

Agriculture

Market swine show June 10

The 26th annual North Carolina Market Hog Show and Sale will be held Tuesday, June 10, at the Lenoir County Livestock Arena in Kinston.

Entries will be weighed and penned beginning at 7:30 a.m. The hoof carcass class will be judged at 12 noon and the open show will begin at 3 p.m. The sale of all show entries begins at 7:30 p.m.

The event is open to North Carolina producers and North Carolina-produced swine, specifically barrows and gilts between the weights of 200 and 240 pounds and not more than 195 days of age.

The carcass contest may include pigs up to 240 pounds,

according to the announcement by Dr. James R. Jones, agricultural extension swine specialist at North Carolina State University.

Each farm, firm or family may enter a maximum of three animals in the individual classes per breed maintained.

The show is open to both crossbred and purebred swine. Crossbreds are counted as one breed for purposes of the show.

The hoof carcass class is limited to one animal entry per farm, firm or family.

Additional information is available from the Perquimans County Agricultural Office.

Market summary

A total of 13,383 feeder pigs were sold on 13 state graded sales during the week of May 19, according to the Market News Service of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture.

Prices were mostly 50 cents to \$2.50 lower per hundred pounds. US 1-2 pigs weighing 40-50 pounds averaged \$39.95 per hundred pounds with No. 3s \$33.65; 50-60 pound 1-2s averaged \$35.24, No. 3s \$30.45; 60-70 pound 1-2s \$32.33, No. 3s \$29.41; 70-80 pound 1-2s \$30.82 per hundred pounds with No. 3s \$27.68.

demand light to moderate. Fifty pound cartons of cured No. 1s on May 22, were quoted at \$6 to \$7. The harvest of eastern North Carolina vegetables is just beginning with both cabbage and squash being sold this week. In the Beaufort area on May 22, 1-3/4 bushel crates of green cabbage were quoted at \$4.50 to \$5. The fruit and vegetable auction market in Faison is scheduled to open Monday, May 28.

The broiler-fryer market is higher for next week's trading. Supplies are moderate, instances shortage. Demand is very good. The North Carolina dock weighted average price is 42.05 cents per pound for less than truckloads picked up at processing plants during the week of May 28. This week 8.7 million birds were processed in North Carolina with an average live bird weight of 4.03 pounds per bird on May 21.

At weekly livestock auctions held within the state the week of May 19, prices for slaughter cows were steady to \$1 lower and feeder calves irregular. Utility and Commercial cows brought \$40 to \$49; Choice veals 150-250 pounds \$80 to \$89. Good slaughter steers above 800 pounds \$58 to \$59; Good slaughter heifers above 750 pounds brought \$53.50 to \$57.50. Medium frame Number One muscle steers 400-500 pounds brought \$69.75 to \$81 per hundred pounds and same grade heifers 400-500 pounds sold \$55 to \$69. Number One muscle feeder cows sold from \$40.50 to \$51. Baby calves under 3 weeks of age brought \$50 to \$31.90 per hundred weight and 300-600 pound sows \$23.50 to \$26.50.

Market hogs at daily cash buying stations about the state sold steady to \$3.25 lower during week of May 19, and ranged mostly \$28 to \$32.75 per hundred pounds with 300-600 pound sows at \$20 to \$24.50.

Corn prices were steady to 2 cents per bushel higher and soybeans 8 to 13 cents higher through Thursday, May 22, compared to the same period of the previous week. No. 2 yellow shelled corn ranged mostly \$2.72 to \$2.87 in the Eastern part of the state and \$2.89 to \$2.95 in the Piedmont. No. 1 yellow soybeans ranged mostly \$5.96 to \$6.20 in the East and \$5.80 to \$6.03 in the Piedmont. New crop prices quoted for harvest delivery corn \$2.76 to \$2.87, soybeans \$6.18 to \$6.31, wheat \$3.67 to \$3.90, oats \$1.55 to \$1.58.

Sweet potato prices continued firm this week. Supplies are adequate and

heavy type hens were steady with firm undertones for next week. Supplies were adequate and demand good. Heavy type hen prices 8 cents per pound at the farm with buyers loading.

