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Guaranteed Thru Saturday, Jan. 19th.



VALUABLE COUPON FREE! 100 EXTRA F. S. GOLD STAMPS

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Honored By Adults Only Good Thru Sat., Jan. 19th.

BANQUET FRESH FROZEN CHICKEN, BEEF, TURKEY OR HAM

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Pkgs.

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10-OZ.

CHEESE BISCUITS **CORN MUFFINS**

6-PACK

BANQUET SLICED BEEF WITH GRAVY . SLICED TURKEY WITH GRAVY

CHOPPED TURNIP GREENS LEAF TURNIP GREENS SLICED COLLARDS

DULANY FRESH FROZEN VEGETABLES

GREEN PEAS __ CUT CORN WHOLE BABY OKRA

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29c

MORTON'S

FRESH

FROZEN

SWANSON'S CHICKEN, BEEF OR TURKEY

DRISCOLL FRESH FROZEN Pkgs. 10-0z.



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YOUR FAVORITE CAN WIN A TWO-WEEK VACATION FOR TWO

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King Cotton **Gives Farmer Major Income**

King Cotton, now sharing its throne with many products, has provided North Carolina farmers with a major portion of their income for over two centuries,

To many Tar Heel farmers it is still the leading cash crop, and on a statewide basis it ranks second to tobacco. Income from the crop in 1962 was estimated at \$55

Little is known about the early history of cotton in America ex-cept for the fact that it was planted by early English colo-nists as soon as they were established at Jamestown.

Many historians believe the first cotton grown commercially was in the Tidewater area of northeastern North Carolina. It still is grown quite extensively there today.

From the Tidewater area cotton moved westward across towns of Wilmington and Charleston, S. C., also moved west and north to establish cotton farms and plantations in the lower Coastal Plain and Piedmont regions.

By the mid-1700s, cotton was being produced from the Atlantic coast to the Blue Ridge Moun-

It made its debut first as a family enterprise but soon grew slave-labor plantation dimensions, especially in the flat lands of the Coastal Plain and sections of the Piedmont. In the latter, however, it remained primarily a family type opera-

In the early days practically all commercially grown cotton was shipped to England. But since the erection of Slators Cotton Mill in Rhode Island in 1790, the bulk of North Carolina cotton has remained in this country for processing.

This important fact, reinforced by the invention of the cotton gin in 1794, helped North Carolina grow from a few hundred acres in 1800 to over a half million in years immediately following the Civil War.

By 1881 the acreage had climbed to over a million and rose to 1, 802,000 in 1926. In that year a record crop of 1,208,000 bales were produced in the state. Since 1933 the trend has been

downward. In 1961 cotton allotments in North Carolina totaled 83,614, ranging in size from threetenths of an acre to 800 acres.

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1958 was the smallest acreage on record according to estimates dating back to 1866.

The trend since 1958 has been slightly upward, ranging from 390,000 acres harvested in 1959 to approximately 408,000 in 1962.

Average yields have fluctuated considerably since 1950 when intense boll weevil activity reduced yields to an all-time low of 149 yields to an all-time low of 149 pounds per acre. The year of low-est acreage, 1958, had the highest record average of 466 pounds.

Estimates for 1962 indicate an average of 359 pounds. Some counties, such as Scotland and Northampton, have consistently pushed their average yield above a bale per acre (500 pounds of lint) with the adaption if intensive production programs. Many individual producers have grown two bales per acre, and a few have reached three bales.

The movement of cotton acreage within the state has been rather intense in recent years, especially since the release and reappointment program went into effect in 1960.

In 1926, 41 per cent of the to-tal crop was produced in the Piedmont as compared to 28 per cent in 1959 and about 15 per cent in 1962. Robeson with 55,000 alloted acres was the biggest cotton pro-

ducing county in 1962. Halifax, Northampton, Cleveland and Sampson produced more than 30,-000 acres each. Other top coun-ties were Scotland, Johnson, Nash, Hoke and Edgecombe. Mechanization has made wide inroads in recent years. Many of the larger farmers are now com-

pletely mechanized, whereas hand labor and mules produced the crops a few years ago. In 19-56 only eight mechanical pickers were operating in the entire state. In 1962 some 400 pickers harvested 20-30 per cent of the crop. Chemical weed control has tak-

en over entirely in some locales. Intensified boll weevil programs are carried on by many communities involving all producers. The all recommended practice procedure is fast catching on and is helping to create new record yields that a short time ago would have seemed fantastic and impossible. Cotton research, both funda-

mental and applied, has been up considerably and is being car-ried out through a coordinated program involving North Caro-lina State College, the United States Department of Agriculture, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, and the N. C. Extension Service. The North Carolina Cotton

Promotion Association organized in the 1950's and financed primarily by growers contributions is doing much to promote cotton's welfare in the state and nation. As for the future, cotton is expected to continue moving into the Coastal Plain. Production u-

nits will become larger, mechanization will increase, yields and income will climb. Cotton may never become king again, but it will be one of the ruling princes of North Carolina

agriculture as far as we can see into the future.