

Tomatoes Can Supplement Tobacco Income

Yancey County will grow 75 to 100 acres of trellised tomatoes in 1970 according to information received from growers by the Yancey County Agent's office. The Tomato Growers are looking forward to having more tomatoes for an expanding market in another successful year.

E. L. Dillingham, County Extension Chairman, said that recent information from the Secretary of Agriculture indicates a 10 percent cut in burley tobacco acreage by the government. He hopes that the farmers will put some or all

of this reduced tobacco acreage in trellised tomatoes. "By doing this," says Dillingham, "farmers will be able to keep their income up even with reduced tobacco acreage." A bigger year of tomato production will boost the economy of Yancey County by adding to the efficiency and effectiveness of the Tomato Coop.

Tomato producers are urged to complete plans for selecting their field and getting soil and nematode tests. They should arrange for sprayers, irrigation, stakes, wire and other equipment necessary. Orders for

plants and seed are now being taken at the Extension Office.

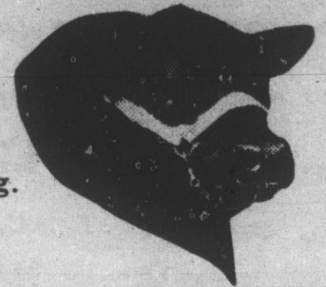
In Asheville, Tuesday, February 17, at the Battery Park Hotel, Yancey County Growers will meet with other N. C. tomato growers to discuss prospects for 1970.

"Yancey County has one of the finest buildings for packing tomatoes in this area," says Dillingham. The machinery is of the most modern type. The Yancey County producers Association has a contract with Orbit Sales Company to handle all the tomatoes that growers in this area can pro-

duce. In short, the problem of marketing has been taken care of, and now all we have to do is GROW TOMATOES!

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