

Market Report For Week Ending Oct. 2

Editor's Note: Following is a summary of market price information for the week ending October 2, 1953 as gathered and edited by the Market News Service, N. C. Department of Agriculture.

Most average prices advanced one to three dollars per hundred during the second week of sales on the Old Belt Blue Cured tobacco markets. Quality of offerings was lower and volume of sales remained light. Season sales through Thursday amounted to almost 23 million pounds for an average of \$1.02.

Better quality grades of tobacco continued to advance on the Middle Belt markets but poor and low quality leaf grades declined from 1.00 to 4.00 per hundred.

Volume of sales was not particularly heavy but total volume for the week amounted to more than any of the previous four weeks this season. Gross sales through Thursday amounted to some over 42 million pounds, averaging 53.33 per hundred.

Only slight changes occurred in prices paid on the Eastern Belt markets—these ranging from 1.00 to 2.00 per hundred. Volume of sales remained heavy and quality of offerings about the same. Season sales through Thursday totaled some over 320 million pounds for an average of \$7.23.

Prices weakened slightly on the Border Belt markets as quality of offerings dropped because of a larger percentage of nondescript. Volume of sales remained fairly heavy and season sales were raised to a little over 319 million pounds for an average of \$6.93



SHOULDER TO SHOULDER—Jaycees Bud Belk, Ken McCurry and Bucky Wright spread asphalt for all-weather tennis courts at Black Mountain. Hundreds of such civic projects are competing in the 1953 "Finer Carolina" contest sponsored by Carolina Power & Light Co. (Photo by Edward L. Dupuy Jr.)

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Iona Cut Green Beans, 2 No. 303 16 oz cans	25c
Ann Page Preserves Strawberry, 3 16 oz jars	\$1.00
Ann Page Tomato Soup, 4 10 1/2 oz cans	35c
Jane Parker Donuts, 1 doz pkg	19c

Corn—Shelled corn prices continued to weaken at most of the state's markets this week. No. 2 yellow corn ranged from 1.65 to 1.70 per bushel in the piedmont section and from 1.48 to 1.55 in the eastern area. Wheat and oats remained fairly steady.

Hog prices declined 75 cents to 1.00 per hundred at local buying stations this week. Closing tons ranged from 23.50 to 24.75 with most markets reported at 23.50 to 24.00. In Chicago, hogs declined 1.50 to 2.00 per hundred with a closing top of 24.12 reported.

Cattle prices were steady to week on the Rocky Mount and Rich Square auction markets this week. Fat butcher beef cows brought 10.00 to 12.00; good fat heifers, 13.00 to 14.75; and good fat yearlings 20.00 to 20.00. Medium to good steers were reported at 12.00 to 15.00 and good fat butcher bulls at 14.00 to 15.25.

Cattle prices were irregular in Chicago where choice and prime slaughter steers closed steady to 25 cents higher and calves fully 1.00 higher. Heifers were steady to fully 50 lower, bulls 50 to 1.50 lower and cows steady to 25 higher.

Fryers and broilers declined one cent per pound in the Central North Carolina area this week with farm pay prices reported at 26 cents per pound. Heavy hens were steady and ranged from 23 to 25 cents. In other leading southern producing areas fryers were generally steady. Closing farm pay prices ranged from 25 to 27 1/2 cents in the North Georgia area; 25 to 26 1/2 in the Delmarva section and 25 to 26 in the Shenandoah Valley.

Eggs remained steady in Raleigh where local grading stations paid 63 to 64 cents per dozen for A, large; 52 to 55 for A, mediums, and 52 to 55 for B, large. Durham also reported a

steady egg market with A, large at 63; A, mediums at 49; and B, large at 53.

Auction sales of sweet potatoes closed steady on the Benson and Magnolia markets Friday. Bushels of Porto Ricans were reported at mostly 2.40 to 2.80 in Benson and 2.20 to 2.60 in Magnolia.

Cotton prices remained about steady at several of the state's leading markets. Middling 1 1/32 inch cotton ranged from 34.00 to 34.50 cents per pound and strict low middling from 32.00 to 33.25. Spot cotton prices declined 1.25 per bale on the nation's ten leading markets this week. Middling 15/16 inch averaged 32.63 cents per pound on Friday. This compares with 32.86 last Friday and 38.29 on the same date a year ago.

N. C. Farmers To Enter Soil Contest

At last there is a contest for adults.

Farm owners for nine Western North Carolina counties will participate this fall in a soil conservation speaking contest with a chance to win more than \$1,000.

Frank Doggett, soil conservationist for the N. C. State College Agricultural Extension Service, says farmers from Madison, Buncombe, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Haywood, Cherokee, Swain and Clay who are cooperating with the work in their soil conservation district will compete for a \$50 first prize, \$10 second prize, and \$5 third, fourth and fifth prizes in the Western district contest.

The title of the speeches will be "Democracy at Work in My Soil Conservation District." Sponsor of the contest, first of its kind ever participated in by Tar Heel farmers is the Soil Conservation Commission of the Asheville Agricultural Development Council, Inc. The winner of the area contest will compete for the state prize on November 27 and the national prize on December 16. The latter a prize of \$1,000, plus an all-expense paid trip to the 5th National Convention of the National Association of Soil Conservation Districts at New Orleans, La., February 25-29.

"This is the first time to my knowledge," says Doggett, "that any area of North Carolina has participated in the national contest. It should be very helpful in spreading the word about the organization and work of soil conservation districts."

Doggett said the contest is open only to active cooperators within the soil conservation districts of these Western counties. Additional details may be obtained from county agents, vocational agriculture teachers, or local soil conservation district supervisors.

STATE COLLEGE HINTS TO FARM HOMEMAKERS

EGG COOKERY - A pinch of cornstarch and one of powdered sugar added to the yolk of the eggs bright, clear, and light as an omelet from collapsing.

To keep yolks of hard-cooked eggs bright, clear, and light around the edges, avoid over-cook-

ing. The secret of all egg cookery is low temperature.

Egg yolks will keep for several days in your refrigerator if you cover them with cold water.

Whites of eggs are more easily separated from yolks when the eggs are cold; egg whites beat up to more volume if they are at room temperatures when beaten.

Juice from a jar of olives will give deviled eggs a delicious flavor.

A stirred custard is done when it coats the spoon; longer cooking will not thicken it but will cause it to curdle.

To divide an egg evenly when the recipe calls for only one-half egg, beat the whole egg, two tablespoons of the mixture is equivalent to one-half egg.

If a portion of egg yolk accidentally falls into the white, a cloth moistened with cold water and touched to the yolk will remove it, or a piece of the shell touched to the yolk will remove it.

North Carolina's 1953 Burley tobacco production is estimated at 19,775,000 pounds, down from the 20,160,000 pounds produced in 1952, but well above the 10-year average of 15,567,000 lbs.

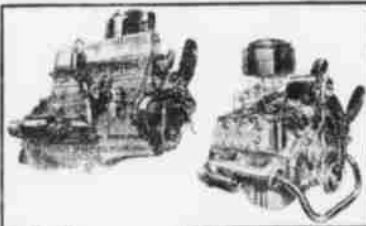


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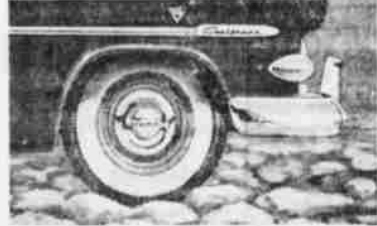
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