

FARM NEWS REVIEW AND FORECAST

Market News Summary

Editor's Note: Following is a summary of market price information for the week ending November 26, 1954, as gathered and edited by the Market News Service, N. C. Department of Agriculture.

Prices continued to decline and quality of offerings became lower this week on the Eastern Belt flue-cured tobacco markets. Sales were held only three days this week due to the Thanksgiving holidays. Volume for the three days totaled almost five million pounds for an average of 46.82 per hundred. This average was 3.06 below the previous week's average.

Losses also occurred on average prices for practically all grades of Middle Belt tobacco sold this week. Gross sales for the three-day week amounted to a little over six million pounds for an average of 45.83 per hundred. This was a drop of 3.22 from last week's average.

Soybean prices were generally stronger at local markets this week and closing prices for No. 2 yellows were reported at mostly 2.77 per bushel. Shelled corn prices were generally steady with No. 2 yellow reported at 1.70 to 1.80 in the piedmont section and at mostly 1.57 to 1.60 in the eastern area. No. 2 white corn brought 1.57 to 1.60. Wheat, oats and milo were generally steady with No. 2 red winter wheat reported at 2.10 to 2.25 per bushel; No. 2 red oats at 85 to 90 cents and No. 2 yellow at 2.75 per hundred pounds.

New York reported a dull sweet potato market at the close with bushels of cured Porto Picans from North Carolina wholesaling at 4.75 to 5.50.

Live poultry prices were steady to one cent lower in the Central North Carolina area this week.

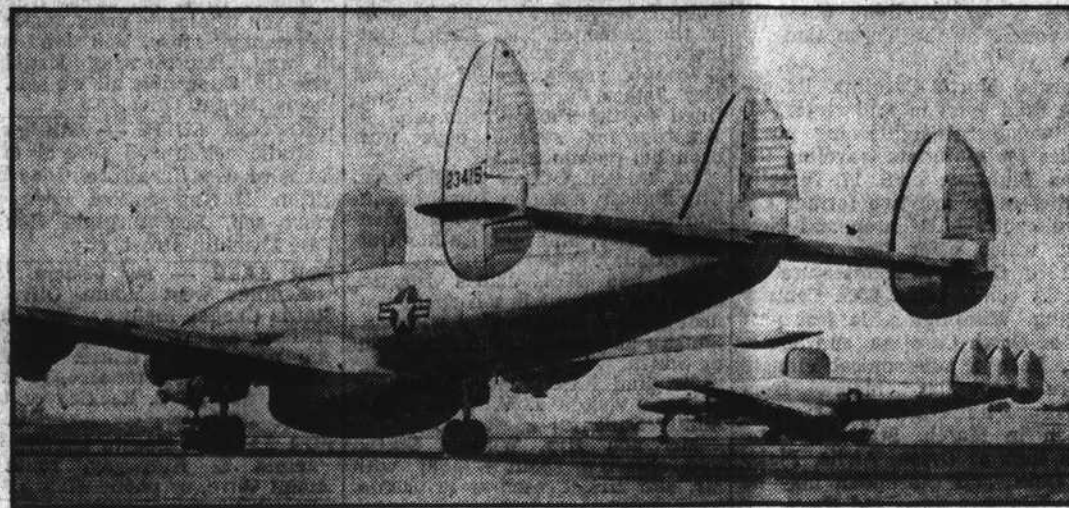
with farm pay prices reported at 17 to 19 cents per pound. Heavy hens were steady to firm and ranged from 18 to 20 cents per pound. Fryers were generally weaker in other leading areas for production. Closing farm pay prices were reported at 16 1/2 to 18 cents per pound in the North Georgia section; at 15 to 17 in the Shenandoah Valley, and at 16 3/4 to 19 3/4 in the Delmarva area.

Eggs were irregular on the Raleigh and Durham markets. Local grading stations paid 44 to 46 cents per dozen for A, large in Raleigh; 35 to 27 for A, mediums and 32 for A, large. In Durham, prices for A, large were reported at 45 to 47; A, mediums at 32 to 34 and B, large at 32.

