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ABUNDANT HARVEST—Perquimans County farmers are experiencing extremely high corn yields this year, but the yield of the crop is being offset by low market prices. (Photo by George Wilmore)

Local farmers harvest high corn yield

By SUSAN HARRIS
Good corn yields are being offset by low prices according to farmers from communities throughout Perquimans County. The harvest is averaging 140-170 bushels per acre. The base price on Monday was \$2.35 per bushel. From the time they planted, area farmers expected low prices, but hoped that high yields

would help soften the blow. So far, the yields have been what many label "exceptional." Broughton Dail of Hertford Supply Co. said he believes corn prices have bottomed-out, although he admitted that farmers could possibly see another 10 cents per bushel shaved off the already low base. Dail also noted that those

farmers who have bins available are storing their corn, holding out for what they hope will be higher prices after the harvest glut. Moisture is a factor that affects corn prices. Dail and Ned Nixon of J&N Supply Co. report that to date this year's crop has run from the upper teens to low 20s moisture percentage points.

Twenty percent moisture clips about 55 cents per bushel from the base price of \$2.35 according to Nixon. Some farmers are opting to pick later, waiting for the corn to dry out as much as possible said Shirley Manley, whose husband Donald hasn't picked his corn yet.

If corn yields 150 bushels per acre, runs 20 percent moisture, and the base price remains at \$2.35 per bushel, a farmer would gross \$270 per acre. The average farmer spent \$120 per acre to plant, raise and harvest his crop, according to Edgar Roberson of Albemarle Fertilizer.

This leaves a before-tax profit of approximately \$150 on an acre of corn. For the renter, another chunk goes to the landlord, whether he pays cash rent or a percentage of the profits.

The profit margin will be low, but farmers hope to pay out this year.

Hardcastle named to Peoples board

ROCKY MOUNT, NC—Capt. William Hughlett Hardcastle, Jr., U.S.N. (Retired) has been



HARDCASTLE

named to the local Board of Directors of Peoples Bank and Trust Company in Hertford. The announcement was made by Robert R. Mauldin, Chairman and President of Peoples Bancorporation, on Wednesday.

Hardcastle served in the United States Navy for 30 years in various sea commands and shore assignments. He was stationed in Vietnam in 1964-65 as Senior Naval Advisor and in Little Creek, Va., (1969-72) as Commanding Officer of the Naval Amphibious Base.

Hardcastle retired from the Navy in 1972 and was employed by Virginia Beach Public Schools until 1982.

He was the 1970 recipient of the Military Citizen of the Year Award, given by the Tidewater (VA) Chamber of Commerce.

During his time in the Navy, he was decorated with numerous military combat medals, including the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Air Medal, and Vietnamese Medal of Valor.

Hardcastle has been involved in the Virginia Beach Research and Advisory Council and the Virginia Beach United Way Family Center. He is a lifetime member of the U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association and a former Director of the Tidewater Chapter of the same organization.

A native of Hertford, Hardcastle graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1942 and later earned a Masters degree in Business Administration from Harvard Business School in 1952.

He and his wife, Mary Virginia, have three daughters.

Social Services to distribute staples to low-income families

The Perquimans County Department of Social Services will receive 5,340 lbs. of cheese, 1,800 lbs. of butter, 750 lbs. of corn meal, 1,440 lbs. of dry milk, 1,332 lbs. of honey, 2,250 lbs. of flour and 1,248 lbs. of rice in September to be distributed to low-income families of the county.

Any family whose income is at or below the scale provided may receive their allotment of the foods available. Allotment tables are also provided so that households will know how much of each commodity they should receive.

Households having four or more persons in the home should probably bring another person with them to help in carrying the commodities to the car. Volunteers working at the distribution will not be able to carry commodities to this distribution.

As has been the procedure in the past; this distribution must be done on a first come, first serve basis. The first 400 households will receive all commodities listed above. Since we have more cheese and butter than any of the other commodities, all families will be receiving these two commodities until the supply is exhausted. We plan to be able to serve approximately 600 households.

Food Stamp recipients will receive an authorization card in the mail which they must bring to the Ice Plant on September 11, 1985 between the hours of 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. Representatives may pick up the foods available; but they must have the card and it must be signed appropriately as required.

Application for non-food stamp households may be obtained at

the Perquimans County Department of Social Services, the County Health Department, Economic Improvement Council or Catholic Social Services beginning September 4, 1985. All applications should be completed prior to coming to the Ice Plant for distribution.

No cars will be allowed on the roads leading into or out of the Ice Plant property. Please be sure to park only in parking spaces which are marked as such. The Hertford Police Department will be patrolling this area for violations. Please do not park in any drive ways.

