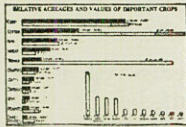


FARM FORECASTER

CROP AND LIVE STOCK REPORT FOR NORTH CAROLINA



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THE AGRICULTURAL SITUATION

The South Atlantic States show an agricultural situation of about 78 per cent of a normal. This is the lowest of any area in the country. Dry weather and a late spring are accountable for this. The heavy freeze that occurred April 20th did serious damage, especially to fruit and truck in North Carolina. Even as late as May 16th it was quite cool—too cool for advantageous crop growing. While spotted rainfall occurred, it was not sufficient for the farm needs.

During a recent trip through southern and eastern Carolina, the Agricultural Statistician did not see a single cotton field with a good stand. Many fields in southern counties had no stand at all, the seed being too dry to germinate. The practice and fear of replanting is general. Tobacco farmers are in a quandary about their transplanting. Their plants are getting too large for holding longer, while the fields are usually too dry to insure their living, so that transplanting is necessary regardless. This is largely applicable to corn and some other crops as well.

According to Federal reports, the country at large had a backward, harrassing season. It seems to be true that the year is going to be cool, as was forecasted by some prominent astrologer. Most all crops are from a week to two weeks late. The western cotton belt has had good rains. Perhaps there is yet time for most of the crops to catch up if good seasons soon occur. Early planted crops certainly have suffered. Pastures are poor and farm operations are so late that they will be felt far into the season. This is a busy season for farmers ordinarily, but many are exceedingly annoyed for lack of work to do. Seed are laying in the ground; the soil is too dry for grass to grow, and the uncertainty of replanting is most annoying. If this condition could apply to the cotton

crop throughout the belt so as to reduce the final production, it would be quite fortunate. At the same time, it would damage other crops exceedingly.

It seems that the agricultural production of last year had so well-balanced an outlook as to cause stabilized conditions over the country at large. This has served to bring farmers a stability in price relationships but not in a parity with other commercial groups. While many commercial products have shown a decline, farm products have maintained a very good level.

The excess movement of farm population appears to have continued. Over the country at large, the movement last year was about 40 per cent greater than the year before.

PRICES

The prices of farm products show an index of about 140 as compared with 150 in February and 161 a year ago. This is a somewhat greater decline than was the case with ALL COMMODITIES. Perhaps the greatest decline occurred in corn and cotton. Wheat showed a recent decline from 176 to 165 during March.

The relative purchasing price of farm products shows that cotton has fallen below the par down to 86 on a basis of March. It is much lower at the present time. Corn will purchase only two-thirds of the value of all other commodities that it would before the war. Hay also shows a purchasing power of only 70 per cent of the quantity of other commodities it would buy in 1913. Irish potatoes have been selling high and show a relatively high exchange value. Wheat seems to be holding its own with other commodities. Eggs are relatively cheap. Butter and hogs show respectively 106 and 104 per cent value in relation to all other commodities. Cattle increased

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DIVERSIFIED FARMING

Notice the cowpeas and millett for hay on the left, good pasture in back ground, corn with soy beans interplanted at the right, with a good fence and gate in the fore front.

Crops are ten to fifteen days late in North Carolina this spring. The average of 11½ inch rainfall during the month of April has been insufficient for plants and farm work has been much delayed. The dry condition of the soil has prevented plowing because of its being too hard, and planting because it has been too dry. Farmers have continued to plant, however, with the hope that rain would come and start the germination of seeds.

According to the reports from the local Weather Bureau, it was the driest April in twenty years and the coldest since 1911. The most favorable conditions in North Carolina are to be found in the Mountain counties.

WHEAT

The fact that the acreage is more this year than last and the expected production at this time is less than that of last year, notwithstanding the present condition is an average for the past ten years, is due more or less to the average changes affecting the crop from May 1st to the time of harvest. The actual crop harvested will be more or less than the present forecast accordingly as the weather is more or less favorable from this time on.

