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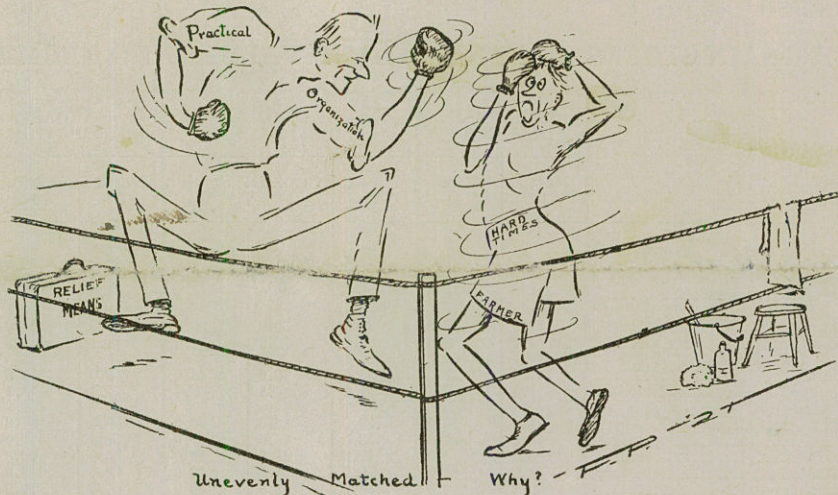
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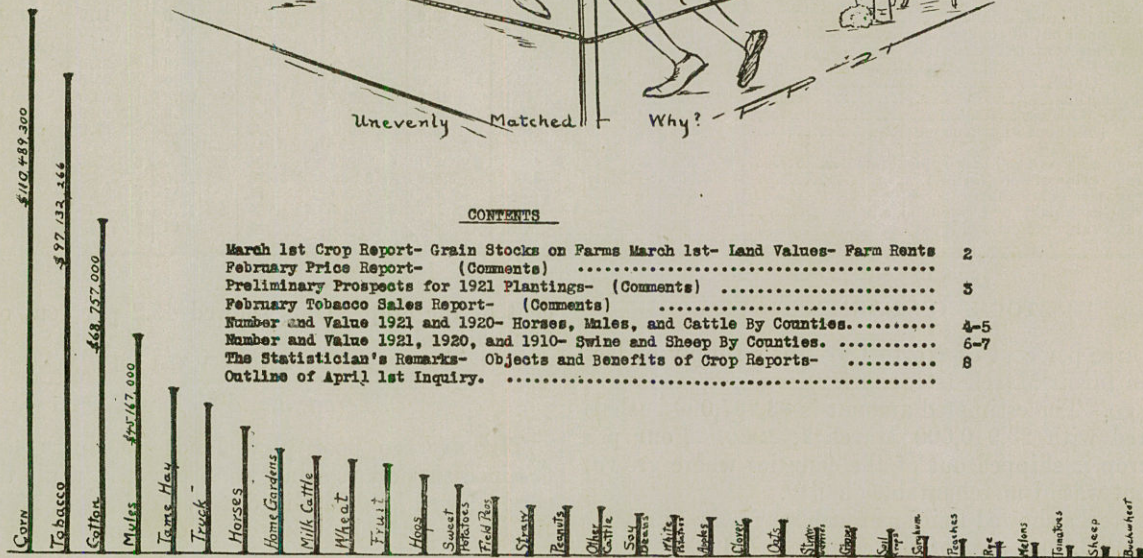
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Graphical Comparisons in Total Value of North Carolina's Thirty-two Leading Crops and Livestock
December, 1920, (\$39,000,000 to inch)

WEATHER FORECAST: Changes Expected from Tight Money to Cooperative Interests

FEBRUARY PRICE REPORT BY DISTRICTS

Average Farm Prices As Reported February 15, 1921

FARM PRODUCTS	MOUNTAIN DISTRICTS		PIEDMONT DISTRICTS			COASTAL DISTRICTS			North Carolina
	North 1	West 4	North 2	Central 5	South 8	North 3	Central 6	South 9	
Hogs.....live weight per 100 lbs.	\$ 12.37	\$ 12.17	\$ 12.75	\$ 12.31	\$ 12.50	\$ 10.16	\$ 9.96	\$ 11.45	\$ 11.45
Beef cattle.....live weight per 100 lbs.	5.69	5.50	6.57	6.50	5.93	6.61	7.00	8.23	6.40
Sheep.....live weight per 100 lbs.	6.45	7.06	6.75	7.00	7.30	6.50	6.30		6.69
Lambs.....live weight per 100 lbs.	7.80	8.83	9.00			7.50	7.00		8.20
Milch Cows.....per head	46.00	51.00	60.00	61.00	51.00	56.00	70.00	71.00	56.20
Horses.....per head	115.00	111.00	145.00	137.00	112.00	130.00	157.00	124.00	124.05
Milk, wholesale.....per gal.	.23	.43	.53	.51	.50	.49	.58	.50	.49
Milk, retail.....per gal.	.31	.58	.73	.77	.66	.65	.71	.66	.64
Apples.....per bu.	1.27	1.30	1.81	2.00	2.50	2.25	2.00	2.25	1.46
Peanuts.....per lb.	.09	.09	.08	.08	.08	.04	.04	.06	.044
Beans, dry.....per bu.	3.22	3.60	3.78	3.90	3.50	4.00	3.17	3.00	3.61
Beans, Soy.....per bu.	2.33	2.19	2.50	2.50	2.00	1.94	1.84	2.05	1.92
Sweet Potatoes.....per bu.	1.12	1.30	1.08	1.08	1.22	1.11	1.15	1.15	1.22
Cabbage.....per 100 lbs.	1.71	2.70	2.75	2.70	2.75	2.85	3.07	2.65	2.49
Onions.....per bu.	1.31	1.40	1.92	1.41	1.25	1.37	1.75	1.60	1.48
Timothy Hay.....per ton	22.00	32.00	35.00	38.00	35.00		37.00	39.00	30.60
Clover Hay.....per ton	26.00	29.00	35.00	26.00	28.00			38.00	28.10
Clover Seed.....per bu.	15.38	16.00	14.33	14.00	15.00				15.23
Cotton Seed.....per ton	25.00	26.20	24.00	25.00	26.00	21.00	23.00	25.00	23.17
Eggs.....per doz.	.36	.35	.46	.43	.45	.36	.33	.40	.38
Chickens.....per lb.	.22	.19	.26	.23	.23	.22	.23	.25	.22
Cowpeas.....per bu.	1.97	2.19	2.43	2.12	1.87	2.50	2.73	2.22	2.28
PAID BY FARMERS:									
Clover Seed.....per bu.	16.45	16.00	15.50	15.33				17.00	16.10
Timothy Seed.....per bu.	5.30	4.17	4.50	4.50					4.94
Bran.....per ton	49.00	43.00	46.00	47.00	42.00	48.00	45.00	46.00	46.48
Cotton-seed Meal.....per ton	44.00	42.00	47.00	42.00	39.00	39.00	38.00	40.00	41.30
Cotton-seed Hulls.....per ton	20.00	21.00	18.00	14.00	15.00	15.00	16.00	19.00	17.35

NOTE—Price Report Comments on page 8.

