

Dynamic North Carolina Poultry Food Industry Exceeded \$1 Billion In 1984

When the final 1984 statistics are released later this year, in all probability the North Carolina poultry food industry will exceed the billion dollar mark in farm income, according to Ed Woodhouse, executive director of the North Carolina Poultry Federation.

Our dynamic food industry has grown tremendously within the last decade, and we may become in the years ahead the number one agricultural commodity in the state, Woodhouse noted.

While the final farm statistics for

1984 are not complete, preliminary estimates that the poultry industry farm income in North Carolina may, for the first time in history, exceed the billion dollar mark.

The gigantic N.C. poultry food industry includes production and marketing of commercial broilers, turkeys, eggs, duck and quail. These various poultry commodities make North Carolina the most diversified poultry food industry in America.

The growth of the state's largest food industry can be seen by the following examples. In 1973, approximately 290 million broilers were produced in the state. However, the output in 1984 is estimated to top 430 million birds. Turkey production in North Carolina has also been spectacular. In 1984 turkey production is expected to exceed 29 million birds and will keep

North Carolina the leading turkey-producing state in the nation. Approximately 13 million turkeys were produced in North Carolina in 1973.

North Carolina is also a leading producer of both hatching eggs and table eggs, and the total production of eggs in 1984 will well exceed 3 billion eggs. "That's enough eggs, laid end-to-end, to reach around the world several times. This fact helps the average person better understand exactly how much egg production is taking place in North Carolina each year," Woodhouse noted.

Duckling and quail are also a part of the total poultry diversification. Both duck and quail are produced commercially in North Carolina and can be found in most chain stores across the state.

Both the broiler and the turkey industries continue to make large gains in marketing and production efficiency in North Carolina and across the nation. These gains are passed on to the consumer in the form of low retail prices. For example, when expressed in constant dollars with the 1967 Consumer Price Index as the base, retail prices for dressed, ready-to-cook broilers dropped sharply from 38 cents per pound in 1967 to 29 cents per pound in 1983, according to Dr. Marc Johnson, extension economist in business at North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

Consumers are buying more poultry products because they are wholesome and nutritious, and the price is right. Retail prices of broilers, turkeys and eggs have remained amazingly low. "For example, eggs at \$1 a dozen cost the consumer 17 cents for a two-egg breakfast. That's a bargain, no matter how one looks at it," says Dr. Tom Carter, extension in charge, poultry science department, NCSU.

The poultry food industry is by far the state's largest food industry. The state ranks first in turkey production, fourth in broilers, and seventh in egg output when compared to other states. Much of the production of poultry food is now "further processed," according to Woodhouse, who heads the state's poultry trade organization. The industry not only furnishes the consumer with the whole bird, but the consumer can find chicken and turkey in cut-up forms such as drumsticks, thighs, breasts, etc., readily available in most food stores across the state.

Several poultry processing plants in North Carolina have products available for the consuming public that have been further processed. Turkey franks, chicken franks, pastami, salami, chicken and turkey bologna, and other tasty and delicious poultry products are processed in the state.

The North Carolina poultry food industry is expected to grow in the immediate years ahead. "The pioneering spirit and ingenuity of the poultry people in the state is unsurpassed. Our people are willing to take many financial risks and have had the visionary spirit to move the state forward in poultry food production. Naturally, over the years, but poultry industry men have an innovative spirit and keep looking for new opportunities and better ways of doing things in our highly technical society. I am confident that our North

Carolina poultry industry men will find ways to keep North Carolina moving forward in poultry production and marketing. New advances in

production and marketing will benefit the consuming public across America and around the world," Woodhouse stated.

Junior Auxiliary Meets

On Jan. 7, the Duplin County Junior Auxiliary held their seventh meeting.

The Auxiliary consists of teenagers 14 and over who do volunteer work at Duplin General Hospital.

Currently the group has 16 members with John Dees as president, Margaret Eaddy as vice president, and Gigi Ammar as secretary-treasurer.

Each member has learned vital signs, CPR, and to work in the emergency room.

Present at the January meeting were Margaret Eaddy, Lisa Brady, Tammy Casteen, Gigi Ammar, Sloan Giddings, Carolyn Wilson and advisors Mrs. M. Jarman, Mrs. JoAnn Howard and Mrs. C.W. Outlaw. The group heard a talk on the Wallace Rescue Squad by J.C. Bryant and Jeff Carter, both of the squad.

Kenansville Jaycettes Aid DCAC Fund Drive

The Kenansville Jaycettes are lacing up their sneakers and getting ready to "run with the arts." The annual community fund drive conducted by the Duplin County Arts Council will be implemented this February in the Kenansville area by the Jaycettes under the leadership of Rose Byrd, president.

Following the initial stage of the fund drive done in the schools, the Jaycettes will complete the canvassing of the Kenansville area. The Jaycettes will be doing this as part of their efforts to support local groups which contribute to the good of the community.

The Arts Council is a non-profit organization with its mission that of providing for and furthering the arts in the county. Of primary responsibility is that work done in the 17 schools. The council presents at least

two programs yearly to each school.

The DCAC will be beginning the school drive Feb. 11-15. Local businesses may route their contributions through the schools if they prefer. Otherwise, the business and community drive will begin following the school efforts.

This year's theme is "Run With the Arts" and special Red Sneaker awards will be given to groups of individuals who are top fundraisers. Questions or early contributions may be mailed to Duplin County Arts Council, Inc., P.O. Box 36, Kenansville, NC 28349. The phone number is 296-1922.

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