

State College Has Many Short Courses

The new year opens for the Extension Division at North Carolina State College with a varied agenda of short courses and conferences planned, mostly directed toward improving agriculture. The months of January and February will be especially busy.

During January, 14 programs will be sponsored with the assistance of various departments of the college.

The schedule for January started off with the nurserymen's short course (4-6), apple growers' convention in Asheville (6-7), and pest control operators' school (6-8). Next come the swine producers conference (12-13), the pesticide school (14-15), poultry processors' short course (14-15), hazards of atomic industry short course (20-22), N. C. State highway conference (20-22), cattlemen's conference (22-23), truck driver training school (25-Feb. 26), peach growers short course (27), spring semester at the Gaston Technical Institute in Gastonia (28), bulb growers short course at Wrightsville Beach (28), and the veterinarians' conference (28-29).

Thirteen programs are planned for February. They are industrial ventilation conference (2-5), short course in modern farming (2-13), farm credit conference (9-10), seedsmen's short course (10), dairymen's conference (10-11), municipal public works conference (12-13), warm air heating and air

conditioning short course (16-19), retail lumber dealers short course (16-27), truck driver training school (23-Mar. 20), state garden school, course V (23-25), sanitation conference (23-Mar. 20), bituminous paving short course (23-27), and roofing, sheet metal, and air conditioning forum (26-27).

Additional courses are being planned and the spring semester of Raleigh night classes will begin early in February.

Bulletins describing each of the courses are available through the Extension Division, Box 5125, State College Station, Raleigh.

Farmers Requested To Answer Queries

All farmer shave been asked to cooperate in the state's annual 1959 Township Farm Census this month.

The census will be taken this month as farmers list their 1959 taxes. Tax listers are cooperating in the census to get the vital information which agricultural leaders can use in working out plans for agricultural programs. The census is required by law, and the state Department of Agriculture and boards of county commissioners are responsible for carrying it out.

The information obtained in the census is held in confidence. It is used only for compiling accurate

statistics on land use, crop acreages and livestock numbers.

David S. Weaver, director of the Agricultural Extension Service, emphasizes that the annual North Carolina Township Farm Census should not be confused with the Federal government's general agricultural census every five years. He said "through the annual North Carolina Farm Census, we have

the machinery for obtaining vital statistical data that helps keep this state on the right road, agriculturally."

Some of the questions farmers will be expected to answer include: total acreage for each tract over three acres, number of acres from which crops were harvested in 1958, number acres of idle crop

land, improved pasture, data on individual crops, cattle, hogs and chickens.

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