MARCH GRAIN STOCKS ON FARMS—LAND VALUES AND FARM RENTS

MARCH INQUIRIES	MOUNTAIN DISTRICTS		PIEDMONT DISTRICTS			COASTAL DISTRICTS			North Carolina	United States, Pending
	North 1	West 4	North 2	Central 5	South 8	North 3	Central 6	South 9		
CORN—1920 CROP:										
Per cent crop still on hand.....	49.0	49.0	49.0	53.0	52.0	62.0	59.0	59.0	54.0	48.6
Per cent shipped out of county.....	4.5	2.6	2.0	5.0	3.0	4.0	6.0	2.0	4.0	21.4
Per cent of saleable quality.....	85.5	84.0	87.0	90.0	86.0	91.0	86.0	85.0	87.0	87.0
WHEAT—1920 CROP:										
Per cent still on hand.....	33.0	30.0	34.0	35.0	29.0	22.0	12.0	15.0	32.0	26.4
Per cent shipped out of county.....	4.0	2.6	7.0	8.0	4.0	.1	.0	.1	5.0	58.4
OATS—1920 CROP:										
Per cent still on hand.....	17.0	21.0	21.0	19.0	14.0	8.0	10.0	11.0	18.0	45.2
Per cent shipped out of county.....	1.1	.2	1.0	.6	.8	.3	.1	.0	1.0	28.2
LAND VALUES PER ACRE (AVERAGE):										
Plow lands—Poor.....	31.5	36.5	30.0	32.0	40.0	39.0	54.0	37.0	36.0	-----
Good.....	75.0	82.0	58.0	65.0	67.0	84.0	122.0	86.0	76.0	-----
All.....	48.0	53.0	42.0	48.0	50.0	58.0	90.0	59.0	55.0	-----
Farm lands—With improvements.....	51.0	63.0	50.0	53.0	59.0	66.0	115.0	91.0	66.0	-----
Without improvements.....	40.5	46.0	36.0	38.0	40.0	44.0	76.0	53.0	46.0	-----
CASH RENTS:										
(a) Average cash rent paid for typical farm.....	\$ 321	\$ 263	\$ 235	\$ 241	\$ 232	\$ 325	\$ 302	\$ 309	\$ 274	-----
(b) Average value of such farm.....	4,500	2,414	3,081	3,200	3,609	5,493	4,790	5,088	4,100	-----
(c) Average size of such farm (acres).....	116	67	88	87	80	85	55	70	76	-----
(d) Average cash paid for plowed fields per acre.....	\$ 8	\$ 10	\$ 16	\$ 7	\$ 6	\$ 10	\$ 13.5	\$ 10	\$ 12	-----
(e) Average value of such fields per acre.....	54	66	50	55	58	56	94	75	60	-----

STOCKS ON FARMS

The fifty-three per cent of North Carolina's supply of last year's corn on farms March 1st was over forty per cent more than a year ago. The estimated amount is 33,937,000 bushels now, compared with 23,940,000 March 1, 1920. Four per cent of the crop is shipped out of the counties where grown, and 87 per cent was of merchantable quality.

The wheat stocks showed twice as much on farms as a year ago, there being 32 per cent of the crop or 2,711,000 bushels three weeks ago and 1,213,000 bushels twelve months before. Only five per cent of the crop is shipped out of the county where grown. Of the oat crop 18 per cent was on farms and only one per cent shipped from the average county where produced.

For the United States, there was 48.6 per cent of last year's crop on farms March 1st, or 11 per cent more than a year previous. There was 21.4 per cent of the national crop shipped, and as in this state, the average quality of the national crop was 87 per cent.

The American wheat crop showed a considerably larger percentage on farms than a year ago, it being 17.6 then and 26.4 per cent this March. The amount shipped was 58.4 per

cent of the crop. Oats showed 45.2 per cent on farms and 28.2 shipped.

LAND VALUES

Average Land Values Per Acre.

The average poor plow lands in North Carolina have declined six dollars or about 15 per cent, while the average of good plowed lands declined eleven dollars or 13 per cent, and the average of all cultivated lands dropped 12 per cent. Last year was the pinnacle or jumping-off period in land values.

CASH RENTS

Although few farms in this State rent on a cash basis, yet many are interested in the cash rates that prevail over the State. On the average \$4,100 farm the rental is \$274. Such a farm would have 76 acres in it at an average value of \$60 per acre for the fields. The cultivated land would bring about \$12 per acre rental.

Mr. Reader, this is valuable information that might be of aid to you. Do you reckon on the interest due you on your land? Do you calculate it as a part of the cost in producing your crops?

PROSPECTIVE 1921 ACREAGE AS COMPARED WITH LAST YEAR (Percentages)

CROPS	MOUNTAIN			PIEDMONT				COASTAL PLAIN				STATE
	1 Northern	4 Western	Mountain Area	2 Northern	5 Central	8 Southern	Piedmont Area	3 Northern	6 Central	9 Southern	Coastal Area	North Carolina
Cotton.....	70	64	65	67	71	69	69	65	69	62	66	67
Tobacco.....	65	38	51	64	59	59	62	59	58	57	58	59
Hays (all kinds).....	99	98	97	99	101	104	101	105	107	107	107	102
Irish Potatoes.....	96	92	94	98	99	100	99	96	85	88	89	93
Sweet Potatoes.....	99	97	98	100	100	102	100	103	103	104	103	101
Cowpeas (field).....	100	100	100	95	102	107	100	102	101	101	101	101
Peanuts (for nuts).....	100	89	92	92	96	98	95	103	97	97	100	101
Soybeans.....	100	96	97	100	105	105	103	108	109	102	107	104
Apples.....	96	93	94	97	97	105	97	97	101	93	97	96
Peaches.....	94	91	92	96	95	100	97	96	101	95	97	98
Truck.....	98	98	98	100	101	105	102	99	92	103	98	99
COMPARED WITH 1920:												
Available labor supply.....	107	110	109	101	111	112	107	108	113	120	113	112
Average farm wages.....	88	72	79	71	72	70	71	64	58	60	61	68
Land value.....	85	88	87	71	75	76	74	62	58	67	62	73

PROSPECTS FOR 1921 PLANTINGS

The figures above are a guide as to the planting intentions of farmers a month ago, but to be sure of the situation a second inquiry was sent out to 3,000 of our best reporters and a comparison of the two will be made this month.

It seems that cotton and tobacco are estimated as being cut more than is intended to be done in practice. This is a new form of inquiry, and another year we will be in a better position to judge of the dependability of such data. There is a conspicuous evidence of pessimism shown in this report and the bias is inevitable. The report on the opposite page shows a decrease of only thirteen per cent, while the table above indicates a 27 per cent decline in land values.

It will be noticed that the farm labor supply is much more than a year ago, and the wages are much less, in fact, about a thirty per cent decrease in farm wages.

A puzzling feature is that the fruit crop will be decreased considerably. The low market value of the apple crop may have caused this tendency.

The consistency shown seems, however, to warrant a close study of the results. The decrease in the Irish potato crop and the increase in hays, peanuts (3rd district), etc., are interesting.

The results of this month's "Prospectus" and comparisons to be made available, will be still more interesting. Be sure to return these inquiries if you get them. This service will depend on the interest and reliability of the reporters.

