

# Further Diversification Cited as Needed for Farm Independence

## Urgent Need for More Livestock Is Cited by College

Says After War Cotton and Tobacco Will Still Be Basic Cash Crops

For years more livestock and more diversified farming have been proposed as the solution to southern farm problems. Usually the suggestions become more numerous and more emphatic in times of economic distress, and subside considerably in periods of relative prosperity. Today the critical war and defense picture, with the consequent disappearance of the cotton export market, is used to emphasize the need for a shift to livestock farming.

A considerable gap between the preaching of more livestock and the practice of keeping them has persisted over the years. Although livestock numbers have increased a little in periods of low incomes from cotton and tobacco, they have been reduced again following increased returns from these crops. But in recent years a tendency is noted for a net gain in livestock numbers to persist from cycle to cycle. This tendency is most evident in numbers of milk cows and helters, somewhat less so for all cattle, and not very evident for hogs.

In spite of these gains, livestock numbers on southern farms in 1940 were not greatly different from those of 1920. In thirteen southern states, on January 1, 1940, were 17.6 percent greater than in 1930, but were about the same as in 1920. (This increase between 1930 and 1940 for all southern states, excluding Oklahoma and Texas, was 29 percent.) Hog numbers increased 39.5 percent between 1930 and 1940, but on the latter date they were still 15.3 percent below the number in 1920.

The farm families of the South themselves, in the need for more and healthier food, represent the greatest potential outlet for livestock products. This is a market that is not affected by the export situation or by fluctuations in non-farm employment and purchasing power.

Southern diets have been particularly deficient in dairy, poultry, and beef products. Therefore, much of the production from these acreage increases would be fed to livestock to supply butter, milk, eggs, and meat. Cows used for home milk consump-

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The importance of these livestock enterprises will vary among areas just as the natural resources vary. Even in those areas remaining relatively more specialized in crop production, there will be room for, and need for a home-production base of livestock with a little surplus for sale as a sideline income.—Excerpts from address by S. F. Johnson, U. S. D. A., before conference at N. C. State College.

Nearly two million milk cows would be required to supply the under-consuming portions of the urban population with a minimum adequate milk supply. Large increases in beef, pork, and poultry products would also be needed.

The post-war farming pattern in most areas of the South will probably find cotton and tobacco maintaining their place as basic cash crops, but on smaller acreages per farm, and perhaps on even less total crop land than today. If part of the present farm population can find permanent non-farm employment, more land per capita will be available for those who remain on farms, and the basic cash-crop enterprises can be supplemented with livestock enterprises on most farms of the South.

## Good Flocks Need Exceptional Care

It's astonishing to see how many poultrymen expect of their chicks and Mother Nature, declares T. T. Brown, extension poultry specialist at State College.

On one farm one can find from 500 to 1,000 or more chicks crowded into a brooder house no larger than 12 by 14 feet. On the farm next door one will probably find a large brood of chicks in a house with practically no ventilation and a suffocating temperature.

Yet these poultrymen wonder why

their chicks do not live and thrive, and sometimes throw up their hands in disgust at a business in which there is no money.

Growers who are getting satisfactory results with their present methods of raising chicks should not change, Brown said.

Many farmers fail because they try to follow the advice of too many persons. For instance, one poultryman may be attempting to follow the recommendations of several feed salesmen, the county agent, and the vocational teacher, as well as the advice offered by neighbors.

Although there is no one set way to raise chicks, the farmer should select one system and stick to that

at all times. The chances of his success, if the system is good, will be greatly enhanced.

The extension poultrymen at State College have worked out a system which many farmers are using with a great deal of success, Brown said. Each new recommendation in the business of poultry raising which they make is first tested thoroughly through experimental work and through practical field observations.

The farm agent in each of North Carolina's 100 counties is acquainted with these recommendations, and growers interested in poultry production may secure advice from this source.

### TERRACING

Demands for the service of the Cabarrus County terracing unit increase each year, with enough work booked now to keep the outfit busy for the next three months.

### DISEASE

Black Shank, a serious tobacco disease, has broken out in many new places in Pitt County this year, reports S. J. Keeks, assistant farm agent of the N. C. State College Extension Service.

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