Hogs were irregular at local buying stations during the week with top hogs closing at 19.00 to 19.75. In Chicago hogs were weak to 25 cents lower and closed at 19.65.

Cattle prices were stronger in Chicago. Slaughter steers were steady to 75 cents higher and heifers were steady to 50 cents higher. Cows advanced 25 to 75 cents and bull were steady to 50 higher. Vealers were generally steady. The bulk of good and choice steers brought 21.00 to 27.25 while good to low choice heifers ranged mostly around 20.25 to 24.25. Utility and commercial cows were reported at 9.50 to 12.00 and utility and commercial bulls at 12.00 to 14.50. Good to prime vealers brought 17.00 to 22.00.

The price of cotton advanced 1.20 per bale on the nation's fourteen leading markets this week. Middling 15/16 inch averaged 33.84 cents per pound on Friday. This compares with 33.60 last Friday and 32.78 on the corresponding date a year ago.



BUMPS OF KNOWLEDGE—They're humpbacked and potbellied, but these specially equipped Constellation have perhaps the keenest eyes in the sky. The bulges are jam-packed with radar equipment and the planes, which are designed to cruise for 24 hours at a stretch, are part of the Joint U. S.-Canadian network now under construction. They'll be used in conjunction with surface units operating off the nation's coastline to guard against surprise attack.



QUESTION: Why is it best to transplant perennial flowers in early autumn?

ANSWER: Soon after leaf fall in autumn there is a period of active growth which continues until the ground freezes. If this root growth can take place just after the plants are divided and replanted, the plants will suffer less setback and give better performances next spring and summer.

QUESTION: How can I keep my subfloor from decaying?

ANSWER: Roll roofing or other effective moisture barrier, laid on the soil beneath a basement building, has proved to be a cheap, effective, and practical means of reducing crawl-space dampness, which frequently leads to decay of subfloor timbers.

QUESTION: Should sink-type garbage disposal units be installed in suburban and farm homes equipped with septic tanks?

ANSWER: Only if the septic tank has sufficient capacity to handle the extra load. If a garbage disposal unit is attached to a system the capacity should be about one-half more than is needed normally.

Jordan's Chapel

(By Mrs. Arnold Jernigan)

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hollowell of Stevens Mill spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Carol Britt.

Mr. and Mrs. William Westbrook and children of Salemburg spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Westbrook.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Jackson of Pleasant Union visited Troy Jernigan and Louise last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Westbrook and children of Grantham spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Westbrook.

Mr. and Mrs. Fredell Jackson of Faison spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Jernigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Butts and Kathleen of Seven Springs spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Melvin Wadsworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Williams, Mrs. Marion Weaver and Richard Weaver attended a birthday dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sutton of Kenly last Sunday honoring Mr. Weaver on his 74th birthday.

Mrs. Kate Thornton and Mrs. Marie Denning of Newton Grove visited Mrs. Isabelle Cherry last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Best of Vann's Crossroads spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Thornton.

Miss Karon Sullivan spent the weekend with her aunt, Mrs. Kenneth Howell, of Goldsboro.

Mrs. Leamon Britt, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Worth Parker, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Buck Cotton, Jr., of Reidsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Westbrook and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Malpass of Mount Olive last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Butts of Fayetteville visited Mr. and Mrs. George Wadsworth last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Gregory of Newton Grove spent the weekend with Mrs. Rosia Harris.

Marvin Buoy of Fayetteville spent the weekend with his aunt, Mrs. A. U. Britt.

Mrs. Merribelle Jernigan visited in Goldsboro last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Williams and Brenda spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Thigpen of Stevens Mill.

Mr. and Mrs. Brazil Best and children of Suttontown visited Mr. and Mrs. Carol Britt Sunday.

Mrs. Emma Rutter, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Allen, visited Pvt. Sam Rutter of Fort Jackson, S. C., last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Bryan, Jr., and son spent the weekend with relatives in Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowden Thornton of Bentonville spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lib Jernigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Granger Westbrook and sons spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Pinkney Rose of Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Massey visited Mr. and Mrs. Grover Edwards of Bentonville last Sunday.