UNITED STATES WHEAT CROP

OATS

RYE

UNITED STATES CROP

HAY CROPS

STOCKS ON FARMS

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MAY, 1926, CROP REPORT FOR NORTH CAROLINA—COUNTY SUMMARY

DIST.	COUNTIES	Winter wheat		Oats	Rye		Hay			Pota- toes (Irish) early crop	Apples	Peaches	Plow- ing	Spring sowing and plant- ing	Pas- ture	Farm labor Supply and demand	
		To be aban- doned	Condi- tion	Condi- tion	Condi- tion at time of harvest	Prob- able yield bu.	Condi- tion of tame hay	Condi- tion of wild hay	Crop remain- ing on farm	Condi- tion	Condi- tion	Condi- tion	Per cent done May 1st	Per cent whole work done May 1st	Condi- tion	Supply com- pared with normal	Demand com- pared with normal
		%	%	%	%		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
1	Alleghany	0	83	95	87	11	73	75	0	85	80	63	83	62	55	82	88
	Ashe	0	90			10			5		100	90	95	80		100	100
	Avery	0	90	100	60	10	70	50	10	88	100	90	90	90	70	70	70
	Caldwell	0	100	100						80	60		100	75	75	80	100
	Surry	1	95	75	88	13	68	68	10	70	72	53	77	52	68	71	90
	Watauga	5	70	90	80	15	100	100	2	100	100	100	75	35	83	100	100
	Wilkes	1	93	88	88	11	86	80	8	85	60	46	92	88	71	89	95
	Yadkin	1	82	82	95	8	79	85	9	62	82	58	79	69	77	92	92
	NORTHERN MOUNTAIN	1	90	88	85	11	78	76	7	81	74	59	84	68	70	85	91
4	Buncombe	1	90	77	93	13	45	75	5	65	70	50	90	63	72	77	87
	Burke	1	99	102	93	10	86	70	10	90	56	43	81	67	69	93	85
	Cherokee	5	87	78	88	14	87	79	11	80	58	31	81	56	79	77	71
	Clay	0	90	90	75	12	95	85	10	100	50	4	85	82	95	95	93
	Graham																
	Haywood	2	95	96	86	10	91		6	100	72	30	92	81	86	70	87
	Henderson	0	80	80	85	11	80		15	80	75	50	82	47	52	67	83
	Jackson																
	McDowell	2.3	33	73	84	9	79	70	10	91	70	44	94	73	72	91	100
	Macon	5.5	88	83	90	12	65	70	5	100	80		68	40	63	85	97
	Madison	0	100	100	100	10	100	100	10	100	88	75	75	63	95	63	88
	Mitchell	1	90	95			90	100	15	100	95	83	92	75	77	98	93
	Polk																
	Rutherford	1.5	83	90	50		100	100	2	65	42	33	79	70	18	78	88
	Swain		90	85			75		5	80	100		66	45	45	90	100
	Transylvania				60	6	40		20				90	50	20	80	110
	Yancey	1.3	91	100		15	95		8	100	88	13	94	72	85	92	97
	WESTERN MOUNTAIN	2	92	87	85	11	82	79	11	86	64	39	85	65	71	83	90
2	Alamance	2	90	87	91	10	74	80	8	60	67	45	80	62	79	75	70
	Caswell	2	89	92	92	15	78	68	11	75	45	25	90	73	73	97	92
	Durham	7	90	90	82		58	50	19	66	62	52	75	34	65	70	79
	Forsyth	2	94	93	92	10	74	70	12	87	75	80	90	67	79	90	102
	Franklin	2	90	85	80	10	90	85	10	60	90	80	80	40	90	80	110
	Granville	3	80	83	75	10	72	60	27	50	68	60	74	47	70	75	77
	Guilford	2	86	88	87	11	83	93	14	50	87	42	79	50	77	83	82
	Orange	4	96	77	97	18	95	87	3	50	25	23	83	59	77	95	95
	Person	5	94	81	93	10	84	84	24	85	50	50	91	63	77	84	91
	Rockingham		75	65		10	70	60	10	50			75	40	60	90	80
	Stokes	4	93	85	89	11	79	82	17	89	81	65	83	59	74	95	85
	Vance									80	87	87	60		70	82	97
	Warren	5	89	78	90		59		13	80	45	63	81	53	61	82	94
	NORTHERN PIEDMONT	3.2	90	84	90	11	76	76	14	73	62	54	82	55	73	84	89
5	Alexander	0	90	79	90	9	83	65	5	57	68	71	88	66	64	78	88
	Catawba	.5	87	79	86	8	73	70	4	90	73	49	87	76	69	90	100
	Chatham	0	91	86	83	12	69	69	8	82	27	10	83	60	64	83	92
	Davidson	2.5	90	86	90	8	50	53	4	35	58	48	83	64	66	83	100
	Davie	1.5	85	89	85	12	77	78	2	75	78	50	93	40	70	87	88
	Iredell	.4	94	89	88	7	81	79	20	85	85	70	89	56	78	87	88
	Lee	5	88	78			85	80	15	63	50	55	77	62	82	97	100
	Randolph	.8	89	85	90	10	83	82	4	90	45	23	84	68	83	92	97
	Rowan	0	86	76	88	17	75	69	5	79	72	46	90	60	84	82	90
	Wake		70	76	81	9	70		10	75	52	46	65	37	81	94	93
	CENTRAL PIEDMONT	.7	88	82	87	10.4	75	70	7	73	63	49	84	60	75	88	94
8	Anson	1	85	80	75	9	55	50	0	70	50	55	65	60	35	80	100
	Cabarrus	5	97	93	105	15	83	88	8	70	58	45	78	43	67	95	93
	Cleveland	.7	86	79	78	11	79	33	8	67	75	75	75	57	64	94	94
	Gaston	5	82	78	85	10	80	85	11	75	75	60	87	74	68	98	88
	Lincoln	0	88	80	95	10	75	60	10	50	88	83	88	73	78	100	100
	Mecklenburg	0	88	88									75	63	63	95	100
	Montgomery	1.3	91	88	100	10	100	90		100	53	55	77	80	95	95	83
	Moore	0	100	93	84	11	100	100	10	80	50	46	86	40	87	99	94
	Richmond			75						70	85	70	95	95	100	100	90
	Stanly	0	88	86	93	9	84	83	9	85	48	53	69	40	66	96	101
	Union	3.3	83	87			40	3	25	48	45	78	48	52	93	73	73
	SOUTHERN PIEDMONT	1.73	88	83	83	10	80	70	9	70	64	60	79	60	68	95	92
3	Bertie			72	83	20	68	50	35	70	72	48	76	56	60	77	89
	Camden								50				70	70		100	90
	Chowan																
	Currituck																
	Dare									75		80	90	75		80	100
	Edgecombe	8	73	82	80	14	75	70	7	80	78	64	87	62	75	92	95
	Gates						50	50	20		75	60	75	50	50	100	100
	Halifax		75	83			65		0	80	65	60	81	40	79	78	101
	Hertford			75												75	80
	Martin		85	82				60	33	68	64	58	84	57	85	87	98
	Nash	0	85	83	73	14			15	58	58	49	85	61	54	87	98
	Northampton			78	70	20	73	50	10	80	85	90	75	42	75	93	100
	Pasquotank								20				75	75	100		
	Perquimans								45	50	70	70	63	63	75	63	75
	Tyrrell																
	Washington																
	NORTHERN COASTAL	9	78	80	78	17	69	58	26	69	69	59	80	55	71	84	95
6	Beaufort			80			75		20	70	50	40	88	66	79	100	93
	Carteret									78			98	90		15	85
	Craven			90			75		25	70	50	38	90	85	75	75	63
	Greene			77					30	80			80	63	75	80	83
	Hyde			85			80	75	30	78	70	70	75	59	57	90	101
	Johnston	5	80	87	73	15	66	67	37	64	65	52	83	61	68	75	88
	Jones			80			90		35	75	50	50	85	68	77	100	100
	Lenoir			90			95	95	18	78	90	63	88	58	90	87	103
	Pamlico			100					50	75			75	80		100	100
	Pitt			90						50	75	75	92	61	52	91	95
	Wayne			85			100		25	60	70	50	90	78	85	80	100
	Wilson			88					10	70	70	62	84	53	80	98	100
	CENTRAL COASTAL	5	80	88	73	15	78	76	28	70	68	56	83	65	71	85	93
9	Bladen			78			75		19	55	58	31	85	65	65	88	95
	Brunswick			60			60		20	50	65	60	70	80	60	40	100
	Columbus			91	80	12	80	80	26	72	70	51	94	76	73	90	93
	Cumberland			80			90	75	31	64	63	42	87	70	64	84	94
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VALUE OF 1925 CROPS IN NORTH CAROLINA—COUNTY SUMMARY*

