

Economist Cites Pork, Poultry As Good Economic Opportunities

Hogs and poultry probably offer the greatest opportunity for North Carolina farmers to increase their income from animal agriculture during the next several years.

This observation was made recently by Dr. W. D. Toussaint, head of the Department of Economics at North Carolina State University, after reviewing those factors which affect livestock and poultry production in the state.

Toussaint's optimism over hogs stems from several factors. "For one thing, hogs require less feed per pound of gain than cattle and North Carolina is a feed-deficit state. This means that feed prices are higher here than in the Midwest.

Also, North Carolina is a pork-deficit state, which gives local farmers a slight price advantage. Hog farms are becoming commercialized and farmers are gaining the technical and managerial skill needed to compete with Midwest producers.

Income from hogs is already increasing rapidly in North Carolina — up more than 60 per cent since 1960. The state now ranks 11th nationally and first in the South in hog production.

Likewise, North Carolina has been making rapid gains in poultry, especially turkeys and broilers. These gains have been made possible by such factors as lower labor costs in the South, the favorable position of North Carolina in relation to northern markets, and the integrated-type business structure in much of the poultry industry.

"Essentially, we started from nothing, or next to nothing, and built an efficient production and marketing network," Toussaint said of the poultry industry. "I would expect us to continue to expand in eggs, broilers and turkeys, but probably more rapidly in broilers and the most rapidly in turkeys."

Toussaint predicted increased competition from the Midwest, where lower feed costs give farmers an advantage. "On the other hand, we have lower labor costs which may more than compensate for our higher feed

costs," he said.

While generally optimistic about poultry, Toussaint did express some concern over eggs. The egg industry in North Carolina and the South has achieved a high level of production and efficiency, he said. But egg consumption is dropping nationally and independent producers find it increasingly difficult to compete for markets.

Although he tagged hogs and poultry as high growth enterprises, Toussaint said that sow-calf operations could be profitable for certain situations on North Carolina farms.

"Beef production should con-

Jerry Merritt III Gets Ensign Bars In Navy June 4th



Jerry D. Merritt III, of Route 7, Kinston, at right, was commissioned an ensign in the Naval Reserve on completion of the Aviation Officer Course at the Naval Aviation Schools Command, Pensacola, Fla., on June 4th.

The intensive 11-week course of training included instruction in Naval history and world affairs, Naval justice, leadership and orientation, physical fitness, swimming, effective communications, prenavigation seamanship and military instruction.

He will now enter the flight preparation school at the Naval Aviation Schools Command to continue his training under the Naval Aviation Program.

Fifteen Lenoir County Students Earn High Honors at N. C. State University

North Carolina State University has honored 15 Lenoir County students for outstanding academic achievements during the spring semester.

Chancellor John T. Caldwell announced that the 15 attained scholastic averages of "B" or better for the honors.

A total of 2,114 NCSU men and women earned Dean's List honors, the highest number in the history of the University.

In contrast, only 431 students were suspended due to academic difficulties — a ratio of five honor students for each student who failed.

The Lenoir County honor students earned recognition for mastering subjects ranging from economics to engineering and from psychology to textile technology.

Following are the students, their studies, parents and addresses:

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Nancy C. Altman, psychology, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Altman Sr., 308 DuPont Circle; Michael F. Archie, economics, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Archie, 1215 Carey Road; John A. Bowen Jr., electrical engineering, Mr. and Mrs. J. A.

Bowen, 2204 Stanton Road; James M. Dekle, physics, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Dekle, 1907 Sedgefield Dr.; William D. Howard, textile chemistry, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Howard, 805 Greenmead Dr.;

Jackie W. Jernigan, textile technology, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jernigan, Route 4; Namon A. Nassef, mechanical engineering, Mr. and Mrs. Namon Nassef, 615 Madison Ave.; Douglas A. Outlaw, physics, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Outlaw, 1013 Westover Ave.; Phillip M. Rouse, industrial metallurgy, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Rouse, Route 4; Roger G. Stroud, civil engineering, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Stroud, 1106 W. Lenoir Ave.;

Robert L. Walker, textile technology, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Walker, Kennedy Home; Robert J. Whitfield, III, Ag Institute, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Whitfield Jr., Rt. 4; David G. Williams, computer science, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Williams, Route 6; and Thomas G. Williams, Ag Institute, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Williams, Route 6.