Mrs. and Mrs. Claudie Hall and children of Grantham visited Mr. and Mrs. John Joyner last Sunday.

Corbitt Hill

(By Mrs. L. L. Weaver)

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Dail and son Sammy spent last Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Bob Miles, and family of New Bern.

Nora Keene, who spent last summer in Willow Springs where she was employed, is spending a few days here with her sister, Mrs. Dora K. Denning.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Westbrook and sons of Newton Grove were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Lee Harrell and family last Sunday.

Denver Lee Cotton, who is employed in Virginia, spent last weekend here with Mrs. Cotton and his mother, Mrs. Addie B. Cotton.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Westbrook of Jordan's Chapel visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Denning and children last Sunday.

Mrs. Miriam Cotton is a guest of her mother, Mrs. Julia Jackson, of Clinton this week.

Mesdames Estelle D. Weaver and D. L. Cotton visited with Mrs. Neve Cotton of Crossroads last Saturday.

James Shackelford, who is employed in Virginia, spent last weekend here with his family.

Mac Denning of Eureka spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. Weaver and family here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harrell and children visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Sutton, in Mount Olive.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Williams and children of Clinton visited Mr. and Mrs. Edd Harrell last Sunday.

Mrs. John Thompson celebrated her birthday at her home here on Sunday. All her children and close friends and relatives served a basket dinner and showered her with nice gifts.

Rev. Hubert Thompson of Goldsboro visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson, Sunday.

Stanford

(By Mrs. Maude Vernon)

Mr. and Mrs. Roby Leonard and son Randy of Lexington spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Randall Hargrove.

Mrs. James Roberts is an operative patient in Wayne Memorial hospital.

Miss Clara Kornegay and Gilbert Shook of Fayetteville were supper guests of Mrs. E. W. Brock and family Wednesday.

Sgt. George Smith of Moody Air Force Base, Valdosta, Ga., who is spending a 30-day leave at his home here, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Willis at Nashville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Head and children of Seven Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Jackson of Goldsboro, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sullivan and Miss Inez Sullivan of Mount Olive visited Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Kornegay during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle Lassiter of Kinston, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wiggins and daughters of Clinton, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brock of Mount Olive, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Brock of Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Seymour and children, Mr. and Mrs. Brinkley Taylor and baby, Mr. and Floyd Taylor of Goldsboro, and O. M. Walker of Calypso visited Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Brock during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Randall Hargrove visited Mr. and Mrs. William Waters and son David in Raleigh last Sunday.

Col. and Mrs. Fred Barnes and children of Camp Lejeune visited Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Merritt Sunday.

Mrs. Maude Vernon returned last Saturday from West Orange, N. J., where she visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Vernon.

New Tables Tell About Milk Yield

Dairymen can get a reliable estimate of how much milk a young cow will give at maturity by using tables giving "age conversion factors" which they can obtain from the Department of Agriculture.

"Age conversion factors" cannot only help an individual farmer decide whether a young cow is worth keeping, but also furnish the means of making an early analysis of her sire's desirability as a breeding animal.

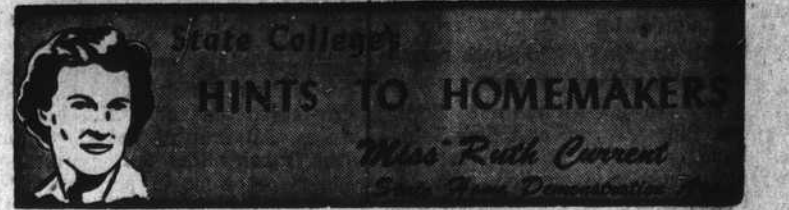
The "conversion factors" used by USDA in estimating a cow's capacity vary slightly with the age of the cow and with different breeds, but they are simple enough so that anyone can use them. Farmers can obtain tables giving the conversion factors from the Dairy Husbandry Research Branch, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C.