COUNTIES	Tobacco	Cotton (Lint)	Cotton- seed	Corn	Wheat for Grain	Oats for Grain **	Rye for Grain	Irish Potatoes	Sweet Potatoes	Peanuts	Cowpeas for Peas	Soybeans for Beans	Small Grains cut Green **	Field Cowpeas for Hay	Soybeans for Hay	All Clovers for Hay	Other Grasses: Timothy, Legumes, and Sorghum	TOTAL
	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	
DISTRICT 1																		
Alleghany.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 163,285	\$ 23,823	\$ 32,313	\$ 62,222	\$ 38,890	\$ 584	\$.....	\$ 1,139	\$ 591	\$ 21,096	\$.....	\$ 689	\$ 8,830	\$ 198,451	\$ 551,913
Ashe.....				507,299	50,931	98,553	81,220	64,709	3,293			4,618	6,600	217	421	29,644	429,359	1,276,864
Avery.....				154,348	10,250	32,101	18,506	79,719	605			283	13,176		1,629	4,904	173,158	488,679
Caldwell.....	75,676	69,260	9,224	421,808	150,040	24,402	29,156	89,190	61,293	976	38,074	28,591	17,136	15,670	36,149	16,643	62,330	1,145,618
Surry.....	1,616,472			884,607	213,928	39,361	71,863	49,103	41,142		32,534	26,949	15,528	5,936	22,154	53,873	81,824	3,155,274
Watauga.....				266,987	31,231	29,183	33,063	159,174	2,288							49,677	321,272	892,875
Wilkes.....	130,344	30,294	4,029	811,261	237,625	21,149	116,198	107,371	83,616	426	61,035	27,406	6,024	5,669	12,064	74,443	56,355	1,785,309
Yadkin.....	748,977	99,341	13,240	533,851	241,824	60,397	26,445	30,677	31,942	289	32,058	12,606	9,648	7,443	8,550	95,642	27,132	1,980,062
NORTHERN MOUNTAIN.....	\$ 2,571,469	\$ 198,895	\$ 26,493	\$ 3,743,446	\$ 959,652	\$ 337,459	\$ 438,673	\$ 618,833	\$ 224,763	\$ 1,691	\$ 164,840	\$ 101,044	\$ 89,208	\$ 34,935	\$ 81,656	\$ 333,656	\$ 1,349,881	\$ 11,276,594
DISTRICT 4																		
Buncombe.....	92,967			594,387	101,207	80,649	45,516	117,110	29,284		7,017	11,911	38,568	6,273	54,794	202,203	152,852	1,534,738
Burke.....	1,008	113,956	15,190	440,041	151,861	28,725	38,582	24,112	39,164	1,414	17,990	10,686	25,824	12,737	15,275	71,647		1,008,212
Cherokee.....				612,957	5,033	8,943	85,438	61,564	50,657		56,475	32,305	4,920	7,676	22,190	5,554	99,699	1,053,411
Clay.....				272,244	41,556	3,810	34,312	16,393	14,324		18,512	2,877		3,328	5,202	4,162	90,107	506,827
Graham.....				140,566		500	22,186	17,488	16,884					778	209	3,393	31,862	233,866
Haywood.....	42,146			389,886	122,985	32,595	30,416	136,446	4,788		2,740	4,516	92,280	2,843	9,927	54,427	188,810	1,114,805
Henderson.....				603,626	14,778	12,608	60,603	144,857	28,823	530	11,279	18,802	19,968	2,461	29,164	68,489	75,080	1,091,068
Jackson.....	567			410,641	39,413	21,943	15,100	56,049	37,989		826	1,200	14,616	852	4,593	58,215	191,816	853,820
McDowell.....	5,580			465,076	57,032	6,757	36,519	38,395	37,044	333	20,395	50,378	3,648	2,132	16,907	10,840	20,015	771,051
Macon.....	645			505,836	60,601	12,431	24,564	44,080	21,420		10,807	18,084	10,776	2,624	14,369	55,666	88,985	870,888
Madison.....	356,800			468,698	67,660	67,103	21,144	25,233	9,446	35	2,962	2,828	32,496	630	11,847	129,230	129,952	1,326,064
Mitchell.....	4,665			254,760	6,415	52,152	2,054	35,110	6,259				22,824	77	128	68,196	171,972	624,612
Polk.....		496,944	66,257	319,953	13,942	11,480	30,033	17,523	40,986	117	4,552	1,765	7,200		689	145		1,011,586
Rutherford.....	1,728	1,830,800	244,104	724,477	75,029	43,339	31,052	21,599	137,290		11,853	17,207	24,528	3,975	5,613	1,467	47,142	3,221,203
Swain.....				426,114	38,613	22,878	22,144	40,881	28,487		4,134	4,691	19,272	599	1,377	47,032	33,790	690,012
Transylvania.....	540			345,815	2,580	3,294	40,460	39,524	15,322				1,920	536	5,845	29,493	51,732	537,061
Yancey.....	24,711			612,572	32,222	104,378	4,047	43,315	5,645		112	2,630	46,704		3,422	84,477	323,485	1,287,720
WESTERN MOUNTAIN.....	\$ 531,357	\$ 2,441,700	\$ 325,551	\$ 7,587,649	\$ 830,927	\$ 513,585	\$ 544,170	\$ 879,679	\$ 523,812	\$ 2,429	\$ 169,654	\$ 179,880	\$ 365,544	\$ 47,521	\$ 201,551	\$ 894,636	\$ 1,697,299	\$ 17,736,944