NORTH CAROLINA IS KING OF TOBACCO

With a total of 395,000,000 pounds of the farmers' sales of tobacco reported to March 1st, and enough in evidence to make 420,000,000 pounds as having been produced in North Carolina last year, averaging 21½ cents per pound, the Tar Heel State does the impossible. Last April, a prospectus of the intended acreage was published to forewarn the farmers; also a forecast of 415,000,000 pounds was estimated. Kentucky said, "Impossible," but the evidence is now available.

The February tobacco sales in North Carolina show a total of 67,491,370 pounds reported, of which 59,216,289 pounds were producers' sales. The average price was \$18.60 as compared with \$31.43 a year ago. The leading markets were respectively Winston-Salem, 11,097,624 at \$19.76; Wilson, 10,193,469 at \$19.48; Greenville, 5,985,749 at \$18.15; and Rocky Mount, 695,896 at \$18.50. There were thirteen times as much sold as in February a year ago.

An unusual feature is that the February sales were the third largest of the season, October being first with 84,587,499 pounds, averaging \$24.20, and November 79,805,468 at \$24.71. The slump in December and January prices evidently affected the marketings. Over ten million pounds more may easily be expected this season. This will give the State a record production of over 420,000,000 pounds at an average selling value of \$21.50, giving the crop an actual value of over \$90,000,000.

North Carolina has grown in tobacco as follows; In 1915 it grew 198,400,000 pounds, averaging 11 cents; in 1916, 176,000,000 at .20; 1917, 244,000,000 at .31; 1918, 310,000,000 at .35; 1919, 325,248,000 at .51; 1920, 420,000,000 at \$21.51.

The increase of the last crop was about 14 per cent in acreage, 30 per cent in production and a decrease of 57 per cent of average price per pound as compared with the previous crop. This gives North Carolina first rank in its tobacco, total value of the United States, or any country of the world.

SUMMARY TOBACCO SALES TO FEBRUARY 28, 1921

	Pounds
Total producers sales during February, 1921.....	59,216,289
Total producers sales during February, 1920.....	3,748,031
Total sales, including resales last month.....	67,491,370
Total February sales, including resales last year	5,022,062
Average price of sales during February, 1921,	\$18.60.
Average price of sales during February last	year, \$31.43.
Seasons producers sales reported to Mar. 1, 1921.....	394,951,764
Probable producers sales to February 28th, including exports in excess of imports.....	411,446,764
Sales to date in excess of estimated crop for season	27,326,764
Average price of all seasons' sales, \$21.46	
Producers sales sold since Jan. 1, 1920.....	108,530,859
No. warehouses operated during season.....	213
No. warehouses operating during Feb. 1921.....	137
No. warehouses operated during Feb. 1920.....	73

SEASONS' SALES BY MONTHS AS REPORTED

<i>Producers Sales as Reported</i>		<i>Average Price</i>	
1920	1919	1920	1919
July 3,208,994	6,640,457	\$23.35	\$21.66
August12,659,567	9,953,447	26.42	25.20
September48,520,056	79,220,071	19.21	41.10
October84,587,499	102,635,197	24.20	56.85
November ...79,805,468	49,826,437	24.71	67.94
December53,626,080	32,474,298	17.27	53.94
1921	1921		
January49,314,570	9,522,959	20.28	35.40
February59,216,289	3,748,031	18.50	31.43

EXPECTED TOTAL SEASON'S SALES—1920 CROP

	Pounds
Producers sales to March 1st.....	394,951,764
Estimated for missing reports.....	495,000
N. C. 1st hand tobacco sold outside state in excess of imported producers sales.....	16,000,000
Estimated 1st. hand sales for balance of season.....	10,000,000
Probable season's sales total.....	421,446,764

COUNTY LIVESTOCK ESTIMATES FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Basis January 1st

