

Kenneth Hendrix Added Crop This Year

Irrigation Helps First 'Cuke' Crop

Kenneth Hendrix this year grew 65 acres of cucumbers for the first time and has been more successful than average, judging by the results. This has been in the Blue Springs community of Hoke County.

He said Thursday irrigating the crop "probably paid off." His harvest season, longer than the average, and probably because he irrigated.

Larry Locklear, Hoke County Agricultural Extension associate agent, said last week the regular span of the harvest for cucumbers is about three weeks, starting

about the end of the first week of June.

Hendrix said his picking, done by 39 to 41 people, started about June 5 and he expected it to continue through this week and possibly longer.

He said the 10 migrant workers with the crews have been picking seven days a week, and the others, Hoke County people, many of them Hoke High students, 5½ days a week. All have been working eight to nine hours a day doing the harvesting, he said.

Starting production this year provided these extra part-summer

jobs. One of the harvest crews, numbering 12 to 13 high school and college students, is supervised by Phil Summa. Hoke High physics and chemistry teacher and wrestling coaching, leaving to enter law school.

Kenneth Oxendine supervises a crew of 17-18, some of whom are Hoke High students.

Hendrix is in a family operation with his father, Earl Hendrix, and brother Gary, helping this summer on his vacation between semesters at North Carolina State University at Raleigh.

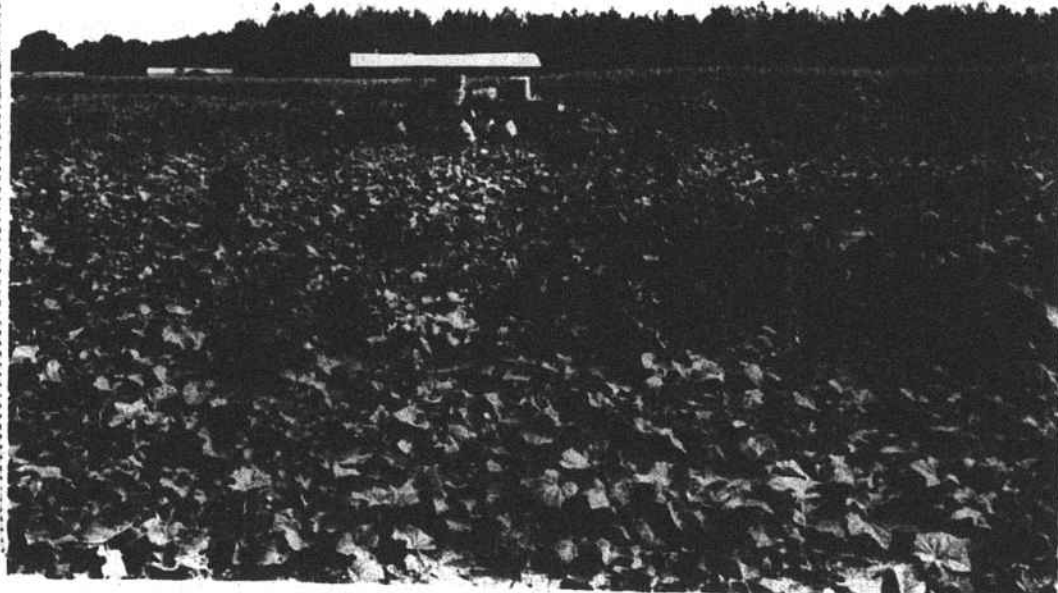
The Hendrixes also produce soybeans, corn, tobacco and hogs.

Locklear said the yield of corn, produced on about 60 acres adjoining the cucumber fields, would reach about 120 bushels per acre, because of irrigating done on it. He said that without irrigation the yield would be about 60 bushels per acre. For evidence he pointed to a corn crop in another field on another farm. The corn appeared to be less than half the height of the Hendrix crop. Locklear said the shorter corn hadn't been irrigated.

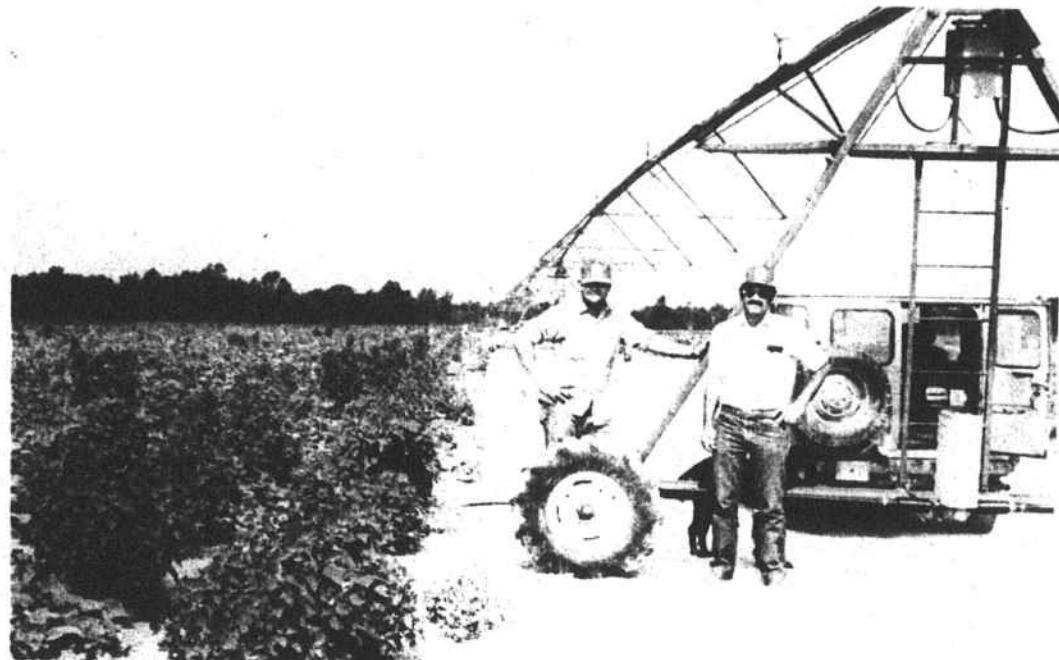
Hendrix uses a pivot irrigation system that can water 50 to 60 acres at a time without being moved.