These tables have been used for many years by scientists conducting the nationwide Dairy Herd Improvement Association's sire-proving program.

Within the last year, the figures have been revised to reflect more accurately difference in production of animals of different ages. Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, and Shorthorn, are included.

The new conversion factors cut possible margin of error in estimating a cow's mature production to a minimum, according to a DHIA spokesman.

It is estimated that 46.5 per cent of the 1954 corn acreage in North Carolina was planted with hybrid seed—the highest rate of hybrid seeding of record.



HINTS TO HOMEMAKERS
SOAP AND WATER GET THINGS CLEAN—Wash ash trays in soapsuds; mere wiping with a dry cloth won't remove stale ash odors.

Avoid bathtub "rings" by using a spoonful of synthetic detergent in the bath water. Scouring powder on a soapy cloth cleans enamel surfaces twice as fast. Four hot suds in the toilet bowl before scrubbing with a long-handled brush.

Can Openers—Keep them clean. Wash with soap and hot water after each use. Food left on the blade may spoil, contaminating food as other cans are opened. For the cutting wheel (wall or hand model) use a soapy brush on the cutting edge. Every now and then, treat this type to a quick sink-soaping without soaking. Oil the mechanism at intervals.

Furniture—Dusting and polishing keep surfaces bright and attractive only if the wood beneath the polish is really clean. "Dry" soapsuds, applied with a soft cloth in a circular motion, are excellent to wash wood. Do a small area at a time, wiping with an almost-dry rinse cloth, then a bone-dry cloth.

Hatbands—Men's leather sweatbands collect oil and soil. Turn the band up from the hat, scrub with soapy brush, wipe with rinse cloth.

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Milton Negro News

(By Gloria Jean Cobb)

Mrs. Cora Bell Cobb and granddaughter left Monday afternoon for Philadelphia, Pa., where she will spend the holidays.

Pfc William Blount has returned home from Korea.

Mrs. Alma Spivey and daughter, Bernard Loftin and daughter and Miss Gloria Jean Cobb visited Mrs. Lula Loftin last night. Mrs. Loftin is on the sick list.

Walter Kelly, Miss Otina Kelly and Walter, Jr., and Little James Boyette spent Sunday in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Janet Bass.

Isador Price of Seven Springs was a visitor in the home of his son, Bernard Loftin, on Friday.

Damage to the North Carolina peanut crop was minimized because of a lack of usual heavy rain accompanying a tropical storm.

Farm Briefs

The number of persons at work on U. S. farms during the week of October 24-30 dropped about a million and a quarter from the month earlier to a total of 9,973,000.

Despite the serious drought, the USDA officials expect this year's total farm output to be only two percent below the highest record.

Average prices paid by Tar Heel farmers for most feed items declined or remained unchanged during the month ended October 15, with all mixed dairy feed prices dropping five per cent per hundred.

Tobacco led all Tar Heel crops in value of sales in 1953 accounting for \$456,942,000 or 50.6 per cent of the cash receipts from all commodities sold.

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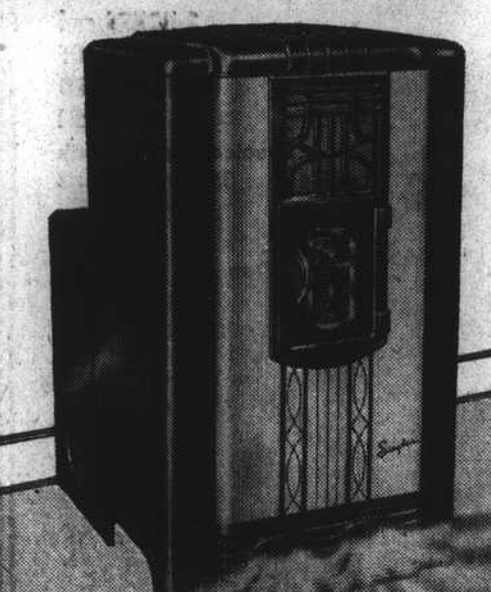


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