DISTRICT 2																		
Alamance.....	548,089	195,092	28,611	364,401	289,455	69,461	46,175	43,771	42,849	510	13,806	12,378	22,920	19,074	66,221	85,637	50,842	1,899,292
Caswell.....	1,297,508	128,700	18,873	290,033	98,713	12,936	7,042	29,798	28,091		9,714	7,046	12,168	5,567	5,197	29,800	6,242	1,987,428
Durham.....	946,470	369,871	54,249	360,879	82,012	23,402	6,455	31,554	89,536	39	13,662	4,101	5,160	23,598	24,174	24,815	15,035	2,075,012
Forsyth.....	644,235	80,755	11,840	573,249	302,537	99,788	33,798	119,705	88,734	98	15,549	10,514	53,784	11,638	49,503	126,138	57,727	2,279,592
Franklin.....	1,286,074	3,016,552	442,421	670,674	11,908	20,018	5,803	43,059	99,530		15,162	9,049		5,530	8,096	10,875		5,644,751
Granville.....	2,006,351	682,575	100,386	558,282	47,604	39,038	6,435	29,487	110,042		9,744	1,176		5,789	5,789	46,603		3,643,512
Guilford.....	1,637,071	90,666	13,292	704,513	411,927	145,166	78,778	119,413	114,822	382	39,078	29,378	26,016	10,603	71,119	261,229	137,547	3,891,000
Orange.....	445,824	231,160	33,901	295,543	182,070	27,113	10,742	28,392	26,025		3,093				28,731			1,312,594
Person.....	1,387,774	106,950	15,682	284,772	58,969	27,336	3,560	41,964	18,290		16,470	2,082	19,656	5,477	1,285	59,723	9,937	2,059,927
Rockingham.....	1,569,913	14,650	2,148	692,990	226,081	45,592	41,995	44,607	89,064	246	35,220	10,299	12,504	7,686	11,355	49,274	79,999	2,933,623
Stokes.....	1,834,570			522,457	207,245	22,885	50,856	34,809	27,838		12,381	2,495	7,752	2,295	4,310	71,914	25,398	2,827,205
Vance.....	1,026,287	764,381	112,078	352,565	5,327	5,402	261	9,048	36,353		7,668	4,171	4,416	11,360	2,305	8,375		2,349,997
Warren.....	670,467	1,080,088	290,420	454,052	20,412	16,133	4,059	28,592	83,997	5,558	109,650	11,926	19,968	14,943	2,634	43,477	22,547	3,778,923
NORTHERN PIEDMONT.....	\$15,300,633	\$ 7,661,440	\$ 1,123,901	\$ 6,124,410	\$1,944,260	\$ 554,270	\$ 295,959	\$ 604,199	\$ 855,171	\$ 6,833	\$ 301,202	\$ 104,615	\$ 184,344	\$ 117,771	\$ 280,719	\$ 817,860	\$ 405,274	\$ 36,682,861
DISTRICT 5																		
Alexander.....	187,226	324,320	52,846	338,224	139,181	36,391	48,068	20,580	32,026	2,090	17,028	22,652	9,720	4,473	6,569	18,160	13,031	1,272,585
Catawba.....		1,321,436	196,614	396,441	251,874	83,299	40,821	51,610	198,891	4,353	31,284	21,158	120,696	26,665	57,485	24,943	58,204	2,885,774
Chatham.....	345,584	903,484	139,484	704,556	199,398	77,296	17,848	32,653	89,968		17,569	8,268	47,616	6,520	22,657	82,676	8,843	2,704,420
Davidson.....	542,901	322,095	49,724	436,908	467,846	133,952	106,703	59,044	116,745	2,106	25,439	14,756	37,728	6,778	8,815	95,523	177,304	2,604,367
Davie.....	144,910	508,248	78,461	263,390	142,733	34,410	21,853	29,975	33,787		14,890	13,122		6,411	14,609	81,757	78,637	1,467,193
Iredell.....	87,495	1,806,964	27,898	759,536	333,485	91,423	59,986	67,922	48,859	889	57,932	15,106	40,392	12,067	5,166	157,783	85,229	3,658,135
Lee.....	219,213	964,817	148,948	257,059	26,597	37,385	3,860	15,876	64,981	234	4,298	4,176	23,160	4,072	2,224	1,293	9,927	1,788,120
Randolph.....	415,054	223,522	34,505	738,257	530,822	153,209	62,635	97,247	67,262	1,596	23,269	27,170	13,224	9,017	63,082	141,729	60,244	2,661,844
Rowan.....	23,519	1,483,222	211,385	639,253	537,984	170,849	47,354	49,054	71,034		48,719	34,373	139,296	17,144	18,549	352,623	127,913	3,972,271
Wake.....	2,623,188	3,981,778	614,724	1,052,614	24,035	74,683	3,632	85,054	439,660	3,861	47,832	23,137	78,312	22,560	12,089	18,560	25,296	9,131,015
CENTRAL PIEDMONT.....	\$ 4,589,090	\$11,839,886	\$ 1,554,589	\$ 5,586,241	\$2,653,955	\$ 892,897	\$ 412,760	\$ 509,015	\$1,163,213	\$ 15,129	\$ 288,260	\$ 183,918	\$ 510,144	\$ 115,707	\$ 211,245	\$ 975,047	\$ 644,628	\$ 32,145,724

