

**Perquimans Gardening**  
By  
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Another month, another season. June is the last of spring and the first of summer. On the 21st of summer, the moon is at apogee, or farthest from the earth in its orbit.

Checking with the Farmers' Almanac, we see that the new moon will be on the 12th day, 15th hour and 39th minute. And, hard to believe, the solstice passes, meaning that days will already start becoming shorter. But first let's enjoy one of nature's most beautiful months.

Here are some vegetables you can still plant: snap beans, pole beans, bush limas, eggplant plants, field peas, sweet potatoes.

Divide and replant iris now. Check lawn for signs of moss. Its presence means you need to fertilize, check drainage, and correct acidity. Get a soil report.

Give azaleas their last feeding this month, and do not trim after about the 15th, as plants will begin setting buds for next season's show. Check mulch and thicken if necessary.

Stop feeding roses and let them rest until fall. If you need to spray, do it early in the day to avoid burning of the leaves. Many rose growers stop cultivating now, and mulch heavily to keep ground moist.

This is a good time to prune shade trees. The bark will start callousing almost at once now. Check the crotches for any signs of weakness. If necessary, use steel tie rods or

put eye-bolts through both members and chain. Wrapping a cable around the branches will only succeed in choking them eventually.

Go through old insecticides and other chemicals. Last year's usually loses a lot of strength; throw them away if they are too old and start again.

Fibrous begonias are making a good showing now. State horticulturists suggest applying a little 8-8-8 every month, and avoid letting the beds dry out. Do not leave water on the leaves at night. If the begonias look bleached out and stunted you planted them in the wrong place. These charmers appreciate light shade, and will respond with more vibrant color.

By the way, try some in a hanging basket on a protected porch; they do very well in a pot-bound situation.

A friend of mine has fixed up an arrangement of various annuals in one of those three-tiered baskets sold mainly for storing vegetables, etc. She lined the baskets with lots of moss, packing soil around the colorful plants purchased at stores here, and hung it on a pole in the back yard, being careful to prevent its drying out.

She says she's going to give it to her mother who lives in another town for her birthday. How's she going to get that contraption (beautiful as it is) off that pole? I want to see her trying to transfer it to the car. She weighs 102. The planter must weigh 302!

**Market summary**

A total of 12,753 feeder pigs were sold on 14 state graded sales during week of May 26, according to the Market News Service of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture. Prices were mostly lower; however, some grades and weights were steady to slightly higher. US 1-2 pigs weighing 40-50 pounds averaged \$38.80 per hundred pounds with No. 3s \$31.58; 50-60 pound 1-2s averaged \$36.35, No. 3s \$29.93; 60-70 pound 1-2s \$32.31, No. 3s \$27.70; 70-80 pound 1-2s averaged \$31.13 per hundred pounds with No. 3s \$27.86.

At weekly livestock auctions held within the state the week of May 26, prices for slaughter cows were steady to \$1 lower and feeder calves irregular. Utility and Commercial cows brought \$40 to \$48; few Good grade slaughter steers above 800 pounds at \$56 to \$60; few Good slaughter heifers above 700 pounds brought \$54 to \$53.30.

Medium frame Number One muscle steers 400-500 pounds brought \$71 to \$78 per hundred pounds and same grade heifers 400-500 pounds sold \$57 to \$65. No. 1 muscle feeder cows sold from \$41.50 to \$55. Baby calves under 3 weeks of age brought \$40 to \$120 per head. Market hogs brought mostly \$28.25 to \$31.25 per hundred weight and 300-600 pound sows \$22 to \$25.

Market hogs at daily cash buying stations about the state sold 25-50 higher during week of May 26 and ranged mostly \$32 to \$33 per hundred pounds with 300-600 pound sows at 18.50 - 23.00.

Corn prices were 3 to 5 cents per bushel higher and soybeans 5 to 9 cents higher through Thursday, May 29, compared to the same period of the previous week. No. 2 yellow shelled corn ranged mostly \$2.75 to \$2.92 in the Eastern part of the state and \$2.83 to \$2.95 in the Piedmont.

No. 1 yellow soybeans ranged mostly \$6.05 to \$6.25 in the East and \$5.75 to \$6.14 in the Piedmont; No. 2 red oats \$1.50 to \$1.63. New crop prices quoted for harvest delivery corn \$2.68 to \$2.88, soybeans \$6.21 to \$6.31, Wheat \$3.57 to \$3.82.

The broiler - fryer market is lower for next week's trading. Supplies are fully adequate. Demand is moderate. The North Carolina dock weighted average price is 38.54 cents per pound for less than truckloads picked up at processing plants during the week of June 2. This week 7.8 million birds were processed in North Carolina with an average live bird weight of 4.06 pounds per bird on May 28.

Heavy type hens were higher this past week. Supplies were moderate and demand moderate. Heavy type hen prices 9 to 10 mostly 10 cents per pound at the farm with buyers loading.

Egg prices were higher on large, unchanged on medium and small sizes compared to those of the previous week. Supplies were adequate. Demand was moderate. The North Carolina weighted average price quoted on May 29 for small lot sales of carton grade A eggs delivered to stores was 58.45 cents per dozen for large, Medium 49.47 and Small 41.85.

Sweet potato prices were slightly higher this week. Supplies are adequate and demand light. Fifty pound cartons of cured US No. 1s on May 29 were quoted at \$6.50 to \$7.

Cabbage prices were higher this week with demand very good and supplies increasing. On Thursday crates of No. 1 green cabbage were quoted at mostly \$5.50, a few \$5.75 and \$5.

Supplies of squash increased and snap beans in volume are expected this week.

**Service news**

Navy Seaman Paul B. Stokely, son to Paul W. and Viri Stokely of Route 3, Hertford, has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for

further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic occupational fields.

Included in his studies were seamanship, close-order drill, Naval history and first aid.

A 1975 graduate of Perquimans County, he joined the Navy in February 1980.

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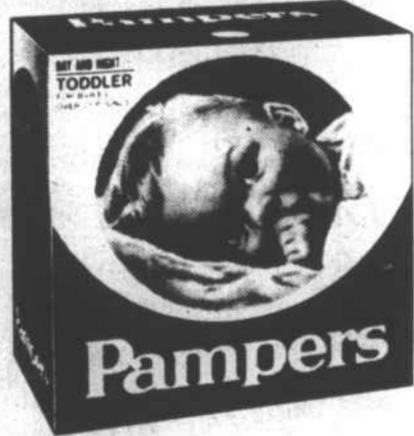
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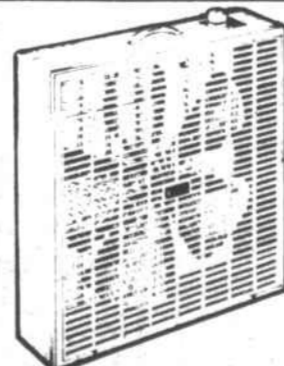
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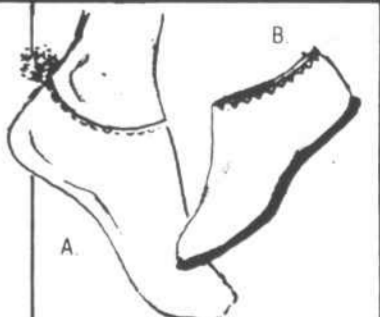
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