

# Farming news

## Cattleman invited to attend a mini-tour Tuesday

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Cattlemen are invited to attend a mini-tour on Tuesday, August 25. Please call by Friday, August 21, to let us know if you will be attending the tour. (426-5428)  
8:00 A.M.—Depart - From County Extension Office in Hertford  
8:30 A.M.—Stop 1 - Glenn, Rogerson - To maximize production per animal unit, wise use of pasture is important. Glenn has set up a controlled grazing system for his sheep that may work on your farm with cattle. For many of you it will be the first time you will have the opportunity to see controlled grazing, or this particular breed of sheep - Cheviot.  
Drink Break—  
9:30 A.M.—Stop 2 - Ralph Webber, G.A. Keeter, Herdsman - Purebred Chagrolais cattle including a Waynesville Test Station Bull; handling facilities; and silage are features at this stop.  
A working demonstration of several cattle products (implants and dewormers) and their usage should be of interest to any cattle producer.  
Feeder Calf Sale and 4-H Steer Selection: The state graded feeder calf sales will begin soon. Compared to local auctions in 1986, they paid \$6.00 more per hundred weight for medium framed steers, and \$5.00 more per hundred weight for medium framed heifers. Consider marketing

your calves through graded sales for best prices. Enclosed are rules and regulations for the first sale in Rocky Mount.

Producers selling calves should read the rules carefully. Consignment sheets are due in Tarboro by August 24 to avoid the \$1.00 late penalty. All calves must be vaccinated for Blackleg and Malignant Edema before August 20.

Parents desiring to purchase calves for the 4-H Show should make plans now! There will be a club calf pen in Rocky Mount (at the first sale and maybe the second) and also at the Clinton sale.

The club calf pen is those 10 or 15 calves selected out of the entire sale (800-1200 head) for people like you to bid on individually for 4-H and FFA projects. If you want a calf, by all means try to attend. If you cannot go yourself but still want to buy a calf, contact me by Friday, August 21. There will be a trailer available at the Rocky Mount Sale to bring 4-H calves back home. Richard Lichtenwalner, Area Cattle Specialist, and myself will do whatever we can to help. Plan to get your calf now while the selection is good.

**SCHEDULE OF SALES**—Rocky Mount—Thursday, September 3 - 10:00 A.M.; Clinton—Wednesday, September 9 - 10:00 A.M.; Rocky Mount - Thursday, October 29 - 10:00 A.M.

## 1st Farmers' Market Festival scheduled

ASHEVILLE—The first annual Farmers' Market Festival at the Western North Carolina Farmers' Market in Asheville has been scheduled for September 1, 2, and 3, 1987. The three-day celebration will spotlight the bountiful supplies of fresh fruits and vegetables available of the market.

Tuesday, September 1 will be Canning and Freezing Day, with home economists from the NCDA and the Agricultural Extension Service on hand to distribute recipes and offer advice on canning and freezing fruits and vegetables. Door prizes will be given throughout the 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. activities, with seminars on canning and freezing at 10, 2 and 4.

The second day of the festival will be Senior Citizens' Day with vendors at the market offering special pricing for the older visitors to the market. Senior Citizens' Day will run from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., with seminars on nutrition and microwave cooking and free blood pressure checks by the

Red Cross available throughout the day. Retirement villages as well as individual seniors are encouraged to attend these activities and qualify for the door prizes to be given away during the day.

To draw the festival to a close on Thursday evening, September 3, the staff of the market will host Family Night at the Market from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. A gala evening with bluegrass music, cloggers, hot air balloons, door prizes, free watermelon slices, helium balloons and apple juice will await shoppers that day, in addition to the plentiful supplies of late-summer produce like melons, apples, grapes, cabbages, peas, beans and tomatoes.

The Western North Carolina Farmers' Market is located on Brevard Road just outside the city limits. For additional information on the festival or other market information, contact the market at 253-1691.

## Farmers are tough even in rough times

Farmers have been through some rough times during the past several years. A less courageous and dedicated people would probably have given up long ago, but farmers are not prone to quit, even during bad times.

Farmers' rich religious heritage builds a firm foundation for strong family ties. It may be that being close to nature and having to live with unbending and irrefutable laws of nature cause our farm families to have a more caring and cooperative

spirit. The family working together helps bind their bonds of devotion and support to each other.

The farm family's spirit of cooperation helps them to remain objective and reasonable in these troubled times. They realize that one cannot survive alone today.



The last days of summer!

Staff photo  
by Anzie Wood

## EIC Center to hold meeting

Economic Resource Center will hold their monthly County Council Meeting August 25th at 7:00 p.m. at the EIC Center.  
The community is urged to attend.