DISTRICT	COUNTIES BY DISTRICTS	HORSES				MULES				CATTLE						
		1921			1920	1921			1920	1921			1920			
		Number	Value	Rank	Number	Value	Number	Value	Rank	Number	Value	Number	Value	Rank	Number	Value
1	Alleghany	1,745	\$ 186,715	60	1,781	\$ 251,121	427	\$ 52,094	97	436	\$ 66,272	5,158	\$ 217,152	59	5,158	\$ 355,902
	Ashe	3,665	392,155	20	3,702	521,982	638	77,836	93	658	100,016	21,630	910,623	2	21,206	1,463,214
	Avery	960	102,720	88	995	140,295	210	25,620	99	240	36,480	5,488	231,045	54	5,600	386,400
	Caldwell	1,261	134,927	78	1,314	185,274	1,423	173,606	76	1,482	225,264	7,984	336,126	27	8,231	567,939
	Surry	2,403	257,121	45	2,503	352,923	3,252	396,744	47	3,553	540,056	10,157	427,610	14	10,471	722,499
	Watauga	2,678	286,546	40	2,705	381,405	467	56,974	95	481	73,112	11,249	473,583	10	11,479	792,051
	Wilkes	3,865	413,555	15	4,026	567,666	2,562	312,564	56	2,641	401,432	19,702	829,454	3	19,128	1,319,832
	Yadkin	1,643	175,801	62	1,729	243,789	2,219	270,718	61	2,336	355,072	6,266	263,799	45	6,329	436,701
	NORTH MOUNTAIN (N.W.)	18,220	1,949,540	-----	18,755	2,644,455	11,198	1,366,156	-----	11,827	1,797,704	87,634	3,689,392	-----	87,602	6,044,538
	District prices	-----	107.00	-----	-----	141.00	-----	122.00	-----	-----	152.00	-----	42.10	-----	-----	69.00
4	Buncombe	4,232	440,128	11	4,318	587,248	2,653	352,849	50	2,707	462,897	25,871	988,272	1	25,364	1,483,794
	Burke	1,536	159,744	70	1,583	215,288	2,116	281,428	58	2,159	369,189	6,772	258,690	46	6,910	404,235
	Cherokee	1,240	128,960	81	1,240	168,640	1,450	192,850	73	1,480	253,080	8,524	325,617	20	8,524	498,654
	Clay	646	67,184	98	640	87,040	2,094	278,502	59	796	131,499	4,020	153,564	81	3,903	228,326
	Graham	441	45,864	100	441	59,976	379	50,407	98	383	65,493	3,560	135,992	84	3,560	208,260
	Haywood	2,713	282,152	41	2,768	376,448	938	124,754	86	977	167,067	19,285	736,687	4	19,480	1,139,580
	Henderson	1,601	166,504	65	1,634	222,224	1,081	143,773	84	1,092	186,732	7,855	300,061	35	7,934	464,139
	Jackson	1,488	154,752	72	1,488	202,368	697	92,701	91	697	119,187	8,293	316,793	33	8,293	485,140
	McDowell	1,015	105,560	87	1,025	139,400	1,152	153,216	79	1,164	199,044	5,371	205,172	64	5,481	320,638
	Macon	1,375	143,000	76	1,375	187,000	1,125	149,625	82	1,125	192,375	7,938	303,231	34	7,938	464,373
	Madison	2,312	240,448	48	2,383	324,088	1,890	251,370	67	1,871	319,941	14,992	572,694	6	15,456	904,176
	Mitchell	1,271	132,184	79	1,297	176,392	858	114,114	88	885	151,335	5,892	225,074	57	5,665	331,402
	Polk	482	50,128	99	492	66,912	1,110	147,630	83	1,168	199,728	1,085	41,447	100	986	57,681
	Rutherford	1,546	160,784	69	1,594	216,784	3,842	510,986	32	4,002	684,342	10,500	401,100	17	10,714	626,769
	Swain	870	90,480	92	861	117,096	439	58,387	94	453	77,463	6,022	230,040	55	6,022	352,287
	Transylvania	784	81,536	95	784	106,624	409	54,397	96	431	73,701	5,479	209,298	61	5,479	320,521
	Yancey	1,640	170,560	63	1,708	232,288	1,149	152,817	80	1,197	204,687	8,501	324,738	30	8,334	487,539
	WEST MOUNTAIN (W.)	25,192	2,619,968	-----	25,631	3,485,716	23,382	3,109,806	-----	22,587	3,857,760	149,960	5,728,470	-----	150,043	8,777,514
	District prices	-----	104.00	-----	-----	136.00	-----	133.00	-----	-----	171.00	-----	38.20	-----	-----	58.50
	2	Alamance	3,987	498,375	7	4,068	610,200	2,117	304,848	57	2,182	423,308	8,862	358,025	20	8,862
Caswell		2,300	287,500	39	2,400	360,000	1,725	248,400	68	1,800	349,200	4,116	166,286	78	4,200	361,200
Durham		2,629	328,625	32	2,683	402,450	1,497	215,568	70	1,543	299,342	4,582	185,113	70	4,628	314,704
Forsyth		5,934	741,750	1	6,181	927,150	2,278	328,032	55	2,373	460,362	9,193	371,397	19	9,381	637,908
Franklin		3,024	378,000	24	3,118	467,700	3,265	470,160	39	3,437	666,778	6,547	264,499	44	6,547	581,196
Granville		3,944	493,000	8	3,944	591,600	2,443	351,792	51	2,419	469,286	8,267	333,987	28	8,105	551,140
Guilford		5,700	712,500	2	5,800	870,000	3,000	432,000	42	3,100	601,400	13,936	563,014	7	13,400	911,200
Orange		2,608	326,000	33	2,717	407,550	1,845	265,680	63	1,902	368,988	5,768	233,027	52	5,826	396,168
Person		3,050	381,250	21	3,144	471,600	2,385	343,440	53	2,484	481,896	5,552	224,301	58	5,552	377,536
Rockingham		3,000	375,000	26	3,100	465,000	3,300	475,200	38	3,400	659,600	7,920	319,968	31	8,000	544,000
Stokes		1,618	202,250	56	1,668	250,200	3,241	466,704	40	3,341	648,154	6,722	271,569	42	6,859	466,412
Vance		2,983	372,875	28	2,983	447,450	1,272	183,168	75	1,272	246,768	4,541	183,456	73	4,541	308,788
Warren		3,168	396,000	19	3,233	484,950	1,868	268,092	62	1,925	373,450	6,991	282,436	39	7,062	480,216
NORTH PIEDMONT (N.)		43,945	5,493,125	-----	45,430	6,755,850	30,236	4,353,984	-----	31,178	6,048,532	92,997	3,757,078	-----	92,963	6,533,084
District prices		-----	125.00	-----	-----	150.00	-----	144.00	-----	-----	194.00	-----	40.40	-----	-----	68.00
5	Alexander	1,278	154,638	73	1,304	206,032	1,724	265,496	64	1,724	343,076	5,359	200,962	65	5,359	361,732
	Catawba	2,734	330,814	30	2,790	440,820	2,742	422,268	44	2,770	551,230	9,392	352,200	22	9,584	646,920
	Chatham	2,155	260,755	43	2,155	340,490	3,332	513,128	31	3,400	676,600	7,988	299,550	36	8,069	544,657
	Davidson	4,500	544,500	4	4,600	726,800	2,600	400,400	45	2,650	527,350	9,408	352,800	21	9,600	648,000
	Davie	1,930	233,530	50	1,930	304,940	1,667	256,718	65	1,667	331,733	6,209	232,837	53	6,336	427,680
	Iredell	3,305	399,905	18	3,407	538,306	4,407	678,678	21	4,543	904,057	13,619	510,712	9	13,757	928,597
	Lee	675	81,675	94	675	106,650	1,802	277,508	60	1,802	358,598	3,262	122,325	89	3,198	215,865
	Randolph	3,459	418,539	13	3,566	563,428	4,196	646,184	23	4,371	869,829	11,178	419,175	15	11,291	762,142
	Rowan	4,190	506,990	6	4,411	696,938	3,119	480,326	37	3,183	633,417	12,149	455,587	11	12,525	845,437
	Wake	3,662	443,102	10	3,855	609,090	6,041	930,314	10	6,293	1,252,307	12,121	454,537	12	12,243	826,402
	CENTRAL PIEDMONT (C.)	27,888	3,374,448	-----	28,693	4,533,494	31,630	4,871,020	-----	32,403	6,448,197	90,685	3,400,685	-----	91,962	6,207,432
	District prices	-----	121.00	-----	-----	158.00	-----	154.00	-----	-----	199.00	-----	37.50	-----	-----	67.50
8	Anson	1,422	193,392	59	1,422	254,538	4,803	826,116	16	4,803	946,191	8,670	319,923	32	8,758	626,197
	Cabarrus	3,217	437,512	12	3,283	587,657	2,885	496,220	34	3,005	591,985	9,215	340,033	25	9,403	672,314
	Cleveland	1,656	225,216	51	1,634	292,486	5,384	926,048	12	5,608	1,104,776	12,241	451,693	13	12,365	884,097
	Gaston	1,723	234,328	49	1,723	308,417	3,336	573,792	28	3,439	677,483	10,598	391,066	18	10,814	773,201
	Lincoln	1,490	202,640	55	1,552	277,808	3,570	614,040	24	3,719	732,643	6,645	245,200	51	6,922	494,923
	Mecklenburg	2,789	379,304	23	2,936	525,544	6,247	1,074,484	7	6,374	1,255,678	16,404	605,308	5	16,911	1,209,136
	Montgomery	702	95,472	89	724	129,596	2,115	363,780	48	2,180	429,460	4,673	172,434	75	4,581	327,541
	Moore	1,219	165,784	66	1,207	210,053	2,823	485,556	35	2,881	567,557	5,131	189,334	69	5,183	370,584
	Richmond	818	111,248	85	835	149,465	2,474	425,528	43	2,604	512,988	4,280	157,932	80	4,280	306,020
	Stanly	2,181	296,616	36	2,226	398,454	3,998									

