

Farm Notes

By V. C. TAYLOR, County Agent
Mr. Geo. Hays, of Ladonia, who has been feeding out a number of hogs under the supervision of the County Agent, and the State Department of Agriculture, completed the demonstration last week and I am giving below the results of his work.
Date of beginning: May 5, 1930.
Date of killing: August 5, 15, and 21.

Average length of feeding: 100 days.

Number of hogs at beginning: 20. One small runt pig died a few days after beginning. One hog was accidentally killed July 5, by automobile. This hog weighed 103 pounds when killed, but was a loss.

Number of hogs killed: 18.

Value of hogs at beginning: \$114
Total cost of feeding: \$210.10
Dressing and Marketing: \$5.75.
Total cost \$329.85.

Weight of hogs at beginning 676.4 pounds.

Gross weight at killing: 3563.5 pounds.

Gain in live weight: 2887.1 pounds.

Cost per pound of gain in live weight: 7.3 cents.

Net weight at killing, 3163.5 pounds at 15 cents pound: \$474.53

Lard kept at home, 40 pounds, at 20 cents per pound: \$8.00.

Total income \$482.53.

Net profit \$152.26, or \$1.50 per day for feeding and care of hogs for the entire feeding period, after all expenses have been deducted.

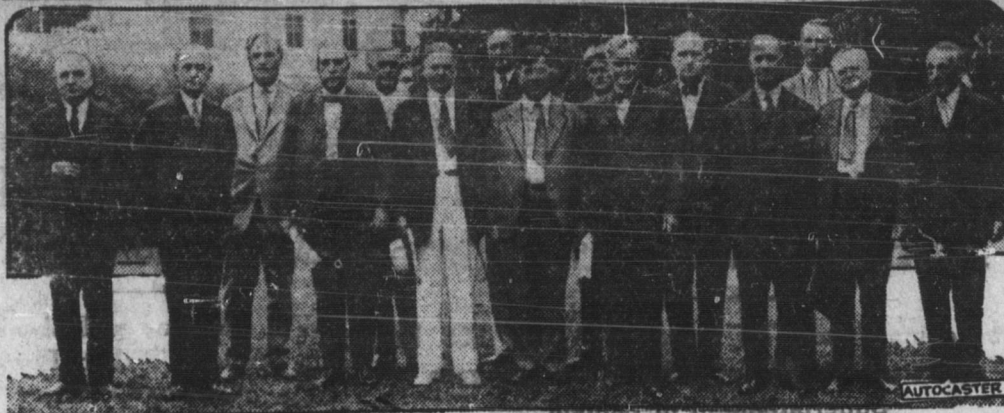
These figures are actual costs and expenses, and show that hogs can be fed at a profit in this county if properly handled, and that pork can be produced for less money than it can be bought for, if properly fed. Let's produce our pork at home next year.

A number of complaints have come to me relative to tobacco being hard to cure this year. In my opinion this is caused by two factors: first, tobacco made a late growth and is full of sap; and second it is being pulled too green. I believe it will pay every farmer to let his tobacco stand on the hill until it is ripe, if possible, of course, if it is diseasing and will not stand it must be saved, but where it is not loosing too much it should be let to ripen. Reports coming from markets already open are that while all grades are selling low that ripe tobacco is selling much better than tobacco pulled slightly green in order to cure bright. Tobacco will usually cure with more weight if allowed to ripen.

Commissioner William A. Graham has issued the following statement relative to the purchase of rye and oats:

"A number of seed dealers have

Governors and President Confer on Drought Relief



The chief executives of twelve states and of the United States confer in Washington on measures to aid farmers who have been ruined by the long-continued drought. In the picture besides Mr. Hoover are Governors Caulfield of Missouri, Emmerson of Illinois, Leslie of Indiana, Cooper of Ohio, Conley of West Virginia, Pollard of Virginia, Erickson of Montana, Weaver of Nebraska, Hammill of Iowa, Reed of Kansas, and representatives of the governors of Arkansas, Kentucky and Tennessee, as well as the Secretary of Agriculture and the Chairman of the Federal Farm Board.

shown an interest in our recent campaign against the shipping of misbranded abruzzi rye and Fulghum oats into North Carolina. This is very encouraging as it shows a disposition on the part of our dealers to make an effort to sell the farmers only the best seed obtainable. I am anxious to have the farmers to cooperate with these dealers and keep a close record as to date of sale, kind of seed purchased, and the tags found on the bags, and the record of the crop produced by the said seed. Above all, let them keep samples of the crop taken just before it was harvested in order to show these samples in court in case damage suits are instituted. It has been called to our attention that so-called abruzzi rye and Fulghum oats have been sold to North Carolina farmers when the crop showed that the rye was not abruzzi, but common rye; that the oats were not Fulghum, but common red oats and in some cases

not even red oats but mixed oats of little or no seed value.

"Our farmers have been thus defrauded of thousands and thousands of dollars by unreliable seed dealers outside of North Carolina, and I am hereby warning them to purchase seeds grown inside of North Carolina, whenever possible, under guarantee of the grower. When this is not possible, they should try to get seed grown by a reliable grower and sold by a reliable dealer. The price may be a few cents higher per bushel, but those farmers who have had experience will figure the price in the crop produced rather than in the seed purchased. For instance many farmers have bought rye misbranded "Abruzzi" for one dollar and a quarter a bushel, this rye produced, we will say, ten bushels to the acre, while a bushel of genuine abruzzi rye purchased at the same time for \$2.00 a bushel produced under like conditions, twenty bushels

to the acre. The common rye cost 75c less on the market and produced ten bushels less in the field. It is in the field and not on the market, where the seed price should be calculated."

Our farmers and seed dealers should give the above careful consideration as we can easily lose thousands of dollars in this county by purchasing inferior seed, not only with rye and oats but with wheat, clovers, and other crops.

J. C. PENNEY CO. DIVIDEND ON COMMON STOCK

The Board of Directors of the J. C. Penney Company, at a meeting held September 2, 1930, declared out of surplus a quarterly dividend for the quarter ending September 30, 1930, of \$0.75 per share on the outstanding Common Stock of the company, payable September 30, 1930 to Common Stockholders of record

at the close of business September 20, 1930. At the same time they declared out of surplus, a quarterly dividend for the quarter ending September 30, 1930, of \$1.50 per share on the outstanding Preferred Stock of the Company, payable September 30, 1930 to Preferred Stock holders of record at the close of business September 20, 1930.

BEST BUSINESS MINDS SEE END OF DEPRESSION

The very best business minds are now predicting with confidence that fall will bring an improvement in trade and business conditions generally. They also argue that the beginning of the end-of the depression that started with the Wall Street crash nearly a year ago is even now in sight. Such men as Ford, Edison, Firestone, Alfred Sloan, of General Motors and Roger Babson financial wizard, all share that belief and are freely predicting that the worst will be over with the passing of August.

It might be said that the travelling salesmen who visit Winston-Salem are talking more optimistically. "People are merely afraid to buy;

that's all that's the matter," says Ford. "There is no danger of over-production so long as people are buying what they want and need. There is bound to be employment, too, for men will have to work to make the things that people are buying." Edison and Firestone are of the same opinion. They feel that with the arrival of September, when crop money commences to move in all parts of the country, fall and winter buying will start. That would help industry, too, since merchants can't sell goods if the factories and mills are not turning them out. No one anticipates a tremendous boom, or such free-spending as followed the war. But there is a widespread opinion that sensible buying is going to return at a very early date, and that the business depression of the past several months will gradually be swept away and the skies cleared pretty generally of financial and industrial clouds.—Twin City Sentinel.

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