

State Farm Income Rises But Costs Go Up At Faster Pace

North Carolina's farm income will probably hit the billion-dollar mark for the first year in history in 1953, but the cost of things that farmers must buy has risen at an even faster rate.

In 1953, forecasts D. D. Brown, N. C. State College farm management extension specialist, Tar Heel farmers will have to take the sweet of another good year along with bitter of a 5 to 8 per cent drop in net income because of the price-cost squeeze.

Costs in 1953 will level off for the farm wife, according to Mamie Whisnant, State College extension home management specialist. Food prices will be about the same as now, perhaps less, while prices for textiles, household equipment, supplies and furniture may be slightly higher.

Brown and Miss Whisnant recently returned from the annual national outlook conference in Washington. Meetings are now being held in 90 of North Carolina's 100 counties for discussion of the 1953 farm outlook.

Brown points out that the farmer will have to produce more efficiently in 1953 to keep the narrowing price-cost gap from closing further and shrinking his net income.

Generally, the price outlook is better for livestock than for crops in 1953. Only fattened beef cattle are expected to bring lower prices in the livestock products division, and the drop will probably be moderate.

Prices will be about the same or at support levels for tobacco, cotton, peanuts, feed grains, soybeans and fruits and vegetables. Wheat may fall below the support level.

The outlook for tobacco calls for a reduction in acreage; increased supplies, steady demand and prices similar to this year's are likely.

An increased domestic demand for cotton will probably be balanced by a slight decrease in export demand, and prices should remain the same as in 1952.

A dark spot on outlook picture is peanuts, which are likely to feel a drop in domestic and export demand and a subsequent drop to price-support levels.

The demand for milk and milk products is increasing while supplies are dropping. In view of this an increase in price of 5 to 10 per cent is in prospect for the Tar Heel dairyman.

The pig farmer will also be in better shape in 1953; price for declining supplies of pork is likely to rise as high as 10 per cent above 1952.

Egg prices should be moderately higher next year than this; broiler prices will be moderately higher during the first half of 1953 and steady during the last half.

With fewer workers remaining on the farm, wages will be moderately higher in 1953, as will machinery prices; fertilizers and chemicals are likely to remain the same.

SNOW HILL NEWS

Mr. Louis, Percy and W. T. Chappell spent Sunday in Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Layton and daughters of Rocky Hock were supper guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Chappell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dail and son, Arlyn Ray, and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dail of Ryland visited at the home of David Hare Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Hare are improving after being ill for some time.

Mrs. Louis Chappell visited her mother, Mrs. Herbert Chappell Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Layton and daughters, Delories and Esther and Mrs. Curtis Chappell visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Winslow Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Chappell, Mrs. Minnie Rountree and Mrs. Purvis Chappell called to see Mrs. Mary Chappell Sunday evening. Mrs. Chappell is improving.

Mrs. Raymond Dail and Miss Francis Chappell called on their aunt, Mrs. Minnie Rountree, Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Chappell and children were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Chappell.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Chappell, Mrs. Raymond Dail, Mrs. Linwood Layton and Mrs. Purvis Chappell were in Suffolk, Va., Thursday.

Arlyn Ray Dail was dinner guest of his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Chappell, Sunday.

WHITESTON NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Alec Stallings and Misses Janice and Arlene Stallings visited Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Emmart and sons, Ted and John, at Smithfield, N. C., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Winslow of Norfolk, Va., spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Ida Winslow and family.

Mrs. Harry Lee Winslow of Elizabeth City, and Elihu Winslow of Norfolk, Va., visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Winslow and son, Waldo, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lassiter and daughters, Carol and Nancy, of Norfolk, Va., spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lassiter.

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- 1946 Ford, 4-Door
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Miss Louise Howell of South Springs spent last Wednesday with her mother, Mrs. J. T. Lane.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Winslow and son, Waldo, attended the showing of "Holiday On Ice" last Tuesday night, at Norfolk, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Esther Winslow and Jasper Winslow attended the funeral of Mrs. Martin at Denton, Maryland, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Rountree, Miss Marie Rountree, and Mrs. J. L. Lane of Wintfall visited Mr. and Mrs. Allen J. Winslow and Misses Clara and Minnie Lee Winslow at Bagley Swamp Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Dacus and daughters, Pauline and Phyllis of Hurdetown, and Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Hobbs and son, Charlie Calvin of Hobbsville visited Mrs. Ida Winslow Sunday evening.

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Miss Olive Layton spent several days recently with her brother, S. J. Layton and Mrs. Layton of Elizabeth City.

Miss Maggie Layton returned Sunday from the Albemarle Hospital.

W. L. Jones visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Winslow of New Bern, Mrs. Lillian Wade and son, Travers, Mrs. Lina Layton of Hertford, Mrs. Emory Rountree and daughters, Nevada, Nancy and Bessie Ann of Sumbury and Mr. and Mrs. Arba Winslow of Whiteston.

Miss Maggie Layton returned Sunday from the Albemarle Hospital.

Mrs. Fred Jenkins of Potocasi, Mrs. Ida Privett of Suffolk, visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. Carol Ward and Mrs. Laura Ward.

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