Perquimans	2,085	275,220	42	2,149	392,436	1,050	158,550	78	1,071	212,058	4,540	184,097	72	4,586	318,727
Tyrrell	1,567	206,844	54	1,583	259,612	1,338	202,038	71	1,338	264,924	3,987	161,673	79	3,948	274,386
Washington	846	84,480	93	634	103,976	527	79,577	92	532	105,336	2,212	89,697	94	2,234	155,263
NORTH COASTAL (N.E.)	28,292	3,734,544	84	838	137,432	1,125	169,875	77	1,125	222,750	2,570	104,214	90	2,570	178,615
District prices		132.00			164.00		151.00			198.00		40.55			69.50
6 Beaufort	2,556	403,848	17	2,556	562,320	2,967	590,433	26	3,091	834,570	6,987	292,196	37	7,130	598,920
Cartaret	1,274	201,292	57	1,274	280,280	714	142,086	85	721	194,670	4,192	175,300	74	4,110	345,240
Craven	1,566	247,428	46	1,582	348,040	2,306	458,894	41	2,306	622,620	4,926	206,005	63	4,691	394,044
Greene	1,400	221,200	52	1,400	308,000	3,676	731,524	19	3,790	1,023,300	1,814	75,861	97	1,851	155,484
Hyde	1,647	260,226	44	1,681	369,820	760	151,240	81	783	211,410	5,921	247,616	50	5,639	473,676
Johnston	2,300	363,400	29	2,371	521,620	9,218	1,834,382	1	9,602	2,592,540	9,683	404,943	16	9,781	821,604
Jones	821	129,718	80	813	178,860	1,756	349,444	52	1,756	474,120	3,134	131,064	86	3,134	263,256
Lenoir	2,080	328,640	31	2,101	462,220	3,603	716,997	20	3,753	1,013,310	3,067	128,262	87	3,098	260,232
Pamlico	968	152,944	74	988	217,360	963	191,637	74	993	268,110	2,363	98,821	92	2,363	198,492
Pitt	4,108	649,064	3	4,235	931,700	5,808	1,155,792	5	6,050	1,633,500	6,037	252,467	47	6,160	517,440
Wayne	2,959	467,522	9	3,082	678,040	6,385	1,270,615	4	6,449	1,741,230	4,780	199,900	66	4,878	409,752
Wilson	1,839	290,562	38	1,858	408,760	5,199	1,094,001	8	5,410	1,463,320	2,459	102,835	91	2,411	202,524
CENTRAL COASTAL (E.)	23,518	3,715,844		23,941	5,267,020	43,355	8,627,745		44,710	12,071,700	55,373	2,315,279		55,246	4,640,664
District prices		158.00			220.00		199.00			270.00		41.82			84.00
9 Bladen	895	136,040	77	913	165,253	3,285	653,715	22	3,387	785,784	8,324	352,105	23	8,494	675,273
Brunswick	500	76,000	97	540	97,740	1,280	254,720	66	1,350	313,200	4,900	207,270	62	5,000	397,500
Columbus	1,102	167,504	64	1,080	195,480	4,695	874,905	15	4,695	1,089,240	7,985	337,766	26	7,678	610,401
Cumberland	1,417	215,384	53	1,417	256,477	4,197	930,305	11	4,283	993,656	4,724	199,825	67	4,728	375,876
Duplin	2,752	418,304	14	2,698	488,338	4,857	966,543	9	4,809	1,115,688	5,895	249,359	49	6,015	478,193
Harnett	1,174	178,448	61	1,162	210,322	4,055	806,945	17	4,055	940,760	4,544	192,211	68	4,455	354,173
Hoke	600	91,200	90	650	117,650	2,500	497,500	33	2,300	533,600	1,900	80,370	96	1,900	151,050
New Hanover	525	79,800	96	560	101,360	600	119,400	87	650	150,800	1,196	50,591	99	1,173	93,254
Onslow	988	150,176	75	1,019	184,439	1,789	356,011	49	1,826	423,632	5,391	228,039	56	5,501	437,330
Pender	792	120,384	82	825	149,325	2,006	399,194	46	2,090	484,880	4,024	170,215	76	4,065	323,168
Robeson	2,499	379,848	22	2,474	447,794	9,090	1,808,910	2	9,090	2,108,880	6,430	271,989	41	6,183	491,549
Sampson	1,926	292,752	37	1,945	352,045	6,761	1,345,439	3	6,899	1,600,508	8,058	340,853	24	7,748	615,966
Scotland	715	108,680	86	730	132,130	3,058	608,542	25	3,185	738,920	2,095	88,619	95	2,182	173,469
SOUTH COASTAL (S.E.)	15,885	2,414,520		16,013	2,898,353	48,173	9,586,427		48,619	11,279,608	65,466	2,769,212		65,122	5,177,202
District prices		152.00			181.00		199.00			232.00		42.30			79.50
State, basis assessors	203,136	26,049,461		207,872	33,991,249	269,414	45,167,046		274,647	57,976,987	707,028	27,980,301		709,858	49,184,339
U. S. estimate	179,000	21,838,000		183,000	27,999,000	231,000	35,574,000		236,000	44,840,000	717,000	29,466,000		722,000	39,487,000

PRODUCTIVE VALUES OF LIVESTOCK

According to Dan T. Gray, Chief of the Division of Animal Industry of North Carolina, crops are valued according to their productiveness. With livestock it is different. We agree with him that our animals should be valued according to their deserts—the results of their upkeep. Why should we not value our milk cattle and sheep according to the value of their products?

In this connection, most important of all is our work stock. A mule is worth according to *what it does* more than to its

cost price or what it can do. Few farmers realize how much time their teams are idle. A horse is profitable only after the cost of its investment is offset by the productiveness of its labor.

What is the average horse-hour work cost on the average farm? If a horse averages less than 1,000 hours' work a year while eating \$300 worth of feed, with a depreciation cost of \$50, and an annual attention cost of \$25, it would mean that the work performed must be worth almost forty cents per hour, or else it will be a liability rather than an asset.



