

## Hoke ASCS News

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**FARM PROGRAM SIGN-UP DEADLINE NEARS** - Friday, April 9, 1971 is the last day for producers in Hoke County to sign up to participate in the Feed Grain, Wheat or Cotton Program for 1971.

The 1971 Feed Grain, Wheat and Cotton programs are voluntary in nature and are authorized by the Agricultural Act of 1970. The program makes use of a set-aside principle in which a farmer participant agrees to set aside a percentage of his crop acreage from production and devote it to an approved soil-conserving use. These set aside percentages are twenty (20) percent for feed grain and cotton and seventy-five (75) percent for wheat.

After making his set aside, a producer is free to plant his remaining cropland as he desires, except for national quota crops, which are tobacco, peanuts in this area. A farmer also needs to sign up in the 1971 feed grain, wheat and cotton program in order to qualify for price support payments and loans on eligible production.

**"PREVENTED PLANTING CREDIT" AVAILABLE FOR FEED GRAIN PRODUCERS** - North Carolina Feed grain farmers who are unable to obtain enough blight-resistant corn seed to plant 45 percent of their feed grain base may receive "prevented planting credit," according to H.O. Carter, State Executive Director for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation

Service. This means that producers who qualify and make the required certification will not have their feed grain bases reduced for failure to plant corn.

Farmers receiving "prevented planting credit" may plant the acreage which would have been put into corn to other crops if they choose, providing they are not quota crops.

To qualify for "prevented planting credit" a producer who has a farm with an eligible feed grain base must file a request at the County ASCS Office not later than 15 days after the end of the normal planting period for corn in the county. For North Carolina, the deadline for filing requests is June 15.

The request form is available at the County ASCS Offices. On it, the producer will note which seed dealers he tried to obtain blight-resistant corn seed from.

The producer will also certify he was unable to obtain sufficient blight-resistant corn seed to plant at least 45 percent of this farm's feed grain base.

After all requests are filed, the County ASC Committee will first check with local seed dealers and then notify producers of the action taken by the Committee on the requests for "prevented planting credit."

Blight-resistant corn seed is either N seed (normal cytoplasm) or B seed (blend).



**SOLDIER KILLED** - A Ft. Bragg soldier died in a Durham hospital Friday following this one-car wreck on 401 near Bowmore Thursday. His companion received a cut on the foot.

## Deaths And Funerals

**O.F. O'Brian**  
Graveside services were held last Thursday at Shiloh Presbyterian Church cemetery for Otho Franklin O'Brian. O'Brian, 77, who died Wednesday, was a retired farmer.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ollie Keith O'Brian; a daughter, Mrs. Wilbur Watkins of Raleigh and two grandchildren.

**Mrs. Sarah M. McBryde**  
Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah Margaret McBryde of Shannon were held last Thursday at Antioch Presbyterian Church by Dr. Robert G. Hall. Burial was in the church cemetery. Mrs. McBryde, 83, died March 30.

She is survived by two sons, James Fulton McBryde of Red Springs and John B. McBryde of Maxton; two daughters, Mrs. Catherine Phillips of Red Springs and Mrs. James Veasey of Aberdeen; 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

**Harvey Cole**  
Kendrick Harvey Cole, 76, died Monday in a Lillington rest home. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at Raeford Methodist Church by the Rev. Herman Winberry and the Rev. R.C. Mooney. Burial was in Raeford Cemetery.

**Mrs. Lena Womble**  
Funeral services for Mrs. Lena Seagroves Womble of Rt. 1 Aberdeen will be held Thursday at Farmville Presbyterian Church, Rt. 4, Sanford by the Rev. Allen Smyth and the Rev. J.D. Hales. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Mrs. Womble, 76, died Tuesday. She was the widow of James B. Womble.

Surviving are a daughter, Miss Mildred Womble of the home; a son, James B. Womble, Jr. of Rt. 1, Aberdeen; a sister, Mrs. Troy Matthews of Rt. 4, Sanford; a brother, T.W. (June) Seagroves of Rt. 4, Sanford; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.



## Income Help Cited For Small Farmers

Small farmers in every corner of North Carolina have at least one opportunity to expand their income.

The Agricultural Extension Service has identified over a dozen crops which can be grown with little expense on a small acreage. Most of the crops do require a fair amount of hand labor, however.

Among the crops being suggested for farmers with limited resources are pickling cucumbers, trellised or staked tomatoes, peppers, pole beans, okra, strawberries, and Christmas trees. Other possibilities include feeder pigs and manufactured milk.

Extension workers also say that a well planned home garden can be worth \$500 to the average farm family. Furthermore, home gardeners can sometimes earn money by selling fruits and vegetables to nearby markets.

Extension specialists and agents have put together a set of recommendations for small farmers, which they are calling "North Carolina's Limited Resources Program." Farmers who are searching for more income are urged to visit their county extension agent to get more details on the program. Extension workers say it is possible to earn \$1,200 from an acre of staked tomatoes. Strawberries can bring a farm family as much as \$1,100, pole beans \$500, pickling cucumbers and peppers \$400, and okra \$250.

In addition, a good farmer can expect to get \$500 worth of vegetables from a one-acre home garden, and earn \$600 per year from a six-sow brood herd. Some of the best small farm opportunities in the mountains are said to be tomatoes, strawberries, and Christmas trees. Piedmont farmers have opportunities in pickling cucumbers, pole beans, okra and manufactured milk. Coastal Plain farmers have income opportunities in strawberries, okra, pole beans, pickling cucumbers and tomatoes.



## New Vaccine Could Save 2 Million N.C. Layers

An important scientific breakthrough for the poultry industry is now being applied on Tar Heel farms.

U.S. Department of Agriculture scientists have developed a vaccine against Marek's disease, and poultrymen are vaccinating their flocks by the millions.

Dr. Robert Cook, head of the Department of Poultry Science at North Carolina State University, estimates that the vaccine could save \$7.5 million annually for Tar Heel poultrymen alone.

Marek's disease is a tumor producing ailment which causes mortality in about 15 percent of the average laying flock. Death usually comes in the late pullet or early egg laying stage, when the birds are the most valuable.

Dr. Cook estimates that the vaccine could save as many as 2.5 million layers annually in North Carolina, and each layer would have a value of about \$3.

North Carolina has advanced in recent months from the nation's fourth largest producer of eggs to the third largest producer. The Tar Heel laying flock is currently placed at 18 million birds.

Cook said the Marek's vaccine is for poultry what polio vaccine is for humans. The vaccine, a virus, was developed at the USDA laboratory at East Lansing, Michigan. It was isolated from turkeys, which are not generally susceptible to the disease. The vaccine was licensed for use by the U.S. Department of Agriculture on March 1.

There will be a STATED COMMUNICATION of RAEFORD LODGE No. 306 TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 1971 at 8:00 P. M. All Members Cordially Invited There will be degree work Lester Sessions, Sr. Master

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