

## AVERAGE FARM WORKER CAN NOW RAISE ENOUGH FOR 19 PERSONS

Although the number of farms in the United States and employment in agriculture are the lowest in many years, the productivity of the average farm worker has increased to the point where he now raises enough food and other agricultural products to take care of the needs of approximately 18 other persons in addition to himself. The current number of persons "supported" by a single farm worker is the highest on record, according to data compiled by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. This development reflects the interplay of a number of factors including the rising investment of farmers in machinery and other production facilities, better farming techniques, and the big increase in the number of farms of a more economic size in keeping with the trend in the nonagricultural sector of the economy.

At left, the striking effect of Chilean Nitrate side-dressing on corn. Chilean is the only natural combination of nitrate nitrogen, sodium and minor "insurance" elements.



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**Comparison With Past**  
Back in 1940, when the big boom in farm productivity got underway stimulated by wartime needs for farm products, the average farm worker raised enough food and other agricultural products to provide for 10 other persons in addition to himself. The comparable figure at the turn of this century was only six. Thus the productivity of the average farm worker, as measured by the changes in these figures in the 1900-40 and 1940-55 periods and the proportions of the rise, increased substantially more in the last 15 years than it did in the previous 40.

This productivity trend may have created certain problems of surpluses, but from the longer view it is of basic importance in view of the extraordinary rate at which the country's population is expanding. The present birth rate in the United States is one of the highest of any developed nation in the world today, and the average life span is lengthening steadily. As a result, the current indications are that the population will cross the 190-million level a decade hence. This will mean that for every seven persons in the population today there will be about eight persons to

feed and clothe in 1985. Agriculture's proven ability to produce, therefore, is vital as far as the future growth and well-being of the nation are concerned.

### Factor of Investment

Evidence of the role played by capital investment in the productivity rise in agriculture is the fact the average value per worker of assets used in agricultural production is now more than \$14,000. This capital investment per farm worker is more than four times the equivalent figure of \$3,500 in 1940. It is now on a par with the equivalent capital investment per worker in all manufacturing, which is currently estimated at in the neighborhood of \$14,000.

### LIBRARY NEWS

Among the new books in the Perquimans County Library this week is a biography of James Wilson, who was appointed by George Washington as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. He not only influenced American jurisprudence but by his industrial ventures led

in developing American capitalism. After the panic of 1797 he became a fugitive from debtor's prison. His death in Edenton, N. C., ended the career of one of the most influential and least publicized of the founding fathers of the nation. This biography is ably written by Charles Smith.

Also new in the library this week is "The Writer's Market," a storehouse of useful information for would-be writers.

"The Master Stunt Book" is a collection of stunts, contests, games, etc., for anyone entertaining a group of people. This book will supplement the "Fun Encyclopedia" so much in demand in the library.

### CLUB MEETS

The Beech Spring Club held its regular monthly meeting on April 10 with Mrs. Wayland Howell. Twelve members and two visitors were present. Mrs. W. J. Perry, president, presided beginning with all singing "Fairest Lord Jesus." Mrs. Joseph Rogerson had charge of the devotional, using "Three Rules of Happiness" for her sub-

ject, and all prayed together "The Lord's Prayer." After the roll was called and the minutes read and approved, reports were made from

various committees and some announcements made by the home agent.

The meeting was turned over to Mrs. Webb who gave an interesting

demonstration on "Household Hints." The club adjourned by all repeating the Club Collect. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

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