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PLAN OF WORK  
for  
PULASKI COUNTY  
1955

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## PLAN OF WORK

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GENERAL

Fulaski County is located west of the Blue Ridge mountains and the farm land ranges in altitude from about 1700 feet to 2000 feet, though some of the forest areas have an elevation of 3600 feet. Lee Highway (U. S. 11) and Route 100 cross at Dublin which is just about the center of the Agricultural area of the County.

Total Assessed values:	1930-----\$ 8,435,714
	1940----- 11,046,697
	1950----- 13,380,918
	1953----- 20,470,484
	1954----- 21,111,554

Tax rate 1954 \$3.30 per \$100.00 assessed value. \$2,500,000 School bond issue approved in 1950.

CLIMATE

The county has a favorable climate--the summers not extremely hot and the winters not extremely cold. This condition favors the production of many crops, pasture grasses and many classes of livestock.

POPULATION TRENDS

There were 27,758 people in the county in 1950, 10,515 of whom live in the incorporated towns, leaving 17,243 residents outside the incorporated towns of Dublin and Fulaski. This compares with 22,767 in 1940, this showing an increase of 4,999 in population in ten years. This represents an increase of approximately 1000 families in that period.

SIZE OF FARMS

The value of farm products sold in 1949 were \$1,985,110.00. The area of the County is 209,280 acres, 56.1% of which is farms.

The average size of farms contained 101 acres in 1950 as compared with 109.8 acres in 1945.

SITUATION

The beef cattle industry is steadily growing. One of our chief problems is to maintain and expand the markets for beef cattle. The main outlets that offer promise at present are other states to the North and West of us. Apparently there will be no market or reduced market for grade C milk after July 1. This means a necessary readjustment for a number of dairymen with only a few cows. Qualifying for grade B milk offers some opportunities.

The 1954 drought caused another shortage of winter feeds and has caused our pastures to enter 1955 with a small amount of covering. Additional concentrates will need to be purchased to supplement home grown feeds.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE 1955 PLAN OF WORK

The county Extension plans for 1955 have been developed with a number of commodity committees and other organizations. Among these are the beef cattle marketing committee which will sponsor four sales in 1955. The Southwest Virginia Angus Feeder Calf sale committee which will sponsor one sale at Dublin, the New River Hereford Association which

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Will sponsor three sales; the Fulaski County Sheep and Wool Growers Association will sponsor one Ram sale and the Wool Pool, the DHIA, The Fulaski Chamber of Commerce, the Community Improvement Clubs; the County Council of Community Improvement Clubs; the Skyline Soil Conservation District; 4-H Club Council; and the Agricultural Stabilization Committee.

The Board of Agriculture met February 21 and adopted the program as outlined below. A number of commodity committees had already met and formulated their recommendations.

ACTIVITIES

Livestock

Seven Special Cattle Sales; one Ram Sale; one Feeder pig sale

1. Spring sale April 12
2. Fall Feeder Cattle Sale September 28
3. Southwest Virginia Angus Sale October 5 (probably a night sale)
4. Hereford and Shorthorn Feeder calf sale October 13.
5. One Purebred Bull sale April 1
6. One Purebred Hereford Sale April 6
7. One Purebred Hereford Sale November
8. One Ram sale July 8, C. A. Allen to assist
9. One Feeder Pig Sale in early summer.

The program will be gotten to the people by committee meetings, meetings of the producers, farm visits, circular letters, newspaper articles and Radio. K. C. Williamson and C. C. Mast will assist with

the cattle sales, G. A. Allen to assist with Ram sale and Roie M. Godsey will probably assist with the feeder pig sale.

Health plans for bangs and Tuberculosis is to be adopted. All calves for October 5 and 13 sales to be dehorned or be hornless.

DAIRYING

Dairy Herd Improvement Association

Maintain headquarters for DHIA supplies. Assist supervisor in maintaining present number of cattle on test. To interpret the program to members and to the public. The program will be gotten to the people by preparing summaries of the report each month, newspaper articles, Radio and by personal visits. Hold annual meeting with analysis of work. W. N. Fatterson to assist with the annual meeting.

Cooperate with the Artificial Breeding Association.

AGRONOMY

1. General

Hold Fertilizer meeting; to furnish soil test instructions upon request. Make lime and fertilizer recommendations based upon soil test made. Distribute Varietal recommendations and make other fertilizer recommendations such as for gardens, etc.

2. Pastures

To stress pasture improvement.

To stress Agricultural Stabilization Conservation Program.

W. W. Lewis to Assist with Agronomy

3. Soil Conservation

Act as Secretary to the Skyline Soil Conservation District Supervisors.

Assist in the Back Creek Survey.

Assist in the Watershed Program.

HORTICULTURE

1. Give instructions on varieties, fertilizers, sprays, etc. for home gardens upon request.

2. Assist in landscaping one home grounds and two community centers. A. S. Beecher to assist.

3. Emphasize County wide road-side clean up.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CLUBS

1. Six Community Improvement Clubs to continue functioning.

2. One additional club to be organized.

3. Sweepstakes contest between Roanoke and Bristol areas.

4. T. V. Pictures of Newbern Community

5. Newbern Community club to hold Open House

Fulaski Chamber of Commerce to sponsor local community improvement club contest. Roanoke Chamber of Commerce to sponsor area community improvement club contest.

As a long time program the Board of Agriculture recommended that all the rural county be included in the Community Improvement Clubs.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CLUBS

To continue to function

To continue to have quarterly meetings.

Dr. Donald R. Fessler to assist in meetings.

AGRICULTURE ENGINEERING

To furnish blue prints to farmers upon request.

