



Farm Focus

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MARKET UPDATE

COTTON: From now until harvest, the weather and the economy will be major factors in the market situation. The crop in the United States is progressing well, with production estimates of 12.0 million bales. This amount would equal estimated 1981-82 offtake of 12.1 million bales: domestic use of 5.25 mil. bales and exports of 6.8 mil. bales. As a result, stocks on August 1, 1982 are expected to be about 6.4 mil. bales, more than double a year ago. Producers should consider cash contracting on any rally of December futures to the 72-73 cents level.

SOYBEANS: The combination of weather, carryover stocks, export competition, and uncertainty about the economic recovery will keep soybean prices within a narrow range over the next 4-6 weeks, averaging about \$6.50/bu. for July futures. Soybean usage, which is expected to remain relatively strong through the summer, could move prices higher, particularly if serious weather problems develop with the new crop. Brazil's crop of 13.5 million is 15% below a year ago. Cumulative exports total 741 mil. bushels compared with 589 mil. last year. New crop acreage is expected to be about 70.1 mil., barring any corn-to-soybeans acreage shifting or any unplanted soybean acreage that might occur. The June 22 stock report and June 29 acreage report will give a better picture of consumption, carryover and new crop potential.

CORN: Expect steady to slightly higher prices with July futures averaging about \$2.75/bu. Factors in the market which will continue to put downward pressure on prices are: (1) large carryover corn stocks (2) prospects for another big crop this year (3) a very large wheat crop which is now being harvested, and (4) failure of the US/USSR grain talks to produce a new grain agreement. Some positive factors which could push summer prices

higher than present levels include: (1) continuation of Falkland Island crisis (2) excellent near-term export demand for U.S. corn (3) tied up old crop stocks in government programs, and (4) less planted acreage in the western corn belt due to weather. USDA will release its estimates of actual plantings on June 29.

VEGETABLES: Wet and cool conditions during planting and growing periods have delayed harvesting 10-15 days for most vegetables along the Eastern U.S., including North Carolina. Early cabbage and squash prices remain favorable, with grower prices for cabbage ranging \$8-\$10/crate, about 3 times last year's level.

...Despite increased production locally, white potato prices are expected to be favorable, ranging from \$5/cwt for spot chip contracts to \$6/bag for count packs. Market prospects continue to look excellent for early potatoes.

...A substantial increase in Tareel pepper acreage over last year suggests that mid-and late season prices will be lower than last year's average price of \$7.50/carton.

...Prices for fresh cucumbers and melons are stable locally, but large acreage suggests downward pressure on prices.

...Sweet potato plantings are under way in North Carolina with acreage expected to be 42,000 acres, up 5% from 1981.

INSECT UPDATE:

Soybeans: As fields dry out, growers planting soybeans behind wheat should be alert for thrips problems.

Cotton: Boll weevil counts in pheromone traps are still extremely high. With cotton beginning to square, weevils are moving into the fields, and moist conditions have created the ideal setting for boll weevil reproduction and development. Cotton growers should be considering the pinhead square application to combat this weevil pressure.

1982 Official Republican Primary Ballot FOR MEMBER OF CONGRESS

(8th) Eighth Congressional District (8th)

INSTRUCTIONS

- To vote for a candidate on the ballot, make a cross mark in the square at the left of his name.
- If you tear or deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it to the registrar and get another.

FOR MEMBER OF CONGRESS
Eighth Congressional District
(You may vote for one)

- HARRIS D. BLAKE
 JAKE PRESSON

Primary Election
June 29, 1982
NORTH CAROLINA

Chairman, State Board of Elections



It takes a skilled knitter one minute to make 100 stitches by hand.

RE-ELECT SAM R. NOBLE

FOR STATE SENATE

Working For You In Raleigh



Paid for by Sam Noble Re-election Committee
Gene Ballard, Chairman

Around Town

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paper entitled "Through The Looking Glass."

The column was headed, "Computers kill election night fun."

The article follows:

"COMPUTERS HAVE taken some of the glamor of elections. In the early days, it took two weeks to find out who won. Not so long ago, when ballots were paper instead of computer cards, it took hours.

Now, between computers and forecasting methods, elections can be called accurately about four minutes after the polls open. The next step, of course, is to do away with elections all together and just ask the opinion pollsters.

"To get the elections results in this morning's edition, I hung around, along with a bunch of other reporters, at the WT computer center last night as the ballots were put through the machine. That might not be my favorite way to spend a Saturday night, but it wasn't too bad.

Still, covering elections in Raeford, N.C. had this all beat for entertainment.