Gaston		803,806	124,090	340,090	124,325	46,714	15,660	50,894	106,841		41,541	3,051	113,008	12,737	3,098	54,607	41,532	1,881,994
Lincoln		1,202,888	185,701	384,996	178,332	64,865	15,655	32,955	56,160	3,399	16,992	11,667	40,224	2,573	9,550	39,768	37,049	2,282,774
Mecklenburg		1,943,974	298,429	620,147	71,895	100,058	41,522	50,050	78,031		71,075	8,057	121,392	12,888	10,531	27,492	80,067	3,535,611
Montgomery	61,260	593,669	91,648	232,222	173,699	47,288	19,120	25,419	36,265	664	7,227	3,875	20,304	2,122	7,701	11,586	4,672	1,341,741
Moore	559,699	747,293	115,368	475,177	100,810	68,251	14,168	45,631	50,294	1,076	10,566		42,792	5,689	1,647	6,458	7,257	2,252,176
Richmond	12,633	2,080,500	322,601	383,327	12,456	115,530	6,204	43,560	96,096	386	18,786	3,985	27,720	11,684	28,178	1,697	6,375	3,171,718
Stanly		794,229	119,678	416,321	347,040	99,552	12,504	43,790	40,073	3,627	36,093	2,511	12,288	2,351	938	78,558	14,726	2,024,279
Union	2,300	2,738,645	422,803	799,982	170,959	209,401	4,862	77,606	87,338	1,100	9,405	21,835	126,296	3,006	8,392	97,315	136,966	5,018,211
SOUTHERN PIEDMONT	\$ 643,842	\$16,783,230	\$ 2,588,115	\$ 5,030,037	\$1,498,599	\$1,196,114	\$ 240,989	\$ 454,011	\$ 740,326	\$ 11,689	\$ 280,778	\$ 84,851	\$ 772,908	\$ 73,826	\$ 86,774	\$ 517,533	\$ 489,037	\$ 31,492,659
DISTRICT 3																		
Bertie	754,374	1,128,630	174,240	623,949	339	11,954	820	19,206	138,280	1,422,641	5,313	28,419	29,808	408	20,999	2,717	8,836	4,370,933
Camden		331,484	51,173	278,309		9,442		336,565				151,805	8,952		23,498			1,191,228
Chowan	64,200	471,477	72,785	206,703		2,482		25,581	86,562	814,905		16,760			6,214		1,186	1,768,855
Currituck		231,372	35,716	317,289		1,568		398,400	598,752		1,183	230,753			45,734			1,860,797
Dare				10,264		134		1,909	16,443		605							29,355
Edgecombe	3,079,944	3,758,753	580,295	676,125	10,212	54,297	1,260	67,071	136,050	510,583	18,245	67,410	82,800	12,393	11,618	35,157	6,712	9,108,925
Gates	11,800	616,957	95,238	375,190		664		10,597	89,844	446,906	2,670	43,977	4,680	230	490		2,570	1,701,813
Halifax	810,517	4,620,088	713,275	1,056,247	6,588	8,136	531	34,183	96,332	871,728	28,298	54,492	39,696	1,765	4,480	19,967	18,133	8,384,458
Hertford	235,938	984,468	151,985	326,781		232	787	15,196	69,173	815,823	2,970	194,374	19,176					2,816,903
Martin	2,947,652	922,040	142,349	668,465		19,852	1,181	38,046	135,592	1,126,978	3,506	51,947	31,056	3,820	15,912	6,632	8,956	6,123,984
Nash	3,814,653	3,748,586	578,721	734,353	3,333	38,820	1,263	66,513	248,831	35,302	16,250	38,499	64,008	3,825	8,027	35,551	27,923	9,464,458
Northampton	13,488	3,700,362	571,276	849,479	2,778	30,864		24,263	79,645	1,109,716	7,158	7,577	55,248	1,206	20,701	5,420	13,729	6,492,910
Pasquotank		722,521	111,540	671,971		8,476	115	780,947	43,325	18,018	3,916	380,021	12,360	931	75,704	4,220	38,599	2,872,664
Perquimans		600,475	109,530	406,778		11,649		11,173	54,331	370,705		204,448	3,000	1,989	16,333	6,206		1,886,617
Tyrrell		111,073	17,144	209,236		9,838		120,740	51,684	45,880	330	160,936	19,608		22,889			769,358
Washington	53,725	163,376	25,222	308,062		8,441		28,274	320,747			127,174	11,136		39,614			1,085,771
NORTHERN COASTAL	\$11,786,291	\$22,201,662	\$ 3,430,489	\$ 7,719,201	\$ 23,250	\$ 216,879	\$ 5,957	\$1,950,390	\$1,873,118	\$7,909,932	\$ 90,444	\$1,758,592	\$ 381,528	\$ 26,567	\$ 312,213	\$ 115,870	\$ 126,644	\$ 59,929,027
DISTRICT 6																		
Beaufort	1,471,729	744,590	114,952	811,406		72,615		724,944	206,917	34,148	10,497	352,452	80,016	5,039	68,717	5,583		4,703,605
Carteret	488,819	47,983	7,405	206,329		4,363		255,991	367,453	84,084	6,015	200,999	5,976	4,712	41,277			1,821,406
Craven	2,059,495	360,102	55,592	725,124		28,696	797	59,603	235,758	22,560	27,968	248,106	31,440	11,184	95,714		4,832	3,966,971
Greene	4,068,403	1,092,019	168,590	467,682		23,678	337	42,911	73,708	1,279	26,706	76,076	44,496	9,792	4,565	1,001	6,732	6,107,975
Hyde		263,754	40,715	493,047		40,586	1,166	27,596	27,760		4,988	468,044	768	4,080	24,381			1,396,885
Johnston	2,352,936	6,168,093	952,265	1,104,981	4,068	88,740	3,329	78,218	390,915	3,194	148,343	267,641	159,456	12,222	22,950	2,906	24,794	11,785,051
Jones	1,558,044	433,063	66,855	352,046		12,859		14,493	49,112	56,534	16,733	144,823	12,552	5,947	22,712	1,412		2,747,185
Lenoir	3,937,874	1,384,908	213,804	860,848	1,977	39,329	84,078	21,649	88,172	30,490	46,866	157,705	37,488	22,078	27,339		854	6,955,459
Pamlico		382,765	59,090	380,614		13,416		471,623	148,841			132,480	4,440		11,401		30,141	2,134,811
Pitt	7,121,807	2,602,377	401,765	887,361	4,058	131,901		153,515		153,515	24,548	199,243	92,232	33,762				11,652,569
Wayne	2,739,169	3,157,671	487,496	917,931	5,160	54,078	5,403	333,169	150,629			263,294	90,288	29,065	19,441			8,252,794
Wilson	4,984,943	2,928,092	452,057	567,715	5,361	62,431	10,498	107,730	126,649		39,153	81,901	42,912	4,302	7,905		10,404	9,432,053
CENTRAL COASTAL	\$30,783,219	\$19,565,417	\$ 3,020,586	\$ 7,775,084	\$ 20,624	\$ 572,692	\$ 105,608	\$2,637,927	\$2,119,429	\$ 232,289	\$ 351,817	\$2,592,764	\$ 602,064	\$ 142,183	\$ 346,402	\$ 10,902	\$ 77,757	\$ 70,956,764
DISTRICT 9																		
Bladen	592,519	1,105,011	170,597	601,854	2,585	40,903	4,480	31,075	165,760	19,569	53,627	85,322	41,400	7,673	16,710		6,265	2,945,350
Brunswick	202,636	69,948	113,989	291,940		2,634		13,670	411,460	113,931	41,258	51,880	3,840	3,231	2,525		4,832	1,327,774
Columbus		185,224	28,959	822,045	1,241	35,804	1,506	61,367	476,578	68,632	97,058	157,227	42,504	14,711	19,110	1,784	3,889	2,017,639
Cumberland	152,856	2,917,548	450,424	598,492	4,832	48,901	2,954	39,802	163,742		30,062	52,896	47,544	13,479	10,955			4,534,487
Duplin	2,860,948	999,611	154,321	1,112,205	1,737	28,824	1,414	686,925	249,690	36,434	55,216	506,493	52,440	13,092	9,639		4,692	6,773,681
Harnett	708,343	3,344,700	516,371	568,509	15,192	52,781	8,868	17,224	128,765	1,399	17,993	25,021	48,768	1,984	4,264	470	4,876	5,465,528
Hoke	457,974	2,216,501	342,190	608,658	18,319	54,473	24,708	40,042	33,350	679	20,247	16,064	38,400	9,886	1,550	841	3,947	3,887,829
New Hanover				46,957		2,253		5,589	19,200					1,951				75,950
Onslow	1,143,173	243,988	37,663	386,401		5,812		19,638	104,661	387,457	26,363	103,361	8,976	3,792	19,134	145		2,490,564
Pender	255,178	197,625	30,505	358,889		10,008		51,746	146,688		20,872	94,859	19,512	4,077	16,601		9,907	1,216,467
Robeson	2,381,830	5,156,038	796,016	1,569,466	14,828	161,061		111,542	150,600	5,054	339,543	34,654	36,648				3,749	10,761,029
Sampson	1,080,396	3,527,523	544,596	1,245,193	5,926	40,212	6,304	142,108	269,880	5,046	53,520	136,034	70,104	14,040	8,288	5,327	14,035	7,168,532
Scotland	16,632	2,964,597	457,687	356,921	5,753	82,653	5,304	12,426	13,431		42,599	6,251	89,832	28,657	7,778			4,090,521
SOUTHERN COASTAL	\$ 9,852,485	\$22,928,314	\$ 3,643,318	\$ 8,567,530	\$ 70,413	\$ 566,319	\$ 55,538	\$1,233,154	\$2,333,805									

