

Jones Farm Agent Franck Outlines System for Improving Bean Yields

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Did you make it? Of course you remember how you planned to make 80 bushels of soybeans and 200 bushels of corn. Well, if you still don't know, now is the time to find out, a better chance will be hard to come by. The crops are still in the field and you don't have to wonder how they grew — you can look.

The plants are a perfect blueprint of the way soil affected the plants. You don't have to know the absolute yield to detect differences in the way the plants grew. And, if differences can be found now, you know your yield would be higher if the worst plants were as good as the best.

This would suggest that you could start out now to improve your lot in life next year. Why not cruise the farm and take

note of those bad areas that serve only to separate the good ones.

A systematic inventory would include a check on soil fertility. This can be gotten simply by submitting soil samples to the laboratory of the Soil Testing Division of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture. Complete information about this

service as well as the necessary supplies can be had at the Extension office or from the laboratory.

Plant starvation may be quite evident not in soybeans. Some of the symptoms may be familiar but whether they are symptoms of toxicity or starvation is unimportant.

It's too late to salvage this crop. The important thing is to find out why the whole field doesn't look alike. Then do something about it. Let's read those bean fields now.

Tar Heel Meat Producers Still Very Cautious About Expansion

Cautious seems to be the best way to describe the response of North Carolina farmers to their slightly improved poultry and livestock prices.

Extension specialists at North Carolina State University see little evidence that farmers plan to greatly increase production as a result of stronger prices. Here are some of the com-

ments of the specialists on the improved prices and their impact on the various categories of poultry and livestock:

BEEF CATTLE — The price for choice steers is up about \$2 per hundredweight over a year ago. The price of older cows is up as much as \$4, indicating a relatively stronger demand for hamburger-type meat.

Farmers are culling their cattle more closely to take advantage of the higher prices for older cows, according to A. V. Allen, extension livestock specialist. "A cattleman can cull out a low producer and invest the money in a good heifer and come out ahead," he explained.

Allen said the stronger prices, plus relatively low feed costs, will probably cause more farmers to feed out their cattle this fall and winter rather than to sell them as feeders.

Allen also believes that high interest rates will discourage many farmers from borrowing money to expand cattle production.

HOGS — Top hogs are up as much as \$5 per hundredweight over a year ago, and 40 to 50 feeder pigs are running \$3 to \$4 per head higher.

Hog numbers in the state have been increasing for several years. This trend is expected to continue. More farmers with grain are expected to feed out their pigs this year rather than sell them as feeder pigs.

"Over-all livestock expansion is not going to be up as much as you think," Allen said.

DAUGHETY RECOVERING

Harry Daugherty of Kinston route 6 who was critically injured by armed thieves who stuck up the filling station where he worked on September 1st is recovering from the loss of his right kidney and other serious abdominal damage done by the two bullets fired into his body by the bandits.

DEATHS

Jasper Lewis Phillips

Funeral services were held Tuesday for Jasper Lewis Phillips, 79, retired highway commission engineer, former Kinston postmaster, and World War One veteran, who died early Monday after a brief illness.

Willie Waters

Funeral services were held Friday for Willie Waters, 66, of Kinston, route 4, who died last Wednesday night.

"Everything else has gone up in proportion to livestock prices, and the outlook for labor is not good at all."

BROILERS — Prices hit an 11-year high of 8 cents per pound in July. But the yearly average is running only about 1 cent per pound ahead of last year.

Broiler production in the state has been increasing at about 5 to 6 per cent annually, and W. C. Mills, extension poultry specialist, expects this same growth rate to continue in 1969.

"This is a sign of maturity in the poultry industry," Mills said. "The industry is recovering some of its losses from previous years, but it does not want to overburden the supply situation."

TURKEYS — Production has been increasing in the state since the mid-'50s and especially since the early '60s. And another 17 per cent increase is expected in 1969. Although prices are up some this year, Mills feels that the current growth is based more on long range factors than on current prices.

EGGS — Prices are up slightly and a 3 to 5 per cent expansion is likely, especially in hatching egg production. But this growth is about in line with that of previous years.

Kinston School Board 'Shook' Badly By White Resistance to Zoning Plan

Monday night a very large percent of the parents of white school aged children in the area east of Queen Street and South of Vernon Avenue descended upon the Kinston School Board and shook a moratorium out of the surprised board on its geographical zoning plan.

This plan has caused 13 white students to be enrolled at Adkin High School where 824 colored students are enrolled and 34 white students to be enrolled Adkin Junior High School, which has a colored enrollment of 539.

The irate group of parents largely supported racial integration since it is the law of the land, but they objected loudly, lengthily and bitterly to the system initiated this year by the school board which has both the appearance and the actuality of forcing racial integration on less well-to-do families while leaving the city's middle to upper class families remote from this problem.

The school board meeting had been originally planned to be held in the administrative offices on Atlantic Avenue, but the size of the crowd that came to be heard caused the meeting to be transferred to the auditorium of Lewis Elementary School.

Efforts of school board members and Superintendent Tom Beach to explain their position were largely drowned out as parent after parent made clear what they were willing to do and what they were not willing to do. The group refused to name a committee for negotiations with the school board as one of the protestors pointed out to the school board: "You are our committee. You know what we want!"

And what they wanted they got, at least temporarily, was permission to withdraw their children from these predominantly colored schools. Further meetings are scheduled this week and guessing about the possible actions of the school board has become a popular subject for conversation.

Most agree that the school board's choices are extremely limited. Either total racial integration of the schools in the system, or Freedom of Choice, which after all is what the Civil Rights Act of 1964 demands, and no more.

However, court decisions and HEW interpretations have held that if Freedom of Choice does not force sufficient mixing of the races that other steps must be taken. But the law does not say this no matter what the courts say.

Conservation and Development Board Holding Meet This Week in Kinston

A three-day meeting of the North Carolina Board of Conservation and Development is being held this weekend in Kinston. Lenoir County and the City of Kinston along with Leo Brody and Bert Martin, members of the board, are hosts to this first full meeting of the newly appointed board.

Highlight of the gathering will be a speech Thursday night by Governor Bob Scott at a banquet being given at the Kinston Country Club.

Gil Horton of Wilmington, Chairman of the board, will preside over the meeting, during which reports will be heard from the many divisions of the state government that operate under the general supervision of the board.

It is the third largest branch of the state government, rank-

ing only behind schools and highways.

The first full business session will be held Friday morning, will continue throughout the day with public hearings for all who wish to appear before the board with a report from Roy Sowers of Sanford who is director and chief executive officer of the department.

The session will be concluded Saturday morning with reports from assorted department heads and committee reports.

All business sessions will be conducted in the meeting room of the Holiday Inn.

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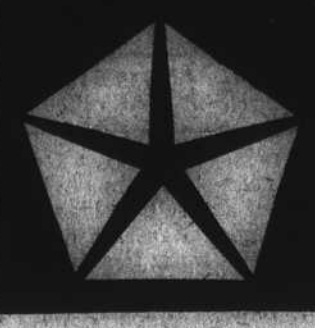
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