Puddles from irrigating stand on road between tall corn on Hendrix farm. Irrigating is credited with being the main reason the corn grew tall as it has this season. [Staff photo by Bill Lindau.]



A crew picking cucumbers on Hendrix farm Thursday morning. [Staff photo by Bill Lindau.]



Kenneth Hendrix (left), Associate Extension Agent Larry Locklear, and Red Bone, Hendrix's companion, with portable irrigation equipment on the road between cucumber fields Thursday morning. The equipment also has been irrigating the corn crop. [Staff photo by Bill Lindau.]

Housing Tips

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FUEL-EFFICIENT VACATION DRIVING

The cost of operating a car has doubled since 1970 to over 25 cents a mile for a full-size sedan. The increased cost of driving adds to inflation, weakens the dollar, and threatens change in American life styles. Paying a little more attention to the way we operate cars and trucks and maintain them, can hold the line or even reverse the upward trend in vehicle operating costs.

Here are some suggestions for holding down fuel costs for vacation driving:

1. If you can, choose shorter recreation and vacation trips. For more information and ideas, contact tourist information centers in your own and neighboring states.

2. Eliminate unnecessary trips while on vacation. Take along your bicycle.

3. Before leaving, make sure your tires are inflated to manufacturer's highest recommended pressure. Buy a good tire gauge and check tire pressures, when the tire is cold, regularly. Mileage can be improved one percent for every two pounds of tire pressure needed to bring them up to highest recommended pressure.

4. If you need new tires, radials will generally give three to five percent improvement on gas mileage. **Don't mix radials with conventional tires** -- it can be dangerous.

5. Decide whether you need a tuneup. Poor gas mileage is a sign that your car is out of tune and needs adjustment. Hard starting or stalling probably means a tuneup is needed, but it may only mean that the air filter needs replacing.

6. Start your engine without pumping gas and drive away. An idling engine gets zero miles per gallon. Don't pump the accelerator.

7. Don't idle the motor for longer than 30 seconds; then drive slowly for the first few minutes. Turn off the ignition any time a wait of more than 30 seconds is expected.

8. Anticipate traffic lights, stop signs and other stops to reduce the need for hard braking. Extra

braking wastes fuel and wears down brakes and tires.

9. Drive within the 55 mph speed limit. The most efficient speed for new cars is 45 to 50 mph. Most automobiles get about 18 percent better mileage on the highway at 50 than at 65 mph, and 20 percent better mileage at 55 than at 70 mph.

10. Avoid using air conditioning, whenever possible. Closed car windows and open vents produce the best fuel economy.

Wilkes County Man Electrocuted On Repair Job

A Wilkes County man was killed by electrocution Saturday while working on a fan at House of Raeford here.

The victim was Frank William Pierce, 25, North Wilkesboro.

He was killed while trying to disconnect a 480-volt ventilator fan, the accident report says. He was dead on arrival at Cape Fear Valley Hospital in Fayetteville.

Pierce was employed by Wilkesboro Mechanical Refrigeration Technology, Inc.

Women's Softball

July 2

Rosa's Grill & Michael's Men Shop 11
Picket Grocery 10
Hoke Jaycees 18
Hollingsworth's Barbers 5

Standings

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Hoke Jaycees	4	0
Hollingsworth's Barbers	2	2
Picket Grocery	1	3
Rosa's Grill & Michael's Mens Shop	1	1

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Why a 10pm laundry load is better than 10am.

It won't get your laundry any cleaner. Neither will an 8am load. Now, either time could be inconvenient for you, but someday, it may make a difference in your energy bill.

In fact, everything you can do to cut down on the energy you use between 10am and 10pm will help.

Because that's our Summer "Peak Load" period, the time when the demand for energy is the greatest. And we must have enough energy to meet that demand, no matter how high it gets.

So try to get by with less air conditioning during the day. Try to take showers, wash clothes and dishes before 10 am or after 10 pm. Conserve energy every way you can.

Because the more you get out of your energy dollar, the more we can get out of ours. And the less our bills will have to go up later on.



Clothing

B.C. Moore's and Hoke Extension home economics join hands to help Hoke citizens get answers to their clothing questions.

Miss Anna Peele and Mrs. Ellen Willis, Extension home economists, will be in the fabric department of Moore's store Friday, July 11, 10:30 - 6 p.m., to answer questions.

Do you know how much fabric to buy, size of pattern needed, sizes of machine needles and thread?

Friday is the day to ask these questions.