*The summary above shows the value by Counties, of seventeen of the crops grown in North Carolina, with the summary of the seventeen shown in the last column. These figures are based on the County acreage figures from the 1925 State Farm Census with the production valued at the average County price per unit December, 1925. The summary does not include any crop grown except those shown in heading. County figures on Fruits, Truck and many other crops were not available. The value of oats is based on 1924 acreage estimates.

The total value of all crops if itemized as above would raise the figures considerably over \$30,000,000 dollars.

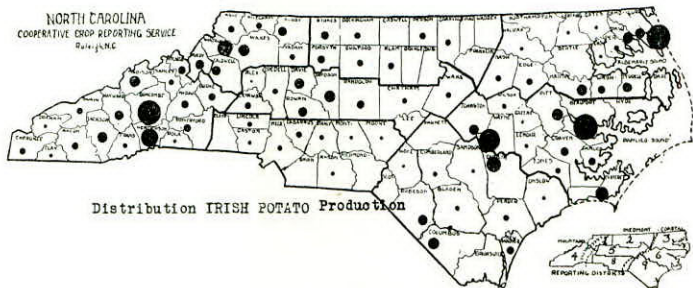
**It appears that there is duplication in oats for grain (cut for mature hay with seed) and oats cut green (in dough stage), especially as they were listed in separate years.

North Carolina Crops, May 1st, 1926—Crop Report

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EARLY IRISH POTATOES

Prior to April 19th, the prospects for the early potato crop were exceptionally favorable. The freeze and frost that occurred at that time caught potato plants just at the tenderest period. Thousands of acres in this state were cut down by the frost. These plants have revived



and grown out again, however, and the principal result of the frost will be a delay in the harvest of the crop of ten to fifteen days and a reduction in the crop of 27 per cent (the present condition being reported at 73 per cent of normal). It may also reduce the size of the potatoes, making them less desirable for market.

FRUIT

The condition of the apple crop is reported as 75 per cent and peaches about 65 per cent of normal. Many of the commercial apple orchards in the west were not in bloom during the recent cold snap and were consequently unhurt. A considerable apple crop is in prospect through the northwestern counties. The principal damage to apples was to be found in counties south and west of Buncombe.

PEACHES

Immediately following the April 20th freeze the commercial peach growers in the Sandhills thought their peaches very badly damaged. This seemed reasonable from the evidence of dead "kernels" or seed hearts. Ten days later they thought the damage still heavy (40 per cent), but better than before. An investigation was made and placed the crop at 75 per cent. As usual, we were called "office guessers" and wrong, of course.

On May 10th two of the field representatives of the Crop Reporting Service revisited the entire belt in five counties. Saw most of the large orchards. We still estimate 75 per cent of a crop. That there is serious and even total loss in spots is true, but the frequency of full crops is much more common. Incidentally there is a difference between guessing and estimating. By estimates we mean inspecting and noting an average per cent of crop. This is repeated with the various orchards. These figures are weighted in proportion to the extent of the orchards and of the counties. We do not know just what the estimate will be until finally computed. In the last case it came out 75.4 per cent.

Moore County suffered most with a 52 per cent crop left; Hoke 55 per cent; Richmond 86 per cent; Scotland 83 and Montgomery 95 per cent of a full crop prospect. Winter-killed trees were unusually heavy.

