

County Farm Agent's Column . . .

Cooper Compton cattle leads stock sale again; average \$175 an animal

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For three consecutive years Cooper Compton, Cedar Grove tobacco and beef cattle farmer, has topped the Hillsboro Feeder Calf Sale.

This year he sold 17 feeder calves — four of them graded prime, nine choice, three good, and one medium for \$2,975. Four of his heifers sold for 37 3/4¢ per pound, and the average price received by him was \$175 per animal.

Asked how he maintains this superiority, Mr. Compton gave credit to good breeding and ample feeding. He pays particular attention to the choice of bulls, having used some of the best Aberdeen-Angus bulls in the county on his farm.

Of course, he has good pastures and supplements these by creep-feeding his calves with a grain mixture. The Comptons have successfully combined tobacco production with beef cattle for many years.

Tobacco Tests Concluded

Tobacco specialists from State College will visit the farms of Elbert Allison, Hurdle Mills, Draughan Rountree, Cedar Grove, and Harvey Ray, Memane, to grade and weigh the tobacco from their test plots. Each of these farmers is trying out an experiment in cooperation with State College.

Mr. Ray, by the use of variable amounts of phosphate, wanted to find out whether heavy applications of phosphate had beneficial results on tobacco. Mr. Allison is testing the effects of deep plowing and the deep placement of fertilizer under tobacco, while Mr. Rountree is experimenting with the different methods of applying fertilizer to tobacco.

These producers have harvested the tobacco from each experimental plot and have graded it and placed it into separate piles. The tobacco specialist, along with government grader, will visit each of these farms Tuesday and will weigh and grade each pile of tobacco.

Similar tests are being run all over the state and data from all of these will be summarized by State College Experiment Station.

Control Alfalfa Weevils

There has been a considerable increase in the acreage of alfalfa in the county this year due

Aids of Farm Bureau cited in current drive

The initiation this year of an expanded program designed to tap the full potential of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation was cited this week by Orange County Farm Bureau President Oscar Compton as the "most significant advance in opportunities for Farm Bureau members in many years."

The main function of the Farm Bureau, Compton said, is to maintain an authoritative flow of farmer opinion on agricultural issues. The organization is owned and operated by farmers, and is the largest farmer organization in the United States.

to the fact that it has been proven that fall application of heptachlor can control alfalfa weevil. Farmers should make immediate preparation for applying this insecticide.

The recommended date is from Oct. 15 through Nov. 15, and 30 pounds of 2 1/2 per cent granular heptachlor has consistently given the best control. This year heptachlor impregnated fertilizer has been approved. Don't graze alfalfa after heptachlor has been applied.

Women voters to discuss revenue sources in unit meetings

Four units of the Chapel Hill League of Women Voters meet next week to examine and discuss the sources of revenue in the town, county, and school district, as a background for understanding the complicated and recurring problems of school finance.

Unit meetings of the League are open to any interested women. The same subject is covered at each of the four units. They will be held as follows: Tuesday, Oct. 16 at 10 a. m. at the home of Mrs. Dan Okum, 526 Dogwood Drive, and at 8 p. m. at the home of Mrs. John Gulick, 1029 Highland Woods; Wednesday, Oct. 17 at 8 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Robert Wetach, 615 Greenwood Rd., and Thursday, Oct. 18 at 10 a. m. at the home of Mrs. W. E. Haisley, 317 Burlage Drive.

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