

# AGRICULTURE

## Nematode chemical banned by F.D.A.

Ethylene dibromide has been banned by the EPA. This chemical has been used as a nematocide for many years. Materials which contain ethylene dibromide and are affected by this ruling are: Soilbrom 90; Terr-O-Cide 15, 54-45, 72-27; Dowtume 85; Soilfume 85; and Soilbrome 85.

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Extension Chairman



Farmers who have some of the material on the farm may use it through September 1984. Dealers must hold on to the stocks and call their distributors for instructions.

Ethylene dibromide, in the recent months, has been condemned as a cancer-causing agent and also has been linked with ground water contamination in certain areas of the country.

Ethylene dibromide has been used as a nematocide for many years. Several of our farmers have used this nematocide on a regular basis. Its uses include control of the cyst nematode in the soybeans and control of various nematodes in vegetable crops. This ruling is another set back to the farmer in this county and all over the United States.

What will the corn prices do in the next several months? Extension economists feel that corn will be

steady to slightly higher during the next 4-6 weeks with the December futures ranging between \$3.50 and \$3.80. The U. S. corn production report on October 12, placed corn at 4.26 billion bushels which is 49 percent below a year ago.

Despite the sharp fall in production, supplies will be adequate for 1983-84. Carry-over plus production will total 77.66 billion bushels which is about 600 million bushels above the expected utilization for the next year.

With a short crop and adequate storage space, farmers will be expected to store their grain into late winter or early spring. North Carolina Extension Economists expect that the prices will peak sometime in 1984, in the \$3.90 to \$4.25 range.

When deciding when to sell the stored corn, farmers should be concerned about the consequences of selling two crops in the same year, the expected return to storage and the risk of prices dropping quickly, when supply — dominated markets — peak.

North Carolina University Extension Economists believe that soybean prices will continue to be volatile during the next four to six months with cash prices in the central part of North Carolina ranging between \$8.25 and \$9.00 per bushel.

Much of the fluctuation in prices during the recent weeks has been due to uncertainty regarding the drought stricken crop. The October report places the U. S. crop at 1.52 billion bushels.

This is about 18 million bushels below the September estimate. Adding old crop carry-over of 387 million bushels to the 1983 production gives a total supply for 1983-84 season of 1.9 billion bushels. The short fall in this year's crop will require a significant reduction in soybean exports and total usage from last year.

Domestic crush and farm buying activity is strong. Higher prices in the \$10-\$11 range will be necessary to cut usage by 12 to 15 percent.

Hidden factors that could influence the soybean market would include crushed demand, exports, Brazilian acreage and weather and U. S. planting intentions for 1984.

Extension specialists indicate that the odds are that peak prices will be early in the second quarter in 1984 when usage rates for the first quarter are clear.

According to the latest USDA Hogs and Pigs report there were 10 percent more pigs on the farm on September 1 than on the same date last year. This report confirms all of the projections of a large fourth quarter report and total meats supplies.

Pigs under 60 pounds were reported to be up nine percent from last year indicating large supplies of pork and total meat in the first half of last year. There were signs that farrowings may be beginning to decline, but hog numbers probably will not show a year to year decline until the end of next summer. According to N. C. Extension Economics Specialists, top hogs are expected to average about 40 cents

per hundred weight for the remainder of the year, but may advance slightly above that average for the first quarter of 1984.

Cotton has become an important crop in Perquimans County. On October 12, the USDA estimated the U. S. cotton crop as 7,549,500 bales for 1983. This is a 37 percent decline from last year.

Production of 7.5 million bales would result in total supplies of cotton for the 1983-84 marketing year of 14.9 million bales. If usage averages 11.2 million bales, the carry-over next August would be approximately 3.7 million bales.

This level of carry-over combined with expected plantings of 12-13 million acres in 1984 would put downward pressure on cotton prices. N. C. Agricultural Extension Economists indicate that the cotton prices should be stable to declining through the 1983 harvest period.