DISTRIBUTION: Wednesday, September 11, 1985.
LOCATION: Ice Plant, Hertford
TIME: 1:00-4:00 P.M.

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS	GROSS INCOMES		
	YEARLY	MONTHLY	WEEKLY
1	\$ 6,825	\$ 569	\$132
2	9,165	764	177
3	11,505	959	222
4	13,845	1,154	267
5	16,185	1,349	312
6	18,525	1,544	357
7	20,865	1,739	402
8	23,205	1,934	447
ADD FOR EACH ADDITIONAL HOUSEHOLD MEMBER	\$ 2,340	\$ 195	\$ 45

Entertainment and activity set to enhance festival

By JANE B. WILLIAMS
With offerings from cottoncandy to soft-shell crabs even the most discriminating taste buds will be sated during the fourth annual Indian Summer Festival sponsored by the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce.

"Flatland Cloggers;" N.C. Miss Teen Charm; the Atlantic Fleet Band; and "Ghost Chasers," a square dance group.

More than 50 booths have been reserved for arts, crafts, displays and food for the day to create an added air of festivities.

Among the various offerings will be handcrafted items imported from Africa and the Caribbean, handmade stoneware and pottery, folk art, antique crocks, stuffed animals, wood-crafted items, needlecrafts, ceramics, porcelain dools, lamps, christmas ornaments and hand-crafted lollipops.

A Coast Guard HH-3F Helicopter will be on display as will an ROTC vessel docked near the park, which will be open for touring.

McGruff the Crime Dog will be on hand to talk with these children, and children of all ages can be fingerprinted for identification purposes.

A "moon-walk" for children will be open, and from 10 o'clock until 2 o'clock a train ride will be offered.

New to the festival this year will be a Tug-Of-War contest at noon. Registration for the event will begin at 11:00 a.m.

A pig-picking will begin at 5 o'clock, and at 5:30 the River City Ski Club will perform on the Perquimans River.

As daylight fades an evening of fun will get underway with a street dance from 8:00 p.m. until midnight with music provided by "Southern Fury."

This year's festival promises to be the biggest and best ever as neighbors and friends gather for two days of care-free fun in celebration of the 'good life' available in Perquimans County.



The two day event, set for September 13 and 14, will feature a variety of activities and a host of food, with fun being the primary goal for the festival goers and planners.

Saturday will once again be a day to spend in Hertford at Missing Mill Park. Many of the features and entertainers that have made the festival popular will return this year, along with lots of new faces that will help to expand this year's festivities.

Opening Saturday's events will be a 5-K Run that will begin and end at Hertford Grammar School. Registration for the race is at 8:30 a.m., and the race will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Entertainment at the park will also begin at 10 o'clock with "100 Proof." The group will be followed with performances by the

Band Boosters undertake community calendar sales

By JANE B. WILLIAMS
Community calendar sales are underway once again; but this year the Perquimans County Jaycees have relinquished the project to the Perquimans County Band Boosters to enable that organization to raise funds to help support the county's award winning high school band.

The "Marching Pirates" are nearly 80 strong this year and the Band Boosters will be hard at work to raise funds to allow the band to perform at various events and enter competitions.

According to C.D. White, Jr., president of the Band Boosters, orders for the calendars and listings will be taken through September 10. Hazel Eure has been named chairperson for the project, and Reva Evans is chairperson for the calendar advertising sales.

Calendars will be offered for \$1.50 each this year. Birthday and anniversary listings are 25-cents each, as are civic and government meeting date listings. Anyone interested in purchasing calendars or listings can contact Mrs. Eure at 264-2410.

Businesses or groups wishing to advertise on the 1986 community calendars can contact Mrs. Evans at 426-8357.

The Marching Pirates are preparing for a busy season this fall, with nine gametime appearances scheduled. In addition to their halftime performances the Marching Pirates will also participate in three competitions during the fall. They will compete on October 5 in Edenton during the annual Peanut Festival,

at Chowan College on October 19, and at the Eastern North Carolina Festival Contest in Roanoke Rapids on November 2.

The band is also scheduled to perform occasionally at meetings of the Band Boosters organization, with a performance scheduled for the club's next meeting on September 9. The performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. on the front lawn of Perquimans County High School, with the business meeting following in the school library.

Among the fund-raising projects planned by the Band Boosters this year is a ham raffle that will take place during the Indian Summer Festival. Tickets will be available at the First Choice Realty booth at the festival at a cost of three for \$1.00.



GETTING READY—The Marching Pirates are preparing for a busy season as are the members of the Band Booster organization as they prepare fund-raising projects to support the band. (Photo by Tim Bryant)