



WHERE DOES IT END? The long line is filing towards the door of the Job Service office where screenings for future job openings are taking place on behalf of the Faberge plant.

Hoke Agricultural Extension News

by Willie Featherstone, Jr., Agricultural Extension Agent

SITUATION AND OUTLOOK
Flue-Cured Tobacco: The 10% reduction in basic quota coupled with excess 1982 production to be sold in 1983 means a substantial drop in "new crop" output is likely.

Careful attention to means of holding down production costs are warranted to view of (1) the likelihood that price-supports will again be raised by only 65% of the formula increase, (2) the higher assessment and higher lease rates incurred by many growers.

World Demand For U.S. Grains
Weak: Weak demand for U.S. grain forced USDA Feb. 14 to lower its projections of U.S. exports to 41.5-million tons of wheat and just over 59-million tons of coarse grain.

Although the Department of Agriculture's latest estimates of world grain supplies have dropped slightly, stocks still remain well above demand. World soybean output was estimated at 94.7-million tons, down 2.1 million tons from last month,

largely because of lower projections for Argentina, Paraguay and China.

At the same time, USDA said overall U.S. meat production should hold steady from last year's level, although a small increase in beef output is expected. Cotton stocks worldwide were forecast at almost 29-million bales at the end of the 1982-83 season.

Increased production in other countries has boosted supplies despite a drop in U.S. output, USDA said.

For grain, the Department of Agriculture estimated world production at a record 1.66-billion tons, up 2% from last year. The latest estimate represents only a slight decrease from earlier forecasts, largely because of smaller anticipated harvests in South America.

U.S. production will hit 339-million tons, just over 20% of the worldwide total. Overall wheat output was estimated at a record 472-million tons, plus 785-million

tons of coarse grains, also a new mark.

Soybeans: Cash soybean prices should level off at around \$5.80-\$6.00/bu in central North Carolina markets and could decline slightly over the next 30 days if farm sales increase.

The price rally early in the year, based on a deteriorating Brazilian crop outlook and good demand prospects, may encourage another large U.S. planted acreage in 1983.

The new crop soybean/corn price ratio is currently a bout 2.2 to 1. A ratio of 2.3 to 1 would encourage soybean plantings approaching the record 1982 planted acreage of 72 million acres.

An outlook for another record or near record crop in 1983 could cause a severe price decline this summer.

Brazil's soybean crop is currently estimated at 14 million tons but the crop potential could easily deteriorate to 13.5-13.8 million.

However, total South American soybean production is expected to be about 18.5 million tons, up about 1 million from last year.

Chorale Hosts Rummage Sale

The Hoke High School Chorale will sponsor a rummage sale and flea market on Saturday March 5 at the Old Armory on U.S. 401 Business.

The chorale will perform several times during the day. The sale will begin at 8 a.m.

The Chorus and Chorale will perform on Tuesday March 8 for the Chaminade Music Club at the J.W. Turlington School at 7:45 p.m.

On Thursday March 10 the Chorus and Chorale will perform

for the Annual Music Booster Club Membership Concert at 7:30 p.m. in MacDonald Gym at Hoke High.

On Friday March 11, the Chorus and Chorale will travel to Southern Pines for competition.

The Chorus will perform two contemporary madrigals by Eujene Butler and "Ave Maria" by Rachmaninoff. The Chorale will perform the "Echo Song" by Di Lasso and "The Last Words of David" by Thompson.

UNC-G Taps 3 County Students To Dean's List For Fall

Janet E. Best, a music major, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Best, 1005 North Fulton Street, Raeford, is one of 327 undergraduates at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro who made all A's on courses completed during the first semester.

The other students are: Laurie J. Capps, an accounting major, daughter of Mrs. Agnes Dees of Rt. 2, Box 121, Raeford; and Judith R. Crissman, a home

economics education major, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard G. Crissman of Rt. 1, Box 125, Aberdeen.

To make the dean's list at UNC-G, students must earn a grade point ratio of 3.5 or better and have no grade below a "C" for the semester. Students must be carrying 12 or more semester hours of course work graded on an A, B, C, D, or F basis in order to be eligible for the dean's list.

Deaths & Funerals

Joann Pickler Freeman

Mrs. Joann Pickler Freeman died Thursday at the Spartanburg General Hospital in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Mrs. Freeman was a native of Hoke County, but had lived in Spartanburg since 1970 with her

husband William "Bill" Freeman, who survives her.

She was 50 years old at the time of her death.

Mrs. Freeman was a member of the Fernwood Baptist Church in Spartanburg and was employed by the Milligan Company.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Freeman is survived by: two daughters, Mrs. Paul Stroud of Raleigh and Mrs. Neil Hayes of Spartanburg; two grandsons; one sister, Mrs. Margaret Bowman of North Augusta, S.C.; three brothers, Dwight, Edwin and J.D. all of Ashley Heights.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Friday at graveside in the Sunset Memorial Park and conducted by Dr. Wayne A. Culp.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to, are asked to make donations to the Hilltop Cub Pack 19 Boy Scouts of America, Schuler Office Building, Church Street, Spartanburg, S.C., 29301 or to a favorite charity.

The Bobo Funeral Chapel was in charge of the arrangements.

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