COUNTY LIVESTOCK ESTIMATES FOR NORTH CAROLINA

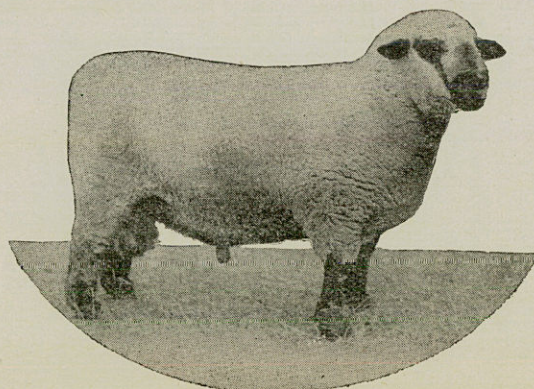
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DISTRICT	COUNTIES BY DISTRICTS	SWINE						SHEEP								
		1921			1920		1910		1921			1920		1910 Census		
		Number	Value	Rank	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Rank	Number	Value	Number	Value	
1	Alleghany.....	3,759	\$ 50,671	95	3,875	\$ 77,500	4,432	\$ 25,633	142	\$ 1,011	82	154	\$ 2,156	12,845	\$ 54,398	
	Ashe.....	7,269	97,986	74	6,989	139,780	8,216	44,658	7,779	55,386	1	8,188	114,632	18,696	78,720	
	Avery.....	2,700	36,396	97	2,800	56,000			3,000	21,360	6	3,300	46,200			
	Caldwell.....	4,754	64,083	88	5,004	100,080	5,634	36,239	269	1,915	63	286	4,004	570	1,507	
	Surry.....	7,408	99,860	71	7,637	152,740	6,998	47,027	110	783	87	138	1,932	601	1,640	
	Watauga.....	3,596	48,474	96	3,596	71,920	4,913	26,398	7,026	50,025	2	7,169	100,366	13,550	61,354	
	Wilkes.....	8,557	115,348	61	8,557	171,140	10,381	69,565	357	2,542	59	406	5,684	1,760	5,136	
	Yadkin.....	4,676	63,032	89	4,975	99,500	6,328	34,125	713	5,077	33	775	10,850	358	596	
	NORTHERN MOUNTAIN (N.W.)	42,719	575,852		43,433	868,660	46,902	283,645	19,396	138,099		20,416	285,824	48,380	233,351	
	District prices.....		13.48			20.00				7.12			14.00			
4	Buncombe.....	9,664	159,843	45	9,861	226,803	9,600	61,442	1,611	11,358	13	1,732	19,052	4,367	13,635	
	Burke.....	6,596	109,098	67	7,248	166,704	5,752	37,230	239	1,685	67	239	2,629	405	841	
	Cherokee.....	6,503	107,560	68	6,503	149,569	8,208	25,929	1,491	10,512	14	1,537	16,907	5,070	8,682	
	Clay.....	4,325	71,535	82	4,553	104,719	4,496	14,489	1,135	8,002	24	1,207	13,277	4,931	10,454	
	Graham.....	5,301	87,679	76	5,580	128,340	4,590	12,611	1,276	8,996	18	1,343	14,773	2,807	5,510	
	Haywood.....	6,733	111,364	65	7,318	168,314	8,550	47,620	3,838	27,058	3	4,083	44,913	9,977	35,956	
	Henderson.....	3,363	55,624	92	3,578	82,294	4,316	27,062	419	2,954	55	460	5,060	1,900	5,192	
	Jackson.....	7,670	126,862	54	8,247	196,681	9,165	33,255	3,033	21,383	5	3,297	36,267	7,744	17,891	
	McDowell.....	3,717	61,479	91	3,954	90,942	4,144	22,265	156	1,100	81	164	1,804	880	2,101	
	Macon.....	6,910	114,291	62	6,910	158,930	8,923	28,114	1,659	11,696	12	1,659	18,249	6,771	12,943	
	Madison.....	6,754	111,711	64	7,341	168,843	9,255	39,999	3,087	21,763	4	3,250	35,750	5,435	13,429	
	Mitchell.....	4,232	69,997	85	3,919	90,137	6,599	34,357	1,791	12,627	9	1,706	18,766	5,386	18,339	
	Polk.....	1,892	31,294	99	2,034	46,782	1,946	12,584	54	381	94	61	671	216	378	
	Rutherford.....	7,265	120,163	57	7,338	168,774	6,830	42,847	224	1,579	70	233	2,563	574	1,057	
	Swain.....	5,047	83,477	80	4,807	110,561	5,068	18,973	603	4,251	42	603	6,633	2,246	4,298	
	Transylvania.....	3,900	64,506	87	4,333	99,659	3,980	16,359	1,181	8,326	23	1,230	13,530	3,111	6,710	
	Yancey.....	5,105	84,437	78	5,263	121,049	6,748	31,443	2,931	20,664	7	2,874	31,614	4,024	9,995	
	WESTERN MOUNTAIN (W.)	94,977	1,570,920		98,787	2,279,101	108,174	506,579	24,728	174,332		25,678	282,458	65,844	167,411	
	District prices.....		16.54			23.00				7.05			11.00			
	2	Alamance.....	6,804	117,097	59	7,014	168,336	7,981	51,723	726	5,285	32	726	5,808	1,577	5,189
Caswell.....		3,000	51,630	94	3,100	74,400	6,005	32,526	200	1,456	75	250	2,000	327	944	
Durham.....		4,815	82,866	81	5,016	120,384	5,186	30,954	58	422	92	65	520	195	312	
Forsyth.....		8,626	148,453	48	8,375	201,000	9,951	70,935	248	1,805	65	272	2,176	588	1,702	
Franklin.....		10,760	185,180	35	10,248	245,952	10,859	55,096	421	3,065	49	468	3,744	882	2,355	
Granville.....		8,479	145,924	49	8,925	214,200	10,117	55,172	592	4,310	40	651	5,208	1,290	4,659	
Guilford.....		12,000	206,520	27	12,500	300,000	13,388	82,620	475	3,458	46	530	4,240	1,134	3,002	
Orange.....		5,957	102,520	69	6,079	145,896	6,464	35,566	362	2,635	56	402	3,216	926	2,098	
Person.....		7,205	123,998	55	7,584	182,016	7,810	37,157	173	1,259	77	188	1,504	472	1,042	
Rockingham.....		11,800	203,078	28	12,000	288,000	8,651	60,313	200	1,456	74	240	1,920	956	3,570	
Stokes.....		5,950	102,400	70	6,263	150,312	6,158	49,061	70	510	91	70	560	312	670	
Vance.....		6,533	112,433	63	6,533	156,792	6,483	35,229	356	2,592	57	363	2,904	423	1,455	
Warren.....		9,957	171,360	42	9,762	234,288	9,359	46,238	589	4,288	41	589	4,712	1,261	3,418	
NORTHERN PIEDMONT (N.)		101,886	1,753,458		103,409	2,481,576	108,412	642,590	4,470	32,541		4,814	38,512	10,343	30,416	
District prices.....			17.21			24.00				7.28			8.00			
5		Alexander.....	3,762	65,685	86	3,762	94,050	4,119	21,895	160	1,181	78	160	1,440	601	1,200
		Catawba.....	7,323	127,860	53	7,709	192,725	7,983	49,348	204	1,505	73	210	1,890	377	867
	Chatham.....	6,807	118,850	58	6,807	170,175	13,329	58,309	1,214	8,959	19	1,349	12,141	5,623	12,074	
	Davidson.....	15,000	261,900	15	16,000	400,000	12,647	67,630	800	5,904	31	870	7,830	1,261	3,451	
	Davie.....	5,614	98,020	73	5,198	129,950	6,042	37,139	421	3,107	48	443	3,987	711	1,757	
	Iredell.....	11,065	193,195	32	11,647	291,175	12,871	67,980	205	1,513	72	216	1,944	1,015	2,999	
	Lee.....	4,692	81,922	82	4,426	110,650	5,050	24,074	125	922	84	125	1,125	569	1,108	
	Randolph.....	9,662	168,699	44	9,859	246,475	13,045	58,533	1,047	7,727	25	1,102	9,918	3,790	7,833	
	Rowan.....	11,850	206,901	26	11,075	276,875	10,907	68,292	404	2,981	53	404	3,636	865	2,244	
	Wake.....	17,261	301,377	10	17,795	444,875	17,927	105,913	123	908	85	134	1,206	507	1,374	
	CENTRAL PIEDMONT (C.)	93,036	1,624,409		94,278	2,356,950	103,920	558,933	4,703	34,708		5,013	45,117	15,319	34,907	
	District prices.....		17.46			25.00				7.38			9.00			
8	Anson.....	8,537	185,253	35	8,537	239,036	7,627	41,160	332	2,304	61	395	5,530	664	1,351	
	Cabarrus.....	7,350	159,495	46	7,989	223,692	6,173	39,401	1,056	7,329	26	1,186	16,604	954	2,347	
	Cleveland.....	8,233	178,656	41	8,488	237,664	7,273	51,854	33	229	96	37	518	158	271	
	Gaston.....	8,326	180,674	39	8,764	245,392	7,163	58,495	233	1,617	68	251	3,514	529	1,219	
	Lincoln.....	16,609	360,415	7	17,669	494,732	5,403	33,977	226	1,568	71	226	3,164	226	481	
	Mecklenburg.....	11,176	242,519	18	11,889	332,892	10,479	73,404	437	3,033	51	480	6,720	810	2,628	
	Montgomery.....	3,853	83,610	79	4,188	117,264	4,273	20,757	91	632	90	97	1,358	570	892	
	Moore.....	6,200	134,540	52	6,526	182,728	8,689	31,554	502	3,484	45	502	7,028	2,003	3,218	
	Richmond.....	5,607	121,672	56	5,607	156,996	5,477	25,904	28	194	98	30	420	109	328	
	Stanly.....	7,070	153,419	47	7,602	212,856	6,920	41,793	122	847	86	127	1,778	562	1,112	
	Union.....	8,843	191,893	33	9,023	252,644	9,139	51,822	560	3,886	43	560	7,870	1,110	1,997	
	SOUTHERN PIEDMONT (S.)	91,804	1,992,146		96,282	2,695,896	78,616	470,121	3,620	25,123		3,891	54,504	7,695	15,844	
	District prices.....		21.70			28.00				6.94			14.00			