It now looks like many of the brown kernel seed will mature. The May drop has not yet occurred and, excepting in full orchards, will be light. Complete failures are rare. Many crops are full and needing thinning. The 50 per cent crops will have unusually fine and large fruit. There is practically no evidence of curculio yet.

This is in part due to the spraying and other cares customary. The lime-sulphur spraying and dusting has been started. The cultivation is generally good. Fertilizer usage has been heavy—and of good grade.

From farm surveys, it was found by orchard to orchard studies that the trees of bearing age are increased 40 per cent this year. The peak of producing trees will probably be reached in 1927. It is likely that the 1926 crop will be equal to the 2,000 cars shipped last year.

It is very dry now and rain is greatly needed. The crop will be reduced if the dry weather continues. The orchards are pretty clean and healthy looking now.

FARM WORK

A general delay in all farm work has been occasioned by the dry weather in this state. About 83 per cent of the plowing for spring planting had been done by May 1st this year as compared with 89 per cent at this time last year. Only 62 per cent of the whole work of spring planting had been completed as compared with 78 per cent last year on May 1st. This is considerably above the estimate for the whole country which averaged 68.3 per cent plowing and only 56.1 per cent planting finished.

PASTURES

The condition of pastures at this season is most variable, with the lowest conditions prevailing in the southern part of the State. The dry weather is affecting them disastrously. The condition of pastures May 1st averaged 71 per cent of normal, as compared with 84 per cent on May 1st last year.

FARM LABOR

Farmers report that no unusual situation exists at this time in regard to labor on farms. The supply is about 85 per cent of normal, compared with 88 last year, and the demand averages 92 this year as compared with 95 last year.

TRUCK CROPS

The truck crops of North Carolina other than potatoes lie from Wilmington to Goldsboro; in western Columbus County; from Richmond to western Robeson County; along eastern Moore and through Hoke County. Dewberry culture is intensified in eastern Moore and southern Lee County, with much acreage all the way down to and especially around Hamlet. Then there is a large acreage from Fayetteville along the Coast Line Railway up to Benson. May peas (English peas), beets, and some other crops are found around Washington and around the Albemarle Sound. These areas indicate the commercial carlot shipping territories. The potato territory is clearly indicated, with centers from Elizabeth City to Norfolk; Beaufort, Pamlico, Tyrrell, Carteret, Wayne and Duplin counties being most prominent. Certified fall Irish potatoes are being increased in acreage in the Mountain counties.

From May 10th to 14th we made a trip through a large part of this commercial trucking area and found that the dry weather was seriously hampering the industry. While local showers had occurred in some places, the territory as a whole is very dry. This is shortening the strawberry season and production; is interfering with the planting and growth of crops considerably. Of course, the outcome will be dependent upon the rain that may come after this date. In much of this territory the usual field crops were at a standstill. There seemed to be no use in cultivating until rain should come.

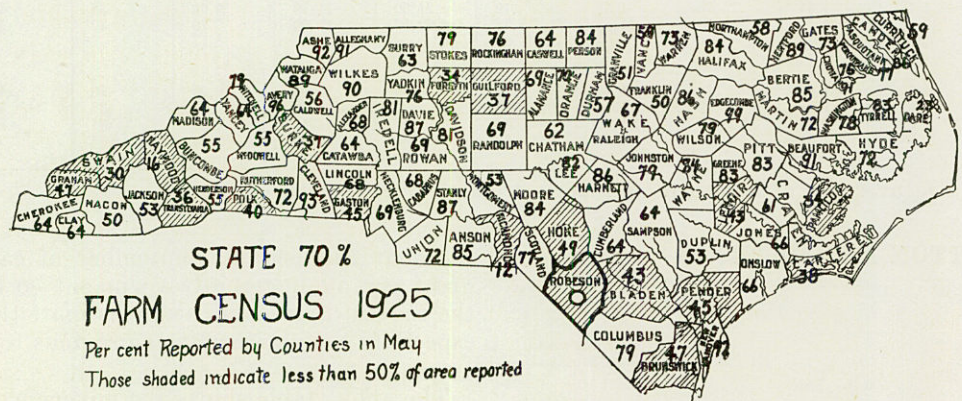
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THE STATE'S FARM CENSUS

North Carolina farmers are busy in listing their taxes this month. Along with this they are reporting data on crop acreages. This amounts to an inventory of area of crops. Inventories are essential to ALL business concerns; so why not to farmers? Farming is the most hazardous, all inclusive, unsystematic and unremunerative industry in the country. There are no stabilization methods because there is no organization. Each of the 285,000 farmers in the State is competing with each other without a knowledge of what the others are intending to do. This is not true with other businesses. The Farm Census

not study it and try to apply the lessons. Because the statistics issued from the Department of Agriculture APPEAR dry, uninteresting and tedious, don't get the idea that they are valueless. Instead, they offer the most understandable and workable form of information and they represent RESULTS of what has been done—actual performance. That is why bankers, industries, and others can figure so closely where to economize and where to expend their business.

The Farm Census is the farmers' friend, otherwise the Department of Agriculture would not for a moment endorse it.



is rapidly providing a reliable basis for providing the farmers with very helpful information that can help in correcting this situation.

Already the Vocational Agricultural Schools of the State are preparing to use the Farm Census as a basis for studying their local farm problems, with a view to finding wherein the competition may be lessened and where profitable crops may be encouraged. The Farm Demonstration Agents in many counties are using the Farm Census records in studying and analyzing their county's farm economic situation. This saves them much time in guessing and offering probable remedies. The information is especially valuable to Agents just coming into the county.