Raeford's a town of about 3500, when I left it, in a county of 17,000 sitting on the wrong side of Ft. Bragg. They voted by paper ballots and counted by hand. The radio station went off the air at sundown and the closest TV station was in Raleigh, the state capital.

"So the newspaper had the only election returns in town and we made the most of it.

"A big bulletin board with all the races was put in the front window of the office and about 30 minutes after the polls closed, people started drifting down to the street in front of the office. They'd sit there on cars visiting back and forth as they waited for the results from each precinct to be posted.

"The booze and the food were inside the office so every so often someone would make a refreshment run into the building.

"When the returns were slow coming in it took a bunch of

refreshment runs and after a while nobody cared who won or lost. This helped keep down hard feelings in a small community, no doubt.

"Eventually -- maybe even now -- they'll get a computer for counting the returns and a TV station will move in closer and everybody can stay in their own living room and get the election returns on a crawler across their TV screens as they watch *Love Boat*.

"That will be progress, I guess. But it sure won't be as much fun."

Of course we still have paper ballots and *The News-Journal* will have its board as usual on Tuesday night. About all the fun Laurie states in her column. I don't know, because keeping up with the figures until the wee hours of the morning means a clear head.

See you Tuesday night and Wednesday morning.

★ VOTE ★

CLEO BRATCHER



COUNTY COMMISSIONER

* The People's Candidate *

Paid by Hoke Civic League

For District Court Judge Beth Keever

Paid for by Beth Keever for Judge Committee, Iris Thornton, treasurer



ELECT
WENDELL S. YOUNG
HOKE COUNTY
Commissioner

Retired County Agent

No vested interests except the good of all the people.
Will weigh the merits of all views on issues.
Interested in developing a progressive county.

WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR VOTE
in June 29th primary

Quewhiffle 4-H Organized

The Ashley Heights Community has recently reorganized the Quewhiffle 4-H Club.

The following officers have been elected: president - Terry Riley; vice president - Mindy Riley; secretary - Crystal Henderson; treasurer - Robert Strother; reporter - Ken Moser; song leader - Bryan Foster; and recreation leader - Bryan Welborn.

Projects have been selected, and plans for the next meeting on Thursday, July 15, at 7 p.m. were made.

RE-ELECT WILLIAM C. GAY TO THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPRESENTATIVE GAY IS YOUR KIND OF A CANDIDATE. HE HAS A TRACK RECORD AS A LEGISLATOR WHO SERVES THE PEOPLE.

REPRESENTATIVE GAY IS A MOTIVATOR WHO LEADS AND INFLUENCES OTHERS. HE CARES... AND A LOT OF PEOPLE LISTEN WHEN HE SPEAKS.

REPRESENTATIVE GAY BELIEVES IN AN OPEN AND RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT. CLEAN AND EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC BUSINESS, AND WIDE CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT.

PEOPLE IN GOVERNMENT AND EDUCATION HAVE BENEFITED FROM REPRESENTATIVE GAY'S LEADERSHIP. WE NEED TO KEEP HIS OUTSTANDING ABILITIES AND HIS COMMITMENT TO THE BETTERMENT OF MANKIND WHERE IT BELONGS... IN THE STATE HOUSE IN RALEIGH.

A DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR WITH 30 YEARS SERVICE IN N.C. AS A TEACHER, PRINCIPAL, AND ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

A COMMUNITY LEADER A WISE COUNSELOR A STEADFAST FRIEND A DECISION MAKER A VERY CARING PERSON WHO WAS WIDELY ACCLAIMED AS ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE FRESHMAN LEGISLATORS IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Paid by Committee to Re-elect William C. Gay - Henry Meares, Treasurer



REPRESENTATIVE GAY SERVES ON THE FOLLOWING HOUSE COMMITTEES: COMMISSIONS AND INSTITUTIONS FOR BLIND AND DEAF, CORRECTIONS, EDUCATION, FINANCE, MENTAL HEALTH, AND THE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND THE FOLLOWING COMMISSIONS: THE EDUCATIONAL COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN, ALIEN LAND OWNERSHIP, COMMISSION ON CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, AND THE MENTAL HEALTH STUDY COMMISSION.

Your Vote Ensures Good Representation

VOTE FOR

LOUISE SANDERSON
N.C. House of Representatives

"QUALIFIED EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE"

PROBATION/PAROLE (26 YRS.)

TEACHER (4 YRS.)

SECRETARY BOOKKEEPING SALESPERSON

FARMING INTERESTS

YOUR VOTE IS APPRECIATED

(Paid For By Candidate And Friends)

