 6:30, when she entertained four tables of her friends.

High score for the two guests was presented Mrs. L. W. Bauman, an attractive cookie jar, while Mrs. Walter Starr received consolation prize, a set of coasters. To Mrs. William Roy Hampton, as high scorer for Plymouth guests, was presented an imported vase.

After a spirited game a most sumptuous chicken salad dinner with dessert was served.

Home and Club News

By Mary Frances Misenheimer

Schedule for Next Week Monday, Nov. 25, Plymouth 4-H Club.

Tuesday, Cross Roads. Wednesday, Cool Springs. Thursday, holiday.

Friday, Lake Farm. Saturday, Piney Grove.

Curb market Saturday morning, 8:30. Don't miss coming Saturday morning, Nov. 23. A surprise package is to be given to the customer who draws the lucky number. You are invited to attend. Come, see if you are the lucky one.

Mrs. Joe Browning led the sales this past Saturday, with Mrs. C. W. Bowen second. An attractive prize was given to the seller who drew the lucky number. Mrs. C. W. Bowen was the winner.

The final check-up on canned food was held in Cherry Club at the meeting last Tuesday. The amount canned for the year, which was 8,682 quarts, showed that there has been work done in that time. For the past two months 236 garments were made, and 10 families have improved their yards.

Mrs. R. W. Lewis' reports show she cleared \$56.50 this year from selling milk and butter. This was merely the amount she sold after using all that was needed at home.

I would like to see every family in Washington County own a cow, as it certainly pays, not only in money, but good health results if dairy products are used.

Soils Need Fertilizer Not Usually Given By Regular Methods

Manganese, Copper, Boron and Other Fertilizers Sometimes Needed

Many North Carolina soils need fertilizing elements not ordinarily supplied in the usual mixtures containing only nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash.

"For instance, the bright red color of cotton leaves in sandy areas of the State indicate a deficiency of manganese and in some instances, losses from this trouble amount to 10 or 20 percent of the possible cotton yield," says L. G. Willis, soil chemist of the North Carolina Experiment station. "It is possible to put dolomitic limestone in the fertilizers to supply the manganese, correct the acidity of the fertilizers and have an excellent effect on the soil. There also are other sources of the element and possibly, by supplying the needed manganese for two or three years, the soil deficiency will be corrected."

Mr. Willis has found that there is a need for other fertilizing elements in the different parts of the State. Some of these are manganese, copper, boron and others. On certain truck crops, such as lettuce, beets and spinach, 25 to 50 pounds of manganese sulfate to the acre mixed with the fertilizers often means the difference between success and failure with the crops.

A single application of 50 pounds of copper sulfate costing about three dollars has been effective for three year son drained swamp soils in making them more productive.

"We are constantly learning new facts about fertilizers," said Mr. Willis, "and as new soil requirements are identified it is almost certain that our methods of fertilizing will change. It is seldom realized that the soil of the State is continually changing. A part of this change is due to the removal of fertility by cropping and a part by leaching and this fertility cannot be fully replaced by simply making heavier applications of ordinary fertilizers."

Play at Colored School on Friday

Roper.—A bigger and better year's program is being launched this year by the Roper colored school parent-teacher association, according to J. J. Clemmons, principal.

Included in the new program is an effort to secure money enough to install electric lights in the school. The patrons of the community have given willingly for this purpose and the ninth grade is giving a play entitled, "Teacher Can I Go Home?" on Friday evening, November 22, in honor of contributing patrons.

HIGHER PRICES FOR FARM CROPS SEEN NEXT YEAR

Believe Demand for Products Will Be Greater During 1936

Washington.—The agriculture department predicted recently that the present "upward trend" in farm income will continue in 1936.

"The demand for farm products in 1936," the department said in its annual outlook report, "is likely to be greater than in 1935. Consumer buying power in the United States is likely to be increased in 1936; buying power of consumers in many foreign countries also is likely to increase."

Consumer buying power is increasing, the report declared, because of "improved industrial activity." The report said although there is expected to be some improvement in foreign demand for American crops, it also asserted that there are still severe import restrictions in foreign countries.

The report warned farmers against large production increases, saying they "would tend to check the advance in prices that might otherwise be expected."

Coming within a few days of the AAA's first movement toward enforcement of the compulsory potato control act for 1936, the report predicted the law would result in a smaller reduction in production than would have occurred normally.

Some reduction may be expected, the report said, and improvement in prices to producers is anticipated. But because of the law, "this reduction is expected to be materially less than would normally occur without the program, as a result of the low prices this year."

Livestock industries, the report said, are in the best condition in several years to benefit from increased consumer demand. Production of meat animals was said to have passed the low point, and an increase is expected, particularly in hogs.

However, the department said the total market supply of meat in 1936 was expected to be "little, if any, greater than this year," since some time is required for the more abundant feed supply and increased livestock production to result in larger market supplies of meat.

An improved outlook for the dairy industry was seen, with milk production expected to increase because of abundant feed supplies. Increases in consumer buying also were expected to help the demand for milk.

Relatively short supplies and high prices of poultry during the remainder of 1935 and the first half of 1936 were predicted and fruit production was expected to expand.

It said the cash income for farmers probably would be higher this year than in any year since 1929, with largest gains in the North Central States.

Legion Auxiliary Plans Year's Work

Donations to uncompensated patients at Oteen Hospital for veterans; gifts of clothing and cheer to needy children; purchase of library books or new shades for the school; a community sing to be held two weeks before Christmas with the public invited.

This is the plan for the next year's work of the American Legion Auxiliary, as outlined by Mrs. W. V. Hays, president. Three new members have joined the organization. They are Mrs. M. W. Spruill, Mrs. J. J. Rogers and Mrs. W. J. Jackson. Committees were appointed as follows: Finances, Mesdames C. McGowan, Zeno Lyon, H. A. Williford, and W. C. Jones; welfare, Mesdames E. G. Arps, W. H. Johnson and P. M. Arps.

Hope To Increase Roper Attendance

Roper.—On November 6th, the Roper High School ended its second month of work with an enrollment of 342. The average daily attendance was 307. The percentage of attendance was 92.

"This is a rather low average, and we are asking the parents of the Roper community to try to see that our average is improved next month. Please do not keep your children at home unless it is absolutely necessary. A child cannot pass its work when it is absent a large percentage of the time," Principal D. E. Poole stated this week.