POULTRY

1. To have a poultry school
2. 4-H Poultry Camp
3. Emphasize poultry industry on radio.

H. L. Moore and Denver D. Bragg to assist.

OTHER MARKETING ACTIVITIES

Annual meeting of United Wool growers Association.

Assist the United Wool Growers Association Wool Pool.

Cooperate with the Fulaski County Livestock Market.

FULASKI COUNTY FAIR

Cooperate with the County Council of Improvement Clubs and the Fulaski Chamber of Commerce in putting on a County Fair.

MISCELLANEOUS

To attend meeting of State Association of Soil Conservation District Supervisors.

To attend quarterly meeting of Extension Workers.

To advertize the Institute of Rural Affairs.

To assist Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee in presenting ASC program to the farmers.

To hold Board of Agriculture meeting.

To have publicity program on the eradication of Musk Thistle.

- To attend State Extension Conference
- To prepare 75 articles for newspaper
- To prepare and give 52 Radio broadcasts.

4-H CLUBS

To enroll 250 boys in 12 clubs, with the following projects:  
Marketing pig, purebred pig, baby beef, purebred heifer, garden,  
tractor, forestry, electrification, rodent control and rabbits.

Send one boy to 4-H Electric Congress. To assist with County 4-H  
Council meetings. Hold baby beef and heifer show at Dublin (with FFA  
in County). Participate in Roanoke area Fat Stock Show. Encourage 4-H  
members to enter the various contests sponsored by the different organiz-  
ations.

4-H CAMP

To send 12 boys to 4-H camp.

FARM AND HOME DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Three demonstration families. Work out complete farm plans for  
three farms.



1955 - CALENDAR - DECEMBER - MAY

DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY
ASC Program	Virginia Assoc. of Soil Conservation Dist. Supervisors, Meet.	Extension Conf. (Abingdon)	Plans for Local Calf Show	Spring Feeder Sale K. C. Williamson	C.I.C. Council meeting. Dr. D. R. Fessler.
Office Repairs		County C.I.C. Council	4-H Achievement Day Program	New River Bull Sale C. C. Mast	Local Calf Show C. C. Mast
4-H Meetings	Income Tax Meet. W. J. Nuckolls	4-H County Council Meet.	Soil Tests and Recommendations	New River Hereford Sale - C. C. Mast	Roanoke Area Fat Stock Show
4-H Sows scored by Henderson	4-H Meetings	Poultry School H. L. Moore D. D. Bragg	4-H Club Meetings	Public Policy Forum Meeting - D. U. Livermore	Newbern Open House Dr. D. R. Fessler
Roanoke-Bristol C.I.C. Judged Newbern Sweepstakes.	Extension Conference (Abingdon)	State Meeting of Feeder Calf Producers	Social Security for Farmers	Soil Test and Recommendations	Soil Tests and Recommendations
4-H Calendars	Landscaping Home and Community Centers. A. S. Beecher	Board of Agriculture Meeting	C.I.C. meetings	4-H Club Meetings	4-H Club Meetings
Social Security for Farmers		Plan of Work	ASC Program	C.I.C. Meetings	C.I.C. Meetings
All-Star Banquet	Hiwassee Community Improvement Club organized.	Agronomy Committee meeting (also fertilizers) W.W. Lewis	State Bankers Farm Credit Conference.	Score Sears Sows Henderson	Place Sears Figs
Skyline Soil Con. Dist. Meeting	Watershed Survey of Back Creek	4-15 Minute Radio Programs.	4-15 Minute Radio Programs.	Roadside Clean-up	4 - 15 Minute Radio Programs
4 15 Minute Radio Programs	C.I.C. meetings	4-H Meetings	Skyline District SCS Meeting	4 - 15 Minute Radio programs	Feeder Fig Sale Rolie M. Godsey
	Social Security for farmers	C.I.C. Meetings	Farm and Home Development Program	Skyline District Supervisors meeting.	
	Skyline Soil Con. District Supervisors Met.	DHIA Annual Meet. William Patterson		Farm and Home Development Program	
	4- 15 Minute Radio Programs	Social Security for Farmers			
		Entries for Roanoke Stock Show 4 - 15 minute Radio programs			

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## 1955 - CALENDAR - JUNE - NOVEMBER

JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
4-H Camp	Institute of Rural Affairs	C.I.C. Meetings	4-H Club Meetings	Southwest Va. Angus Sale K. C. Williamson	Annual Report
Tuberculosis Bangs Blackleg	Ram Sale G. A. Allen	Extension Conference	Feeder Cattle Sale K. C. Williamson	Hereford-Shorthorn Sale. K. C. Williamson, G. W. Litton	4-H Club Meetings
Wool Pool	SCS District Supervisors Meeting	Calf Sale Plans	County Fair C. C. Mast, L. C. Beamer, W. W. Lewis	County CIC Judging Farm Tour	Area Judging CIC
Skyline Soil Conservation District Supervisors Meeting	C.I.C. County Council Meeting	SCS District Supervisors Meeting	4-H Electric Congress	County Awards Luncheon, D. R. Fessler	Area Awards Luncheon
C.I.C. Meeting	4 - 15 Minute Radio Programs	Watershed program (If approved)	ASC Program	Social Security for Farmers	4-H Club Awards
Watershed Program (if approved)	Musk Thistle	Farm and Home Development Program	C.I.C. Meetings	4 15 Minute Radio programs.	Social Security for farmers
4- 15 Minute Radio Programs	4-H Foultry Camp	4 15 Minute Radio Programs	Score Sears Pigs Hugh Henderson	ASC Program	Purebred Hereford sale
			Farm and Home Development Program	SCS District Supervisors Meeting.	
			4 15 Minute Radio programs	4-H Club Meetings	
			SCS District Supervisors Meet.	4 15 Minute Radio Program	
				CIC County Council Meeting	