

# Agriculture

## Perquimans farmers endorse assessment

Perquimans County farmers gave the nod to a one half cent per bushel increase in the soybean assessment last week, but by a narrow 56 percent margin.

The assessment, which passed by an 88.5 percent margin across the state, will now total one cent per bushel.

Collected by the N.C. Soybean Association, the money is used for "developing

and promoting all phases of the soybean industry, including more efficient and effective varieties," according to Perquimans County Agricultural Extension Chairman Bill Jester.

With 66 farmers casting ballots, Perquimans County had the highest voter turnout in the Albemarle region.

Six polling places were set up across the county, at farm supply centers and country stores.

Largest turnout was at R.B. Turner's Store, where 22 farmers voted, sixteen for the increase and six against.

At Hertford Supply, seven farmers favored the increase while four opposed it. Only two voters cast ballots at the county extension office, both in favor.

The vote at Belvidere Farmer's Exchange went

against the assessment, six to five. Chapanoke farmers drubbed the assessment fee by a resounding seven to nothing margin.

At W.S. Winslow, farmers favored the assessment by a seven to six margin.

With some 40,000 acres of soybeans in Perquimans County producing an average of some 30 bushels each, Perquimans farmers will now be contributing approximately \$12,000 per year to the soybean association, Jester said.

But for those farmers who find such contributions unpalatable, the assessment is not mandatory. Those farmers who wish to get their assessment fee refunded may do so by writing the association within 30 days following a sale and ask that the money be returned.

## Help fall quail

by TONY SHORT  
DISTRICT  
CONSERVATIONIST

Quail need food and cover. And although they really don't ask for much, with today's farming methods, they quite often get nothing. Clean farming leads to zero quail.

If true quail hunters aren't hunting, they're recalling the days that they were hunting. Each year more hunters are discovering this "noble southern gentleman" as Robert Ruark calls him. But the little fellow can stand only so much pressure. He needs food and a place to escape in order to be productive.

There will soon be a goodly amount of planting going on and at this same time, why not plant something for quail? Annual mixtures are available for food this fall; perennial mixtures will provide yearly food and cover. Applications for this food are available at the Perquimans County SCS Office.

If you don't plant, leave the birds something in the fall like some old soybean corners, or corn crop stubble on the ground. It not only helps quail but helps other small game as well.

Sportsmen know how much pleasure quail can give. You can give them something in return by doing some of these simple wildlife management practices.

## Market summary

Sweet potato prices are firm following a good Easter movement. Supplies are moderate and demand good. Fifty pound cartons of cured U.S. No. 1s on April 10 were quoted at \$6 to \$6.50, some \$6.75 to \$7, few lower.

Corn prices were 7 to 13 cents higher and soybeans 10 to 14 cents per bushel higher through Thursday, April 10, compared to the same period of the previous week. No. 2 yellow shelled corn ranged mostly \$2.70 to \$2.91 in the eastern part of the state and \$2.72 to \$2.90 in the Piedmont. No. 1 yellow soybeans ranged mostly \$5.70 to \$5.92 in the East and \$5.50 to \$5.80 in the Piedmont. New crop prices quoted for harvest delivery corn \$2.77 to \$2.88, soybeans \$6.16 to \$6.30, wheat \$3.59 to \$3.88, oats \$1.25 to \$1.28.

Market hogs at daily cash buying stations about the state sold steady to \$1.50 lower during week of April 7 and ranged mostly \$28 to \$30.50 per hundred pounds and 300-600 pounds sows \$20 to \$30.

A total of 11,869 feeder pigs were sold on 13 state graded

sales during week of April 7. Prices were 50 cents to \$2.75 on 40-60 pound pigs. US 1-2 pigs weighing 40-50 pounds averaged \$4.03 per hundred pounds with No. 3s \$37.27; 50-60 pound 1-2s averaged \$41.32, No. 3s \$32.89; 60-70 pound 1-2s \$36.83, No. 3s \$31.37; 70-80 pound 1-2s \$35.25 per hundred pounds with No. 3s \$30.31.

At weekly livestock auctions held within the state the week of April 7, prices for slaughter cows and feeder calves were irregular. Utility and commercial cows brought \$42 to \$52.50; Choice veal calves 150-250 pounds brought \$80 to \$85; Medium frame No. 1 muscle steers 400-500 pounds brought \$68 to \$76.50 per hundred pounds and same grade heifers 400-500 pounds sold at \$54 to \$63. No. 1 muscle feeder cows sold from mostly \$40 to \$47. Baby calves under 3 weeks of age brought \$48 to \$107 per head.