## Heat, lack of rain creates problems for area gardens

Excessive heat and lack of rain have created problems for area vegetable gardens. But a fall vegetable garden could have better luck, say experts at the N.C. Botanical Garden at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Some gardeners are satisfied with vegetables that mature before November and December. Underground root crops, such as carrots, radishes and parsnips, will not be hurt by light frost. They can be mulched heavily as the weather grows colder and left in the ground to be eaten when they are wanted.

Salad greens and other leafy vegetables prefer cooler temperatures and will tolerate the cold well. The 45-day maturity types of lettuce, such as salad bowl and black-seeded Simpson, are especially good for the fall garden.

All cabbage family members do better in cool weather. Broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, Brussel sprouts and kale are included into this group.

Also onions and their relatives, if well-mulched, survive cold weather and begin to grow again when the ground begins to warm in the spring.

If these plants are close to maturity by the first frost, usually around Oct. 20, then they will be hardened and more resistant to cold as the temperatures drop from the 60s to 30s.

A fall garden usually is a second planting. More fertilizer will be needed, since the spring crops probably will have used the nutrients added previously. A scattering of organic fertilizer will be necessary when the soil is prepared, and again when the plants or seeds are planted. The planting process should allow for ample growth time before frost.

All seed packets list the time needed for growth until maturity. Gardeners should count back from Oct. 20 and plant the seeds and small plants accordingly.

The result can be a garden more successful than those found during the summer.

## Southern Pine Beetle nears epidemic

RALEIGH—The spread of the Southern Pine Beetle - the most destructive insect to pine trees in the southern United States - has reached epidemic proportions in the piedmont section of North Carolina, according to recent surveys by the N.C. Division of Forest Resources.

The surveys show that Cabarrus,

Davidson and Randolph counties are the areas with the most beetle-related damage. Other areas hard hit by the Southern Pine Beetle include counties in the northern coastal plain.

Thinning timber stands is the most effective way to reduce attacks by the Southern Pine Beetle.

## NOTICE TOWN OF WINFALL

Filing time has been extended one (1) additional week for persons interested in filing for Town Council for the Town of Winfall. The filing time will be open from 12 noon, August 24, 1987, and close at 12 noon, August 28, 1987. This will be a Non-Partisan Municipal Election to be held November 3, 1987.

William L. Tilley, Chairman  
Perquimans County Board of Elections

## Agriculture commissioner honored

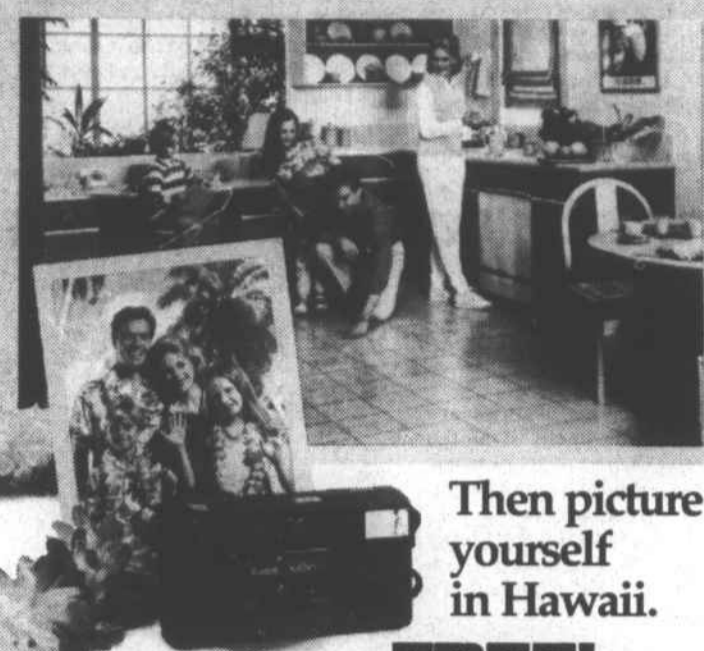
GREENVILLE—State Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham was honored here Wednesday for his leadership in agricultural development by the Greenville Tobacco Board of Trade and the Pitt-Greenville Chamber of Commerce.

At a breakfast held at the Holiday Inn making the opening of the Eastern Tobacco Belt, the commissioner was presented a plaque by Ed

Walker, president of the chamber, which read: "In Appreciation For Your Outstanding Leadership In Agricultural Development in North Carolina."

Graham responded pledging to continue to work for an ever strengthening agriculture economy in Pitt County and throughout the entirety of North Carolina.

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