Deep Run
Norman W. Smith, Jr., textile technology, Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Smith, Route 1.

tinue to expand, and profits can be made with good management," he said. "I do not consider the feeding out of beef cattle to offer substantial opportunities for increased net income in North Carolina, although special situations might exist where profits can be achieved."

Toussaint called the dairy farmer "a special case."

"Many dairy farmers are doing well," he said. "On the other hand, there are many small and/or inefficient dairymen who are barely able to make a profit at all."

"Dairymen as a whole would not fare well in North Carolina if state barriers to the importation of milk are broken down or if milk substitutes make substantial inroads in the fluid milk market."

In conclusion, the NCSU economist said that new developments could alter the outlook for animal agriculture. Changes in transportation rates or relative labor costs, for example, could affect the state's competitive position, or so could a major breakthrough in the feed conversion rate for hogs and cattle.

LAND TRANSFERS

The following land transfers were reported during the past week by Jones County register of deeds Bill Parker.

From Warren G. and Viola Franks to Robert L. and Ella Marie Ward a tract of land in Pollocksville township.

From Gormon R. and Marilyn Horne to Wilbur G. and Pauline J. King ½ acre in White Oak township.

From Patt Harrison to Frederick Millard Harrison 20.71 acres in Chinquapin township.

From Billy and Millie Wiggins to Halifax Timber Company 3 acres in Cypress Creek township.

From Halifax Timber Company to Billy Wiggins 9.59 acres in Cypress Creek township.

From Billy and Millie Wiggins to Vernon F. Daughtridge and Branch Bank 2 acres in Cypress Creek township.

From R. P. Bender and Nellie P. Bender to Mrs. John H. Ward a cemetery plot in Pollocksville township.

Newspapers Disappear

Thinking in worldwide terms, Enquirer readers are pretty privileged individuals when they go out and pick up their news paper every morning. Consider this:

As of the last comparative tally three years ago, the United States had one daily newspaper for 100,000 persons. Czechoslovakia had one paper for each 700,000 persons; Rumania had one daily for each 1.4 million. China had one daily newspaper for each 85 million persons. Before Mr. Castro took over, Cuba had 58 dailies. Now Cuba has five.

These figures tell a lot. Think about it. — Columbus (Ga.) Enquirer.

DEATH NOTICES

Mrs. Effie Lee Howard

Funeral services were held Friday for Mrs. Effie Lee Howard, 78, wife of Edward Howard of Portsmouth, Va., and mother of Mrs. J. B. Ham of Kinston, who died from a heart attack Wednesday afternoon.

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4-H Electric Congress Set in Charlotte July 7

Some 200 4-H members representing 90 North Carolina counties will gather in Charlotte on July 7 for the 23rd annual 4-H Electric Congress.

Delegates to the three-day congress won the expense-paid trip through their achievements in the 4-H electric project. Placing major emphasis on safety in the use of electricity, the project is one of the most popular with Tar Heel club members.

Accompanied by some 70 adult leaders or extension agents, the delegates will sign in Monday afternoon at the Holiday Inn on North Tryon St. The meeting will adjourn following an awards breakfast Wednesday morning.

The highlight of the congress will be the selection of a state winner and eight territorial winners in the electric project. Eight territorial runners-up will also be named.

The state winner receives a trip to National 4-H Congress in November. Each territorial winner receives a portable television and runners-up will receive tape recorders.

The awards and the congress are sponsored by Carolina, Duke Nantahala and Virginia electric and power companies and the Westinghouse Educational Foundation.

Dr. T. C. Blalock, State 4-H Leader, will greet the delegates to Electric Congress during registration. A get-acquainted party will follow. The main part of the program comes Wednesday morning at the awards breakfast.

The delegates face a full schedule on Tuesday. There will be electric demonstrations and projects reports and tours to Florida Steel Corporation, Cowans Ford Hydroelectric Plant and Outrigger Harbor.

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