

FIRE FACTS

HOW FAR CAN FIRE JUMP?

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Farmers Asked To Grow More Grain

With a heavy demand for food still existing both in this country and abroad, North Carolina farmers are being asked to grow more corn, oats, barley and other grain crops during 1948, according to G. T. Scott, State director of the Production and Marketing Administration.

In announcing 1948 farm production goal for the State as set by the Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Scott said the critical feed supply situation has made necessary a reduction in the goals for livestock and poultry.

The 1948 goal for corn production is 2,358,000 acres, an increase of 9 per cent over 1947 acreage. The goal for wheat is 600,000 acres, an increase of 15 per cent, and for oats 523,000 acres, an increase of 1 per cent.

Farmers are asked to produce 1,221,000 acres of tame hay, about the same as last year. The goal for cotton is 794,000 acres, an increase of 27 per cent, and for Irish potatoes, 73,800 acres, an increase of 2 per cent.

The greatest decrease is seen in the goal for flue-cured tobacco,

which is 602,000 acres as compared with an acreage of 800,000 in 1947. The burley tobacco goal is up 21 per cent, from 9,600 to 11,577 acres. The goal for sweet potatoes is 63,000 acres, a decrease of 2 per cent. No State goal for peanuts has been announced, but the recommended national goal is 16 per cent below the 1947 acreage, picked and threshed.

Foot-Candle Unit

A foot-candle, the unit for measuring light, is the amount of light produced by the flame of a standard candle on a surface a foot distant.

Learned Shorthand Early

James Byrnes learned to write shorthand when 10 years old.

Almost one-half of all farm accidents occur in the barn. Such things as ladders in need of repair, careless use of pitchforks, weak hay-mow floors, and trash accumulations are the cause of most of these accidents, says the National Safety Council, which recommends that farmers turn more attention to accident prevention.

Hayes To Receive 10-Day Furlough

PARRIS ISLAND, S. C., Mar. 26.—Marine Pvt. Lewis N. Hayes, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Hayes, Bessemer City, N. C., will receive a 10-day leave following completion of recruit training her at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot this week. A former student at Bessemer City

high school, Hayes enlisted in the Marine Corps at Raleigh Jan. 6, for three years. He has been training with Platoon Four of the Second Recruit Battalion for the past 10 weeks.

Private Hayes has requested assignment to Cooks and Bakers School upon completion of his leave.

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Recommended Method Increases Corn Yield

Reports from Bertie County farmers indicate that it is profitable to follow recommended methods in corn production, according to B. E. Grant, county agent for the State College Extension Service.

A number of Bertie growers have conducted demonstrations during the past three years. By following approved practices, which require almost no extra labor and very little extra cost, they have increased their corn yield to an estimated 35 bushels per acre, the best record the county has ever made, Mr. Grant said.

In each of the demonstrations held the corn produced on the demonstration acre was more profitable than in the usual farm practice, the county agent declared. The only additional work required was that of applying more fertilizer. The additional cost was for hybrid seed, fertilizer, and soda.

Mr. Grant said the best hybrids have given from 20 to 25 percent more than local varieties. Ten Bertie farms have already qualified for membership in the State 100-Bushel Club, and a considerable number growers have indicated their interest in trying to make 150 bushels on one acre by following approved practices.

The main points in the recommended practices are: (1) Select good corn land. (2) Prepare a good seed bed. (3) Use the best hybrid seed. (4) Plant so as to have from 8,000 to 10,000 stalks per acre. This has usually been 12 to 16 inches in the drill with 31-2 foot rows. (5) Use sufficient plant food. Bertie growers used 600 pounds of 4-8-8 or 4-10-6 at planting with side dressing of 500 pounds nitrate of soda or calcium and 100 pounds muriate of potash. (6) Cultivate shallow to avoid damaging feed roots. (7) Do not pull suckers. (8) Lay by when 2-2 feet high. This has usually required two or three cultivations.

To obtain for the United States the most information on foot-and-mouth disease research in Europe and methods used for the prevention and control of the disease in different countries there, the U. S. Department of Agriculture has sent three research workers abroad for study.

By Way Of Mention

Lois Beattie

Mrs. H. B. Jones spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Andy McCarter of Bethany.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Payne had as their guests for the holidays Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Fuller and children of Belmont.

Mr. Wright Harmon is in the Shelby hospital at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Davis spent the weekend with relatives in Laurens, S. C.

Mrs. T. R. Fogleman and Mr. C. G. McCraw of Charlotte were recent guests of relatives in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. James Houser and son, Mike, spent Sunday here with relatives.

Mrs. Gordon Beatty and son, Buddy, spent Sunday with Mr. Gordon Beatty of Black Mountain.

Roy Lockridge and Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Houser and family all of Central College spent Friday here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ward had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Hall Stewart and family of Haw River and Miss Katie Knight of Belmont.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Wright had as their guests for the week end Messrs Fred and Dave Smith, Jr., of Gastonia.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Lovelace and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Lovelace of the Oak Grove community.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Lee Blanton had as their guests for the weekend Mrs. Ollie Gladden and children and Mrs. Jennie Lovelace all of Charlotte and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Blanton of Shelby.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Hope had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Gus Rector and Mr. and Mrs. Worth Rector all of Gastonia.

Mr. Calloway Henderson has returned home from the hospital.

Mrs. Billy Ware has returned home after being on an extended visit to her husband, Mr. Billy Ware of Fort Wayne, Ind.

Pride Ratterree, Jr., spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Mrs. Pride Ratterree.

Norman McGill of Erskine College spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. F. McGill.

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