

Agriculture

Pork producers meet at Cove

Some 60 pork producers gathered at Anglers Cove Restaurant in Bethel Thursday night for a swine health supper meeting sponsored by companies marketing swine health products in the area.

Dr. Robert Behlow, the North Carolina Extension Service Veterinarian, was guest speaker at the meeting and spoke on swine respiratory problems, as well as measures that can be taken by the farmer to prevent such problems.

Respiratory problems are often the result of subjecting pigs to unfavorable environmental conditions, Behlow said.

He emphasized the value of reducing dust in the hog house through sanitation and maintaining proper temperatures for young pigs.

The young pig needs a clean, dry, draft-free environment with plenty of clean air and temperatures of between 85 and 90 degrees during its first three days of life, Behlow said.

Sanitation reduces the number of disease transmitting organisms the young pig is subjected to during its first week of growth. Behlow also advocated a vaccination program for preventing the respiratory ailment, Atrophic Rhinitis.

The disease destroys turbinates (the filtering apparatus of the pig) and renders the pig more susceptible to the stress of unfavorable conditions.

The sow should be vaccinated four to five weeks and again two to three weeks before farrowing, in order to increase the number of antibodies in her milk and protect her litter. The young pig should then be vaccinated at 7 days of age and again at 28 days of age.

Behlow emphasized the importance of timing and stressed that short cutting procedures result in less than satisfactory results.

Ron Goddard, a commercial representative, also addressed the group and spoke on the intestinal disorder TGE and the effectiveness of vaccines available to treat it. TGE dehydrates young pigs and can cause as much as 90 percent herd loss.

Perquimans County Extension chairman Bill Jester said that disease control is particularly important at present because of depressed market prices.

"Hog prices are low and efficiency is at a premium," Jester said. "One of the limiting factors in efficient hog production is disease."



Layden receives scholarship

Bankers of North Carolina have been awarding scholarships to the Modern Farming Short Course at N.C. State for the past 28 years. County Key Banker and

Executive Vice President of Peoples Bank (far r), R.L. Stevenson, and Bank of North Carolina Vice President (second from l), Wayne

Ashely, presented this year's scholarship recipient (second from r), Douglas Layden of Belvidere, with a check for expenses last week.

Perquimans County Agricultural Chariman (far l) Bill Jester was also on hand for the presentation. (Photo by PAT MANSFIELD)

Grain embargo

Retaliation deemed a mistake

RALEIGH—The recent Russian grain embargo was, in the long-run, a mistake said Chicago Mercantile President Clayton Yeutter in an address to some 400 soybean farmers and guests attending the thirteenth annual membership meeting of the North Carolina Soybean Producers Association last week.

Yeutter stressed that the embargo probably won't hurt the Russians much, but had

been highly disruptive to the grain markets, which have in turn subjected farmers to heavy losses in income. He said that embargoes were very difficult to enforce, and estimated that the Russians could possibly obtain at least half the embargoed grains through trans-shipments and sales by Third World Nations that won't honor the embargo.

North Carolina Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham stated he too was concerned about the economic impact of the embargo on grain and

soybean farmers; however, he stated that President Carter had only three possible choices. "These choices were military, economic, and political," Graham said, "and he chose the economic and political route".

Graham also commended the soybean farmers of this state, along with those from other states, in their positive program to sell soybeans in foreign markets, thus relieving the nation's critical balance of trade problems. He further urged North Carolina farmers

to employ good farming practices that would minimize soil erosion and conserve this vital resource.

North Carolina Soybean Producers Association officers elected for 1980 were: President - Thurman Burleson of Stanly County; Vice President - Ray M. Spencer of Hyde County.

Among the ten new directors elected to fill positions of outgoing members of the 30-man Board was Fenton T. Eure, Jr. of Perquimans County.

Peanut meet set

The 1980 winter peanut meeting will be held today (Jan. 31) at 2 p.m. at the Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission building on South Church Street in Hertford.

Astor Perry will speak on

variety selection, environmental effects on yield and quality, lime and gypsum interaction and weed control.

Joe Sugg will present the 1979 peanut production award to the winner.

In this year's competition, only the crop year yield and acreage will be used in determining a winner.

The county award winners will be entered in state competition.

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Perquimans Gardening
By Jean Winslow

There are about as many words to describe them. Begonias are certainly one of the most important and popular types of houseplants we have. Begonias are classified by kind of root and by leaf form.

Probably the most familiar is the wax begonia, which is fibrous rooted. They bloom almost constantly, have glossy foliage and are easily rooted. Night temperature for wax begonias should be 65 to 60 degrees, day temperature 5 to 10 degrees higher. This is the one begonia that requires bright light.

Also popular is the hairy-leaved, low growing "Iron Cross." Another great pot plant is the angel-wing cultivar, which is not as graceful as its' cousins, but possesses the most vibrant-colored flowers.

The popular Rex begonia are grown from rhizomes. These rhizomes creep along the soil surface, and therefore demand shallow planting, in a relatively low and wide planter. Tuberos begonias are more of a challenge in our county, as they require cool, moist conditions, and our summers are hot and moist.

Begonias require a potting medium that is porous, moisture retentive to a degree, well drained, and slightly acid. Every four to six weeks thoroughly drench plants to rid them of accumulated salts. Pinch tall growers to keep them in within bonds, pinch the shorter ones to get a more bush like growth. Keep low-growing ones like "Beefsteak" in a pot just large enough to contain it for continual blooming.

There's even a perennial begonia that survives well in our climate. I have grown the evansiana, which starts from a bulb, under azaleas in the back yard. They just keep on coming back every year. They are tall, dark green, with long-lasting pink flowers that add a touch of color to an area where spring flowers have faded. They will bloom until frost. Wayside Gardens in Hodges, S. C. offer first rate bulbs.

Iron Cross leaf
Wax leaf and flower

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SILAS M. WHEDBEE, President
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