No book or suggestion will help any person who does

ACREAGE OF TRUCK CROPS IN NORTH CAROLINA

Truck, North Carolina (for shipping)	1922 Acres	1923 Acres	1924 Acres	1925 Acres	1926 Pre- liminary Acres
Cabbage.....	350	440	640	620	614
Cantaloupes.....	3,960	2,290	2,570	1,960	1,960
Corn (sweet).....			920	1,440	1,500
Cucumbers.....	2,340	2,650	3,560	5,310	5,310
Dewberries.....			2,250	2,000	2,100
Green peas (for table).....	2,360	3,930	4,770	3,610	3,791
Lettuce.....	1,180	1,230	1,540	1,730	1,730
Peppers.....			330	650	650
Potatoes (early Irish).....	19,730	16,340	26,000	22,100	27,620
Snap beans.....	1,910	2,140	2,630	2,800	2,700
Spinach.....	150	200	200	200	250
Strawberries.....	3,880	5,320	5,690	5,040	5,040
Watermelons.....	5,100	4,730	4,850	3,020	3,620

THE AGRICULTURAL SITUATION

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perceptively during March and April. These figures apply to the country as a whole.

The general index of the purchasing power of farm products continued at 87 per cent, at which point it has now stood for six months. Both the retail food and wholesale price index show a two to three per cent decline in the latest March report from the Department of Labor.

Cotton men are beginning to look for the possibilities of curtailed consumption by mills. The whole situation is now such as to bear watching by farmers whose products might be affected by changes in industrial conditions. Farm wages continue at 66 per cent increase over the pre-war conditions. Industrial wages are even higher. Both the retail and wholesale price of food averaged 58 per cent higher than in 1910 to 1914 averages.

1925 showed a decided increase in the export movement of cotton over previous years. Lard, pork and wheat showed decided decreased movements to foreign countries since 1920. The March movement of cotton was about an average, in relation to the same month for six years previous.

Truck Crops

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In a statistical study it was found that the crop areas either planted or intended showed watermelons with about 75 per cent increase in acreage; cantaloupes probably 20 per cent increase; beans increased about 30 per cent; Irish potatoes about 20 per cent; cabbage more than doubled, compared with last year; carrots a very large increase over the very small acreage last year, with other crops showing slight reductions.

When it is realized that North Carolina shipped several thousands carlots of truck to Northern markets in the spring and early summer, we must recognize that we have an important trucking state. May and June are the truckers busiest season. It was distressing to see the bad stand and effects of dry weather on many of these crops.

The Farm Forecaster has been adjudged the best publication of its kind in the country. Like the married couple: "We like to be told of our good qualities often." Write us of your opinion and WHY you like it.

MONTHLY PRICES OF NORTH CAROLINA FARM PRODUCTS

MONTHS	Corn per bushel	Wheat per bushel	Oats per bushel	Rye per bushel	Cotton (lint) per pound	Hay (all) loose, per ton	Hogs per 100 pounds	Sheep per 100 pounds	Wool (unwashed) per pound	Eggs per dozen	Poultry per pound	Butter per pound
1925												
January.....	\$ 1.46	\$ 1.88	\$ 0.85	\$ 1.56	\$ 0.23	\$ 21.00	\$ 10.90	\$ 6.50	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.38
February.....	1.48	2.00	.88	1.54	.23	22.00	11.00	6.30	.33	.38	.20	.35
March.....	1.49	2.10	.85	1.51	.25	19.20	11.40	7.30	.39	.23	.20	.35
April.....	1.42	1.72	.79	1.51	.23	21.00	11.00	7.40	.38	.25	.21	.38
May.....	1.42	1.88	.77	1.61	.23	22.50	10.10	7.50	.39	.25	.22	.34
June.....	1.48	1.91	.77	1.55	.23	19.40	10.60	6.70	.38	.27	.23	.35
July.....	1.51	1.70	.75	1.43	.23	19.50	11.10	6.00	.37	.27	.24	.34
August.....	1.43	1.70	.70	1.50	.24	19.50	12.60	7.00	.34	.31	.23	.38
September.....	1.43	1.73	.74	1.49	.22	18.80	11.60	6.00	.36	.36	.23	.40
October.....	1.25	1.67	.75	1.57	.21	20.20	11.80	7.00	.38	.38	.22	.38
November.....	1.18	1.71	.76	1.46	.19	21.60	11.70	9.00	.38	.43	.21	.42
December.....	1.08	1.79	.74	1.53	.18	22.50	12.20	7.70	.39	.51	.21	.41
1926												
January.....	1.06	1.90	.74	1.44	.18	20.00	12.00	6.20	.40	.41	.20	.40
February.....	1.08	1.96	.73	1.45	.19	11.70	11.70	6.90	.38	.37	.21	.38
March.....	1.06	1.87	.70	1.35	.17	11.50	11.50	6.90	.38	.24	.22	.38
April.....	1.08	1.81	.74	1.40	.18	22.30	12.00	8.00	.36	.27	.23	.38

Note: The prices are averages of hundreds of reports from all over the state.

COTTON ESTIMATES

YEAR	COTTON		Per cent estimated
	Ginned 500 lbs. bales	U. S. Dec. 1 estimated 500 lbs. bales	
1910.....	706,142	675,000	95.5
1911.....	1,075,826	935,000	87.0
1912.....	865,653	878,000	101.4
1913.....	792,545	765,000	96.5
1914.....	930,631	950,000	102.0
1915.....	699,494	708,000	101.2
1916.....	654,603	646,000	98.6
1917.....	617,989	570,000	92.2
1918.....	897,761	870,000	97.0
1919.....	830,293	875,000	105.3
1920.....	924,761	840,000	90.8
1921.....	776,222	800,000	103.0
1922.....	851,937	852,000	100.0
1923.....	1,020,139	1,020,000	100.0
1924.....	825,324	765,000	92.6
1925.....	1,101,090	1,090,000	99.0
Total.....	13,570,410	13,239,000	97.557

About August and September of each year there is a great cry against the Government cotton estimates, with the request that Congress investigate the matter. This was especially true last summer previous to our largest cotton crop.

The above table shows the government estimates issued in December and the ginned figures issued by the Department of Commerce in April following the harvest. The column at the right shows the relationship of the North Carolina December estimates with the final ginned 500 pounds equivalent bales. This shows that for fifteen years the average estimates have been 2 1-2 per cent below the ginnings. Ten of these years the estimates were actually below the ginnings. Incidentally, our estimates for the last past crop were only 1 per cent below the out turn. 1922 and 1923 were remarkably close. This should relieve any anxiety as to the government's over-estimating the North Carolina cotton crop.



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