

**Tobacco Situation For Year Favorable**

**Bureau Report Says Market This Year to Be Considerably Better than Last**

A tobacco market this season much improved over last is cited by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics in its report on the tobacco situation. Supplies are smaller than a year ago, consumption is heavier and prices to the growers are higher. Exports, however, were somewhat lower during the first few months of the marketing season.

The higher prices reflect both reduced supplies and increased demand, according to the Bureau. The improvement in consumer purchasing power and the addition of new consumers of tobacco products explain the increased consumption without a lowering of retail prices. The most marked increase in domestic consumption has taken place in cigarettes.

mand on prices of the two most important types of cigarette tobacco have been considerably different. In the case of flue-cured, prices have been only slightly higher than last year, the increase in domestic consumption having been largely offset by a relatively large supply and a slightly lower foreign demand.

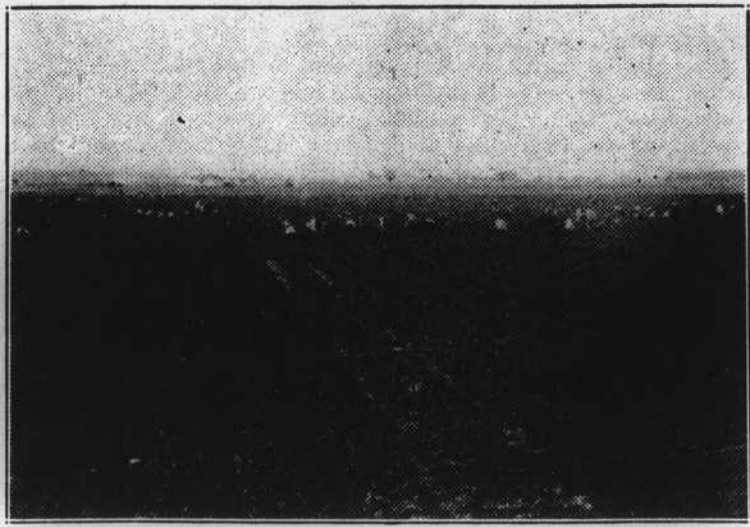
On the other hand, there has been a marked increase in the price of Burley, because supplies have been materially reduced and foreign demand is of relatively small importance.

Stocks at the beginning of the 1937-38 marketing year will probably be further reduced since consumption during 1936-37 will exceed production for most types.

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**BULB GROWING**

(Continued from Page One) on daffodils alone this year and other commercially-grown flowers will bring approximately \$600,000, a total of nearly a

**The Harvest Is On.**



Above is shown a section of a well spaced and cultivated strawberry patch on the farm of one of Duplin's largest growers. Note the large number of pickers engaged in harvesting the

fruit. It is not uncommon for grower to engage as many as 100 pickers to harvest his crop, which must be moved as quickly as the fruit ripens.

million dollars for the crop. Specialists of the division of entomology have just completed inspection of 5,000,000 daffodil plantings for evidences of the dreaded nematode and bulb fly in the interest of protecting the industry.

Brunswick, New Hanover, Beaufort, Lee, Durham, Edgecombe and Buncombe Counties are the homes of the commercially-grown bulbs that have found acceptable markets in the north and south. In fact, North Carolina grown daffodils may be found in demand as far west as Chicago.

"The industry is continually growing," the associate entomologist said, "and the only threat to prosperity for the grower is the destructive worms and flies."

Relatively small as a crop, relatively unknown as a farm product, North Carolina flowers have been established on markets outside the state although less than 700 acres have been adopted for their growth as a money crop. Of the 700 acres, 302 acres have been planted to daffodils, 220 acres to iris and 170 acres have been planted to gladiolus, tulips and other flowers.

More than 24 million daffodil bulbs were planted this year, Harris said.

However, the cost of new bulbs is a large item. For instance it takes approximately 75,000 bulbs to plant an acre of gladiolus and the new stock costs about \$8 per 1,000 bulbs.

"A few growers receive as high as \$4000 gross per year and many others average from \$2,000 to \$20,000," the associate entomologist pointed out. "Comparatively small growers employ from 15 to 20 hands at work the year round and while the gross income is rather high, the net incomes of the growers reveal they make only comfortable incomes."

A constant threat to the bulb industry is the nematode (eel worm) and bulb fly. In fact, in view that both pests have damaged bulbs growing sections, the Department of Agriculture still maintains a quarantine for the protection of the pur-

program for the present administration.

Daffodil inspection work was begun in 1926 when the federal government established foreign and domestic quarantines governing the movement of bulbs and at the time imported bulbs were required to be treated before being released for planting. Domestic daffodils were given two inspections and where infestation of nematode or bulb fly were found, treatment was required before the bulb could be sold. Federal quarantines applied to inter-state movements of bulbs and the Department of Agriculture adopted the same regulations for intra-state movement. A few years later the federal quarantine was lifted, but the State Department of Agriculture continued its quarantine for the protection of the growers.

Meanwhile, the inspection service of the entomology division is offered to growers who do not sell, as an aid in keeping their stock free from pests. Completing the spring in-

New Hanover farmers grew good lettuce for which they received poor prices this spring. Carrots and beets are now selling well, however.

specification of daffodil plantings, the assistant entomologist reported that on 16 properties containing 88 acres or approximately 3,000,000 bulbs, nematode was found on six properties and the bulb fly on one.

"The infested bulbs will be treated during the late summer," he said.

"Bulbs containing nematodes should be immersed in water at a temperature of 110 to 111 1-2 degrees fahrenheit for four hours," he explained. "This treatment will also kill any larvae of the 'bulb fly' that may be in the bulbs. Where bulbs are infested with only fly, they may be fumigated with calcium cyanide."

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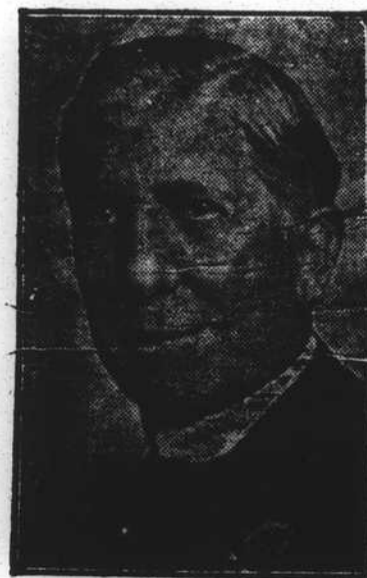
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