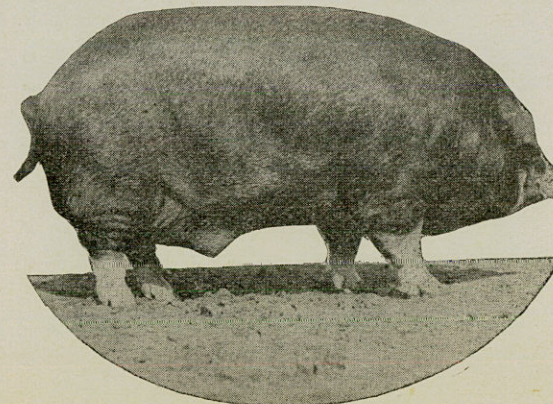
3	Bertie.....	29,028	357,625	8	29,028	464,448	32,076	73,866	1,220	7,137	27	1,284	10,272	2,820	3,571
	Camden.....	5,037	62,056	90	5,926	94,816	6,483	18,704	1,446	8,459	22	1,607	12,856	2,587	5,414
	Chowan.....	14,968	184,406	37	15,592	249,472	11,381	34,229	318	1,860	64	357	2,856	706	1,412
	Currituck.....	6,627	81,645	83	7,531	120,496	10,230	20,859	1,403	8,559	20	1,540	12,320	1,974	4,244
	Dare.....	2,431	29,950	100	2,315	37,040	1,844	4,442	519	3,036	50	519	4,152	596	819
	Edgecombe.....	20,750	255,640	17	21,173	338,768	22,240	82,177	1,135	6,640	28	1,158	9,264	1,717	3,905
	Gates.....	9,444	116,350	60	10,378	166,048	14,397	35,965	1,103	6,453	29	1,149	9,192	2,098	3,745
	Halifax.....	17,165	211,473	23	19,072	305,152	20,183	81,625	405	2,360	60	450	3,600	1,230	3,068
	Hertford.....	17,118	210,894	24	17,118	273,888	20,416	54,899	753	4,405	38	753	6,024	1,357	2,170
	Martin.....	18,751	231,012	19	19,738	315,808	21,848	59,128	190	1,112	79	209	1,672	786	1,044
	Nash.....	17,253	212,557	22	18,552	296,832	20,460	96,580	1,047	6,125	30	1,091	8,728	313	721
	Northampton.....	21,185	260,999	16	22,300	356,800	25,011	67,935	543	3,177	47	543	4,344	816	1,810
	Pasquotank.....	10,992	135,421	49	11,948	191,168	10,625	29,029	2,546	14,894	8	2,625	21,000	2,810	6,019
	Perquimans.....	17,924	220,824	20	17,924	286,784	13,239	30,753	1,659	9,705	16	1,659	13,272	2,733	6,265
	Tyrrell.....	8,889	109,512	66	8,979	143,664	8,121	23,681	1,493	8,734	20	1,572	12,576	2,175	3,452
	Washington.....	11,573	142,579	50	11,809	188,944	10,710	32,981	763	4,464	38	779	6,232	931	1,449
	NORTHERN COASTAL (N.E.)	229,135	2,822,943		239,383	3,830,128	249,273	755,854	16,603	97,128		17,295	138,360	25,649	49,048
	District prices.....		12.32			16.00				5.85			8.00		
6	Beaufort.....	13,374	180,950	38	13,647	300,234	24,807	68,834	859	5,068	34	859	10,308	2,549	3,019
	Carteret.....	7,301	98,783	72	6,349	139,678	8,922	26,785	840	4,956	35	875	10,500	441	585
	Craven.....	15,008	203,058	29	15,008	330,176	16,469	51,519	774	4,567	36	841	10,092	1,213	2,448
	Greene.....	15,897	215,086	21	15,740	346,280	18,069	59,418	34	201	97	34	408	55	123
	Hyde.....	14,050	190,097	34	14,050	309,100	10,723	27,577	1,991	11,747	11	2,263	27,156	2,379	3,877
	Johnston.....	48,026	649,792	1	48,026	1,056,572	53,993	171,369	773	4,561	37	773	9,276	2,456	4,687
	Jones.....	12,585	170,275	43	11,653	256,366	12,084	32,695	501	2,956	54	512	6,144	1,272	2,665
	Lenoir.....	21,604	292,302	11	20,773	457,006	21,459	66,679	188	1,109	80	188	2,256	700	1,166
	Pamlico.....	3,900	52,767	93	3,824	84,128	8,979	28,548	305	1,799	66	331	3,972	904	1,506
	Pitt.....	30,520	412,936	5	30,218	664,796	30,265	111,884	327	1,929	62	348	4,176	707	1,015
	Wayne.....	24,732	334,624	9	25,497	560,934	34,369	118,654	31	183	99	35	420	350	838
	Wilson.....	19,801	267,908	14	19,224	422,928	20,255	85,152	75	442	93	75	900	128	319
	CENTRAL COASTAL (E.)	226,798	3,068,578		224,007	4,928,198	269,394	849,114	6,698	39,518		5,134	87,608	13,154	22,248
	District prices.....		13.53			22.00				5.90			12.00		
9	Bladen.....	14,968	197,578	30	14,532	290,640	19,511	52,081	280	1,596	69	315	1,260	446	1,868
	Brunswick.....	22,000	290,400	12	21,000	420,000	24,541	55,618	2,200	12,540	10	2,400	9,600	5,840	8,163
	Columbus.....	32,483	428,776	3	30,644	612,880	36,811	85,613	1,714	9,770	15	2,017	8,068	4,555	5,648
	Cumberland.....	15,911	210,025	25	16,748	334,960	27,218	84,075	450	2,565	58	494	1,976	2,260	3,849
	Duplin.....	30,434	401,729	6	29,837	596,740	35,874	83,505	528	3,010	52	550	2,200	4,266	5,806
	Harnett.....	14,891	196,561	31	14,891	297,820	22,495	62,040	132	752	88	132	528	1,615	2,212
	Hoke.....	7,150	94,380	75	7,100	142,000			125	712	89	150	600		
	New Hanover.....	2,700	35,640	98	2,900	58,000	3,186	20,035	15	85	100	30	120	188	596
	Onslow.....	20,742	273,794	13	20,138	402,760	25,667	58,204	1,671	9,525	17	1,723	6,892	4,334	5,813
	Pender.....	13,624	179,837	40	14,045	280,900	22,749	63,702	646	3,682	44	718	2,872	4,510	7,704
	Robeson.....	33,406	440,959	2	31,221	624,420	35,511	142,782	163	929	83	166	664	188	396
	Sampson.....	31,898	421,054	4	33,577	671,540	47,493	110,002	255	1,453	76	266	1,862	2,486	3,037
	Scotland.....	6,911	91,225	76	7,052	141,040	6,139	29,027	62	353	95	62	248	47	128
	SOUTHERN COASTAL (S.E.)	247,118	3,261,958		243,685	4,873,700	307,195	846,684	8,241	46,972		9,023	36,690	30,735	45,220
	District prices.....		13.20			20.00				5.70			4.00		
	State, basis assessors.....	1,127,473	16,670,264		1,143,264	24,314,209	1,271,886	4,913,520	88,459	588,421		93,264	969,273		
	U. S. estimate.....	1,528,000	23,990,000		1,592,000	31,840,000			138,000	911,000		144,000	1,368,000	217,119	598,445

