

County joins observance

"The Perquimans Soil and Water Conservation Committee is now joining all other districts in North Carolina in observance of Soil and Water in '84" Chairman Floyd Mathews announced.

In making the announcement, Mathews said the program in Perquimans County will include a number of special events, including a no-till meeting, an Environmental Field Day at Union School and a conservation tour in August.

The state-wide observance was proclaimed by Governor Jim Hunt at the January convention of the N. C.

Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Charlotte. The event will last throughout 1984.

"A lot of people take their natural resources for granted," said Mathews. "Even here in North Carolina where we have had such a rich store of good land and water, forests and lakes, and other resources both for agriculture and for the enjoyment of everybody."



At the Perquimans County Extension Peanut Production Meeting in February the winners of the 1983 Peanut Yield Contest were recognized. The 1983 Perquimans County Champion is Ray Hunter with a yield of 4,431 lbs. per acre

on 12.5 acres. In second place was M. Weldon Byrum with 4,236 lbs. per acre on 20.6 acres. Third place was George Roach with 4,062 lbs. per acre on 25.7 acres.

Pictured from left to right are M. Weldon Eyrum, Ray Hunter and George Roach.

The basics of agriculture

By JOHN SLEDGE
N. C. Farm Bureau Federation
There are slightly more than a billion acres of farmland in the

United States. That sounds like a lot, but when you divide it by the population, it comes out to an average of four and one-half acres per person.

Only two of those four and one-half acres are suitable for the production of food and fiber. And if most people attempted to grow their food and fiber needs on those two acres, they'd likely starve to death and have no clothes.

About 98 percent of us have a farmer to tend our two acres and it's only through his efficiency in production that we end up getting more food and fiber from our two acres than we can use.

What do we do with the rest? We try to sell it overseas and that's beneficial to all of us in more ways than one. Exports keep a farmer's production up and his costs down and that gives us cheaper food.

In addition, total farm exports make jobs for more than a million non-farm people in the United States.

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New grass control herbicides

By W. R. JESTER, III
County Extension Chairman
Both Poast (sethoxydim) and Fusilade (fluazifop) are registered for over-the-top control of certain annual and perennial grasses among selected ornamental plants.

These herbicides are not currently intended for domestic use (homeowner), except by professional applicators. Packages smaller than one gallon are not presently marketed.

Grass species differ in sensitivity to Poast and Fusilade, which makes identification and rate selection quite important. There is a schedule for grass height versus herbicide rate which should be carefully followed.

It is also important that crop oil concentrate (or optional surfactant with Fusilade) be used, with the restriction that drought-stressed weedy grass plants not be treated.

Allow at least one hour between application of either herbicide before

rainfall or irrigation. Do not mix and apply with other pesticides.

Certain grasses are not controlled, for example, Poast does not control annual bluegrass; centipede grass is tolerant to Poast, but tall fescue is not.

Centipede grass is not tolerant to Fusilade, but fescue is somewhat tolerant.

Suggested amounts of herbicide to treat 1000 sq. ft. areas are listed as approximate values in the table:

	Rate Desired Active Ingredient Per Acre	Rate of Formulation Per Acre	Rate of Formulation per 1000 sq. ft. per 1 gallon of water
Poast	0.25	21 oz.	3 ts. or (1Tbs.) or (13.5 ml.)
Fusilade	0.25	8 oz.	1 ts. or (5 ml.)
Crop Oil concentrate		1 qt.	1 Tbs. + 1 ts. or (20.5 ml.)
Surfactant		8 oz.	1 ts. or (5 ml.)



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