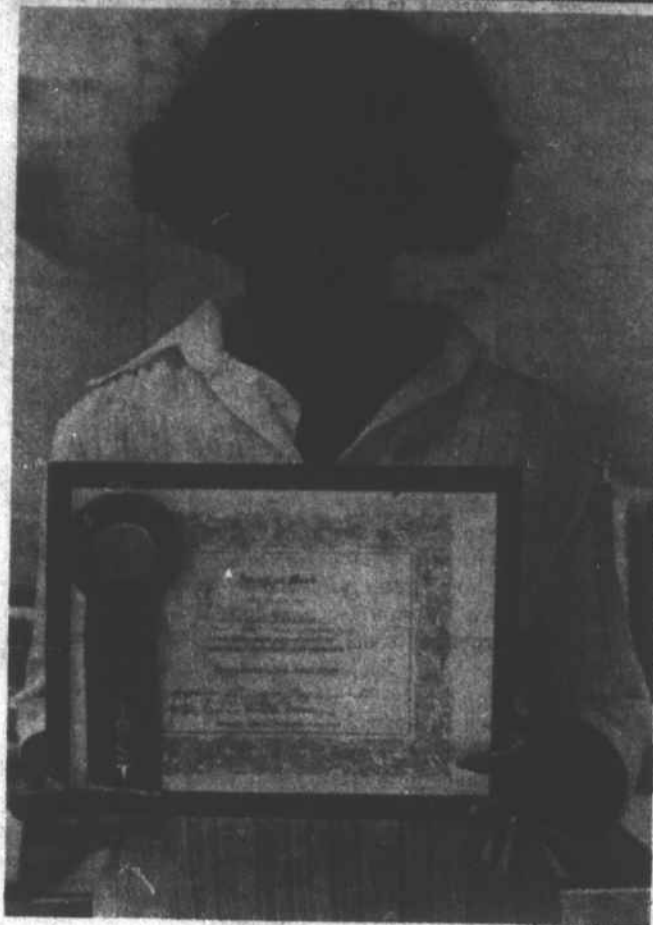
Egg prices were unchanged compared to those of the previous week. Supplies were adequate and demand was good. The North Carolina weighted average price on May 22 for small lot sales of cartoned Grade A eggs delivered to stores was 57.81 cents per dozen for large, Medium 49.47, and Small 41.85.

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4-H winner

Miss Felicia Etheridge, member of the Pool's Grove 4-H Club, recently won first place in the Regional Beekeeping Essay Contest. Miss Etheridge is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnkins of Woodville. The contest was sponsored by the Albemarle Regional Beekeepers Association.

Eyes should be protected from farm chemicals, fertilizers, and pesticides

If you work with fertilizers, pesticides, and other agricultural chemicals, you are risking a serious eye injury and possible blindness unless you wear the proper eye protection, warns the National Society to Prevent Blindness, North Carolina affiliate.

"Reports from the hospital emergency rooms over several years show that chemicals have been responsible for nearly two-thirds of all agricultural eye injuries," said Thomas Peyton, President of the N.C. affiliate.

"For the sake of your sight," Peyton added, "use appropriate protective eyewear whenever you handle agricultural chemicals. With eye protection and proper safety precautions, 90 per cent of eye injuries could be prevented."

All farmers working with fertilizers, pesticides, chemical cleaners and solvents should wear goggles fitting snugly around the eye area, with hooded vents to keep out liquids and shield the eyes from harm. A face shield fitting over the goggles provides maximum protection from these caustic, toxic and often flammable substances.

The society also offers the following general safety tips:

- Study the product's label for correct use and observe listed precautions.
- Thoroughly understand how to operate any equipment prior to use.
- Avoid direct contact with dust, spray mixes and vapors.
- Always store pesticides in original containers, keeping them tightly closed.

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Perquimans Gardening By Jean Winslow



I have been asked by several readers to reprint some information given last year on companion planting. It has been definitely established that some plants like or dislike other plants.

Eggplant and green beans go together because the eggplant attracts potato beetles and green beans repel them.

Bush beans and cucumbers are mutually beneficial.

Cabbage, cauliflower, and broccoli like potatoes and beets. Onions planted nearby will repel the white cabbage butterfly.

Cucumbers and potatoes are a no-no. Cucumbers, cabbage, corn, and sunflowers, yes-yes.

Garlic should not be planted near peas and beans, as it inhibits growth.

Marigolds fight bean beetles and nematodes, so plant near tomatoes.

Plant a few radishes beside cucumber hills to help keep away cucumber beetles.

As some of your early spring crops and flowers come to an end, consider replacing flowers with food. A favorite is

peppers. These are beautiful plants, bearing any number of shapes and colors.

Try them back of your snapdragons, for instance. The Early Sweet Red adds a lot of color, as does "Holiday Time," the small UNhot pepper that bears red, yellow, and green clusters.

Okra is also a handsome background plant. Put a few seeds in back of your perennial chrysanthemums for double pleasure.

Nasturtiums are welcome in the vegetable garden not only for bug repelling as mentioned before, but the delicate leaves and colorful blossoms are both delicious and cheerful in a green salad.

We have just frozen a bunch of snow peas, saving enough out to steam with our Ping-pong size new potatoes for a few minutes and serving with butter. A real winner. Back to what we were talking about.

Young turnips and rutabagas will seldom develop that hot, bitter taste. Always inspect plants for their inclination to go to seed — after all, that's what they are botanically instructed to do.

You can coax two or three reapings from spinach, beans, cucumbers, etc., if you keep your eyes open.

Check apples and azaleas for critters. Spray before there is trouble. Japanese

beetle grubs are beginning their metamorphosis and will evolve to attack precious ornamentals with a vengeance in just a day or two.

You can't have too many worms. I'll rephrase that. To obtain the best results from your compost pile and allow the earthworms living therein to do their most efficient, it is necessary to turn the pile, a time or two during the season. Start at one end with a pitchfork, and turn over methodically, moving the compost approximately two feet from its present direction. It is very rewarding to your garden, and makes for pretty good fishing, too.

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