COUNTY LIVESTOCK DATA

The idea of the total number of horses, mules or cattle, as well as hogs and sheep, may be gained from these statistics. A comparison may be made with last year in the above table; also with 1910.



The 1920 census report on livestock is expected to be made public at any time now. Requests sent to congressmen will be the best way to get copies. As a class we farmers do not read of and study our business as we should.



THE STATISTICIAN'S REMARKS

The slogan in North Carolina is and must be *economy*. Our funds are very slim, necessitating a combined January to March edition of the *Farm Forecaster*. Due to the need of the annual livestock county statistics, this issue makes its appearance. The next one will be the annual statistics edition of crops by counties, similar to the one that was so favorably spoken of a year ago.

Our good reporters should by all means join the North Carolina Crop Reporters' Association. Any one who returns three-fourths of the reports is eligible to membership after four months' aid. An application blank was sent to these reporters recently.

Report records from April 1st to September 1st will be used for deciding who is eligible to State Fair tickets next October. Why not help yourself in two ways—win a ticket and become more familiar with crop conditions?

The recent General Assembly enacted a law providing for annual crop acreage census to be collected by the tax listers. This will facilitate better annual inventory data in future. Each farmer should prepare a list with the acreage of each crop he has growing or expects to plant this year; so as to readily give this information to the lister. This will not be used for taxation or speculative purposes. The results cannot be determined before next Christmas—after the crops are harvested and after most of them are sold or used. The information will be available in time for our farmers to know what was planted the year before and may thereby better judge whether to increase or decrease the acreage of his next crops. The advantages of this provision will become increasingly evident after this year. It is a good act.

We made a first attempt to get some "light" on the *prospective* acreages of crops a year ago. Our results showed 14 per cent increase in tobacco, while it now seems to have been nearer 15 per cent. The cotton acreage averaged 99.6 per cent as compared with the previous year, and that seems to have 101 instead. Other crops were in proportion—usually underestimated. A second attempt is now being made, and the February preliminary pulse is shown herein. The March inquiries have gone out and are being returned. We believe the results will be of interest and help to our farming interests. The reduction in cotton and tobacco is perhaps exaggerated although it would be a blessing if it holds true. This is no good tobacco or cotton year, even with half last year's acreage.

Take this "tip": The two classes of crops that are going to pay and be a safe bet are those needed at the barn and at the farm home. The half acre in the home garden will yield the best returns, if taken care of. Those neglected fruit trees can yet be made profitable by spraying with self-boiled lime-sulphur and thinning and summer pruning. Ask your county farm agent to advise you.

Commendation is due the tobacco warehousemen of North Carolina for their interest and the good attention to their sales reports, as 99.93 per cent of the sales were reported to March 15th. The 1920 crop is phenomenal. Who imagined that we would make about 420,000,000 pounds? This is almost 30 per cent more than the 1919 crop.

Field travel has been prevented by the lack of federal and state funds. The growth of our service, as well as the annual livestock and crop editions of the *Farm Forecaster* showing county data, has been enough to keep us busy.

If this service is of interest and benefit to you, why not speak a good word and lead your friends to the same benefits? Let's help others to see the advantages that the North Carolina and United States Departments of Agriculture are trying to develop and offer to us.

BENEFIT OF CROP REPORTS

Those who once objected to education are comparable to those who object to crop report information now, for the latter offers educational advantages to farmers. Most business interests take annual inventories of their stocks and judge by their commercial publications what the tendencies may be in future. The farmers have this same opportunity in the monthly crop reports and in the annual crop census that North Carolina has provided for.

The frequent cry that this is done for the speculative interests is wrong. Commercial interests have their own private sources of information, showing in detail *just what they want when they want it*. The government reports are intended for the public benefit, and especially that farmers may realize directly and indirectly the tendencies that the speculators will have the opportunity of profiting by regardless of the government reports. The state's county statistics offer an opportunity of locating the areas and counties that produce certain crops in commercial quantities.

Suppose that you needed some soy beans or hay. By analyzing the reports these counties may be located as well as those that are deficient in these crops. Counties are also enabled to furnish definite information to would-be settlers and for advertising purposes. If an overproduction is in prospect, early marketing is deemed wise, and if a low production is indicated, it will be wise to hold back. Many other benefits are offered by crop reports.

FEBRUARY FARM PRICES

Did you ever wonder what the farmers of the different sections of the state were being paid for their products? It is strange that the farmer pays the other fellow's price, whether selling or buying.

The state and national farm prices afford interesting comparisons with those of particular localities. The mountain districts show the greatest differences.

The difference in prices received and those paid may be observed in the cases of clover seed and cotton seed with the meal and hulls. These farm prices are *averaged* from hundreds of farmers' and merchants' reports, so warrant real tendencies. See page two for prices.

NEXT CROP REPORT SCHEDULES

The *prospectus inquiries* for 1921 plantings have gone out and are due back on March 20th. Those who have not returned these should do so at once—today. We may be able to include them even though late. There is a favor in store for those who return them in time to use.

The *April 1st inquiries* are few and all reports should be sure to return them any time between March 27 and 31st. Report on more than one's own farm.

- (1) WHEAT—per cent of a full crop (normal) prospect.
- (2) RYE—same; the basis of 100% as normal.
- (3) BREEDING SOWS—number compared with a year ago.
- (4) HIRED FARM LABOR—*supply* at current prices compared with a year ago. (5) *demand* as compared with a year ago and the usual demand.

Timely comments on these and other tendencies will be appreciated.

The fertilizer problem is so important that reporters indicate the per cent as compared with last year, both for the total amount to be used and price tendencies.

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Make crop reporting a habit.