I have received a letter from Norfleet Suggs, Executive Secretary of the N. C. Peanut Growers Association. He indicated that most areas are paying a quota premium of 105 percent of the quota price.

According to Suggs, Fred McGill of Georgia informed him that additional peanuts were being

delivered under open end contracts at a ceiling of \$400 per ton in Georgia. Suggs indicated that growers should look at all of the marketing options before selling their peanuts unless they had signed a firm contract.

A grower must decide whether he must live with the 105 percent of quota support as a price. If he can, he may want to sell at the time of delivery.

As we discussed in our article a month ago, there are several other options a grower may want to utilize in marketing his peanut crop. He may want to consider utilizing PGCMA quota pool.

The peanuts would be placed in the quota pool and sold later after the market is more settled.

The other alternative the grower may wish to utilize is on-farm

storage. This alternative can be quite risky. The other marketing option a grower may wish to select is to select more than one method of marketing.

It may not be to your advantage to put all of your eggs in one basket.

This may be the year that our grain farmers may want to forward contract corn and soybeans for next year delivery.

At this time the prices look quite good. This would be a positive way a grower could lock in a profit and insure himself against a price next year that would be below his cost of production.

Certainly a grower at this early date would not want to tie up more than a third of his potential production. Forward contracting if used wisely can be a positive marketing tool in the risky business of farming.



Spread a thin layer of melted butter over jellies, puddings and sauces right after cooking. Stir, and foam or skin will disappear.

### Nominations sought for Outstanding Woman

The Perquimans County Jaycettes are seeking nominations for the Outstanding Young Woman of Perquimans County. She must be a resident of Perquimans County and should not become 36 years of age before June 1, 1984. She does not have to be a Jaycette.

Each nominee shall be judged by the following criteria: contribution to her community and evidence of leadership, 50 percent; and personal and/or business progress, 50 percent.

The Outstanding Young Woman of Perquimans County will be nominated to the Five Outstanding Young Women of North Carolina by the Perquimans County Jaycettes.

The Jaycettes will accept nominations October 20 through 27. Anyone wishing to make a nomination should contact Kay Winslow, Jaycette President, or Patsy Miller, OYW Chairman.

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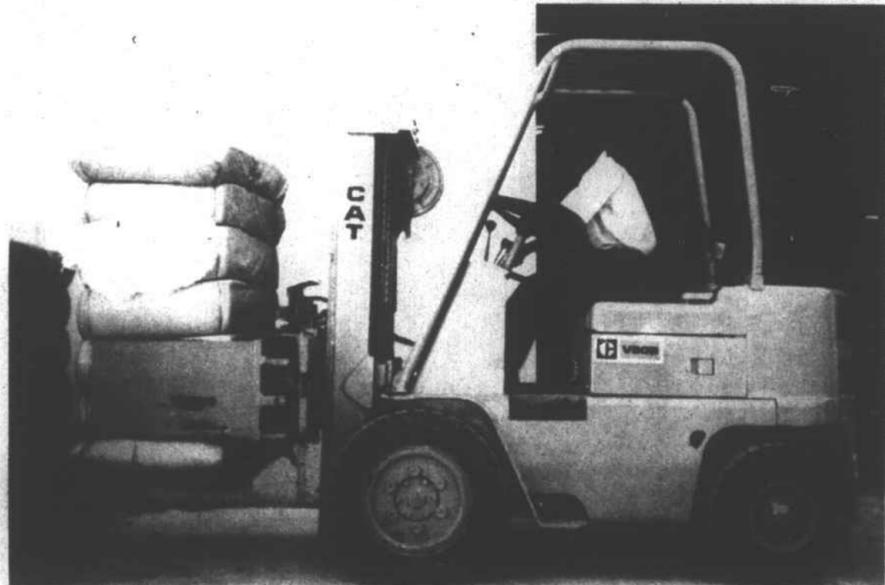
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