This field border along side a travel lane, wildlife habitat, and filter for field effluents. This field border along side a travel lane, wildlife habitat, stabilization for the ditch bank (Photo SCS)

## Field borders beneficial

by ROGER HANSARD  
CONSERVATIONIST

According to the Soil Conservation Service, now is the time to get field borders on the edges of your land.

Shade, crumbling ditch banks, eroded slopes, and compacted soil are conditions that can rob you of your profits.

A better alternative to planting a crop to the very edge of the field (where you usually don't receive a yield that pays for the investment) is to plant a perennial vegetation such as fescue grass or shrub lespedeza in a strip at least 10 feet wide.

This vegetation will help keep expensive land, fertilizer, and pesticides in the field by filter action.

A good investment in your land is the one time planting of a perennial plant that needs only periodic maintenance and can benefit you as a turnrow, row drainage outlet, erosion control, a travel lane, wildlife food and cover, natural beauty or any combination of these features.

The field border is a multi-purpose practice that is extremely flexible in both application and benefits received. It can be used as a turnrow or travel lane at established field edges, such as ditches or wood borders, for equipment where traffic does not require a special roadway.

This will keep you from trying to farm soil compacted by traffic. As a stabilizer outlet for row water in the field, it filters the water passing through so that everything you have paid for is in the field, not in your streams. This is especially true in such watershed projects as Bear Swamp.

As areas of natural beauty and wildlife cover, the field border excels because of enhanced esthetic value and increased wildlife for hunting and general appreciation.

The Soil Conservation Service in Perquimans County is willing to help identify where field borders would benefit. For further information concerning installation and maintenance of borders, contact the USDA Soil Conservation in Hertford.

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## 35th annual

### 4-H show, sale set

The 35th annual Albemarle 4-H Livestock Show and Sale is expected to draw a large contingent of Perquimans and county residents, both participants and spectators.

"I encourage you to support our young people in the area by attending the 35th Annual 4-H Livestock Show and Sale to be held at the 4-H Livestock Show and Sale Building in Elizabeth City, on Tuesday and Wednesday April 29th and 30th," stated Bill Jester, Perquimans County Extension Chairman.

Among the participants from Perquimans County this year are: Mark and Jimmy Twine, Sandy Lane, Scott and Tim Phthisic, Tobey, Conrad, Staley, and Wendy Colson, Derrick Goodman, Frank Chappell, Jr., Martha Ann Baker, Tanya, Marlow, and Ruston Howell, Kathy and Yvonne Byrum, Charity Cartwright, Glenn Twine, Daryl Perry, William and Eddie Fowler, Edward Winslow, Cheryl and C. F. Stallings, Phillip Winslow, and Donna and Lynn Elliott.

Tuesday's schedule is as follows:  
8 a.m. - 10 a.m. Weighing and Entering of all hogs and steers;  
10 a.m. Son-aray testing of steers begins;  
1 p.m. Youth Livestock Judging Contest;  
7 p.m. Adult Livestock Judging Contest.

Wednesday's schedule is as follows:  
9 a.m. Official Judging of Hogs;  
11 a.m. Fitting and Showmanship of hogs;  
1 p.m. Official Judging of Steers;  
3 p.m. Fitting and Showmanship of Steers;  
6:30 p.m. Sale of all animals. The public is invited to attend.

## Workshop slated

The Perquimans County Agricultural Extension Service is sponsoring a fitting and showmanship workshop for young people interested in entering swine or steers in the annual livestock show and sell, April 29 in Elizabeth City.

The workshop will begin at 4:15 p.m. on Friday (tomorrow) on the Rudolph Perry farm in Beech Springs.

The objective is to give youngsters tips on how to prepare an animal for the show, then demonstrate how to show the animal in the showroom," said Bill Jester, extension chairman.

Jack Parker, area swine specialist, will be on hand to offer tips and suggestions, as well as livestock specialist Richard Lichtenwalner.

Lichtenwalner will also set up a time for clipping steers.

For directions and further information, contact Jester at 426-5428.

## Farmers say yes

RALEIGH — North Carolina farmers have given overwhelming approval to continue the self-help soybean assessment program according to Thurman Burleson, President of the North Carolina Soybean Producers Association. "The new

assessment rate will be one cent per bushel on all soybeans marketed in the state for a six year period beginning with the harvest of the 1981 soybean crop and continuing through the 1986 crop," Burleson said.

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