

# An Important Message To Perquimans Farmers

## Your Support Is Needed In The Farm Bureau

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The annual dues are only \$3.00 per family which includes subscriptions to the Nation's Agriculture and the North Carolina Farm Bureau News, both monthly publications.

The \$3.00 membership fee is divided as follows: \$1.00 remains in the County; 50 cents goes to the American Farm Bureau; and \$1.50 goes for the operation of the State Office. The amount paid into the State Office is used for the maintenance of the State Office, publications and expenses of State and National Conventions.

The North Carolina Farm Bureau's system of financing is business-like and is approved by the Board of Directors, elected by the voting delegates. The accounts of the North Carolina Farm Bureau are audited each year by a Certified Public Accountant, and every dollar is accounted for.

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### WHAT THE FARM BUREAU IS

The basic idea behind the Farm Bureau is the banding together of farmers, including tenants as well as landlords, to bring about equality in prices for the farmer's products with the prices of manufactured goods. When prices of commodities and goods are up, the Farm Bureau tries to bring about a rise in the prices for farm products in order that the farmer can stay in business.

### Farm Bureau Gets You More Money

1. Farm Bureau has consistently over the years supported the price support program which guarantees to farmers a fair share of the economic income as well as to adjust production to meet current demands.
2. Farm Bureau has added \$30.00 to \$40.00 per bale to cotton farm-income since 1941. (Bankhead Parity Act.) Actively participated in re-writing the cotton acreage allotment act which provides equitable distribution of acreage.
3. Farm Bureau has added \$20.00 per ton on the price of peanuts since 1944. Recently protected amendment of 1941 which allocates equitable acreage to North Carolina growers.
4. Initiated action to establishment price support on cotton seed, thereby increasing price from \$32.00 to \$50.00 on the basis of 90% of parity as of August 1st.
5. Supported by resolution and action a school building fund of \$50,000,000 to be equitably distributed according to the need and financial status of the various counties in the State.
6. Sponsored research and obtained some adjustment in freight rates for North Carolina Farmers.
7. Supported legislation in favor of equal and adequate education for all children in North Carolina as well as teachers' salaries which would be comparable to those paid in private business to persons of similar training and experience.
8. Sponsored legislation authorizing the Commissioner of Agriculture to determine the classification of milk flowing into the State with authority to bar certain grades as well as regulate that approved. The Farm Bureau also set up a committee to study the advisability of establishing a Milk Commission in North Carolina.

9. Worked for and obtained from the Commodity Credit Corporation an agreement whereby the Irish Potato producers in some counties could move their crop at a fair profit after movement to northern markets had bogged down.
10. Farm Bureau has sponsored and fought for ample appropriations for the Agricultural Adjustment Administration; Agricultural Conservation Program; Department of Agriculture; Experiment Stations; Extension service; Farmers Home Administration; Rural Electrification Administration; Tennessee Valley Authority; Vocational Education; Soil Conservation Service and other agricultural agencies, as well as obtained adequate appropriations long needed for permanent building program at North Carolina State College.
11. Sponsored state-wide meeting on dairy and livestock and appointed a master committee representing all segments of the industry to endeavor to work out a long-range livestock program.
12. Restored the agricultural census which will help to establish more accurate acreage allotments on all crops.
13. Through the cooperation of the Associated Women of the Farm Bureau and the Home Demonstration Clubs of North Carolina, we have established a better working relationship that will render a greater service toward making the rural homes and communities of North Carolina better places in which to live.
14. Supported, as well as contributed to, 4-H clubs in an effort to encourage greater participation in 4-H club activities. We further urged that every county set as its goal active 4-H and FFA groups as well as junior farm organizations among both single and married groups.
15. Sponsored and supported legislation which eliminated the sales tax on fuels used for farm purposes.
16. Working now on grain storage in order that farmers may get loans on products under the support program.

### Important Farm Bureau Objectives

1. To obtain through organization a farm program which will give to our farmers a fair share of the economic income of this Nation. To do this, it is necessary that all of us unite in an organization such as the Farm Bureau to compete with organized interests of other groups. Over 50 per cent of all farmers in the Nation who are members of any farm organization are members of the Farm Bureau.
2. To obtain adequate farm credit at fair interest rates.
3. Continued support of efforts to bring adequate health and hospitalization facilities to the rural people of North Carolina.
4. To work out a simple method by which farmers may get refund of gasoline tax used for non-highway purposes or elimination of the collection entirely.
5. To continue and strengthen the non-partisan farm bloc in Washington by coordinating the efforts of the Democratic South and the Republican Mid-West behind a sound farm program, so well exemplified in this session of Congress.
6. To give full support to county agents, home demonstration agents, vocational teachers, 4-H Club leaders and other personnel engaged in agricultural pursuits.
7. To carry out the policies and principles determined by the membership as expressed through their delegates in resolution.
8. Continued support of a national farm program that will conserve our soil and other natural resources.
9. Continuation of the adjustment features, with support, of the farm program as a safe-guard against ruinous prices.

### WHAT OUR GOVERNOR SAYS ABOUT FARM BUREAU

"Recent developments emphasize the importance of farmers having an organized front to fight for their well-being. Prices for farm products have been dropping faster than production costs, and for some months the farmer's share of the food dollar has been steadily declining. Meanwhile, mounting surpluses in some commodities point to the likelihood of more stringent crop controls next year.

"It is becoming increasingly apparent that we are going through a period of major readjustments. Policies are now in the making that will affect the future of agriculture and the farmer's share of the national income for a long time to come.

"The problems confronting us in this period of change are too big for the individual farmer to tackle. Alone, he is helpless in the face of overpowering economic and political currents. Banded together with other farmers in an organization such as the Farm Bureau Federation, he can exercise a strong influence in shaping national policies and contend effectively for his rightful place in the economic sun.

"The Farm Bureau has been gaining steadily in strength and constructive influence in North Carolina and the Nation. Here in our own state its membership has climbed from 1,725 to more than 78,000 since 1940. Political leaders and public officials have learned to respect the Farm Bureau and to depend upon its voice as an expression of farmers' opinion.

"Every farmer and every business man dealing with farmers owes it to himself and his community to become a member of this splendid organization. And once a member, he should take part in its activities, for it is only through the participation of its members that the organization can accurately reflect their hopes and aspirations."

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