

## State May Lead In Farm Numbers

North Carolina may now have the largest farm population of any state, says C. H. Hamilton, head of the Rural Sociology Department at State College.

Hamilton bases his statement on data gathered during the 1950 census. The preliminary figures, already released by the U. S. Bureau of the Census, show the Tar Heel State with a farm population of 1,376,164. Although this is down considerably from the 1,656,501 reported in 1940, Hamilton explains that farm population has declined rapidly in all regions during the past decade and apparently other leading farm states have declined even more than North Carolina.

The 1940 census showed Texas leading with a farm population of 2,149,817. But Texas took a whopping 40 per cent loss in farm population during the past 10 years, and shows a total of only 1,307,000 for 1950.

Although totals for all other states are not in yet, Hamilton says none is likely to exceed North Carolina, which was second in 1940, Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee followed in that order in 1940, and all have undergone sizeable reductions in farm population.

Hamilton cites another interesting fact about North Carolina's preliminary census returns. It seems that State boosters who talk about North Carolina's balance of industry and agriculture are not far from the facts.

The 1950 census shows that North Carolina's population is divided almost equally among the three main residence areas—"urban," "rural non-farm" and "rural farm." The 1950 urban population was 1,368,101 or 33.7 per cent of the total; the rural non-farm, 1,317,164 or 32.4 per cent; and the rural farm, 1,376,664 or 33.9 per cent.

## Copies Pasture Edition Ready At State College

Copies of the Special Pasture Edition of "Research and Farming", quarterly publication of the North Carolina Experiment Station, are still available and may be obtained upon request, according to R. W. Cum-

ings, director of research for the State College School of Agriculture.

The 44-page edition, published a year ago, has proved to be one of the most popular publications ever issued at State College. The heavy demand for copies has necessitated several reprintings.

The subject matter is presented under four major headings—Pasture Needs, Production, Pests, and Utilization. A two-page center spread summarizes the periods of the year when legumes and grasses grow best and tells how the various mixtures may best be grown.

The edition, prepared by Associate Editor Lane Palmer, is profusely illustrated with photographs, drawings, and easy-to-read charts. A full-color picture taken on the J. R. Nipper farm in Wake County is used for the front cover.

Persons desiring a copy of the Special Pasture Edition should see their local county agent or write the Agricultural Editor, State College Station, Raleigh.

## State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

Question: What is the proper way to dispose of dead turkeys?

Answer: Extension Turkey Specialist L. W. Herrick, Jr., of State College says you should burn or bury all dead turkeys immediately. Herrick explains that disposing of dead birds helps keep down diseases and prevents turkeys or other poultry from getting "jamber neck." Use in incinerator to burn the bird, making sure that the carcass is completely destroyed. A deep disposal pit is another way to get rid of dead poultry. If neither of these is available, dig a small, deep hole and bury carcasses separately.

Question: Several of my neighbors are having trouble with termites and rot-damage in their house foundations. What can I do to prevent this trouble in my home?

Answer: Vents to admit light and air help to avoid this trouble. Engineers suggest that the screened vent area be at least 100 square inches for each ten lineal feet of wall around the crawl space. Besides being helpful in preventing termite damage, such vents also help to keep down rot damage caused by moisture. If your house is built over moist soil, it probably needs protection. Ventilation may help, or you may need to cover the ground with asphalt roofing. Use

55-pound rolls and lap them two inches with no fastening.

## HAYSEED

By UNCLE SAM

NO SUBSTITUTES FOR DOLLARS

Synthetic rubber may become more durable and as cheap as natural rubber. The time may come when a set of automobile tires may last as long as an automobile. Nylon has already taken the place of natural silk. Substitutes have been found for cotton, wool, iron, wood and many other once essential things. But there are no substitutes for dollars.

More than half of the human race go to sleep every night hungry. There are ample resources for production of an abundance of food. In some parts of the world food production is being curtailed. The one great essential for supplying the necessary food is money. There has been found no substitutes for dollars.

Many millions are poorly clad and poorly housed. Many do not have the

proper medical care. The young do not have efficient training and education to fit them for living a useful life. The dollars are not to be had to pay the bills. They can find no substitutes for dollars.

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## Speeding Summons For Truck Drivers

An average of four trucks a day were handed speeding summons by men of the State Highway Patrol during the first six months of 1951, Patrol Commander James R. Smith reports. The arrest figures were taken from the regular semi-annual violations report compiled by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

The Patrol reported 696 arrests of speeding truckers with an additional 59 warned but not actually arrested. January was the Patrol's busiest month when 152 trucks were picked up for exceeding the State's legal speed limit—45 miles per hour.

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