JC “Bub” and Ruth Waddell

Ann Ferrell: Was there a time that was like one of the best, best times to be a farmer or that things were-?

JC “Bub” Waddell: I'm going to say in the 70s was the best.

AF: What made the 70s good?

JW: Well milk was a good price, tobacco was a good price. All your expenses weren't nearly as large. It was just a good time to be farming, you know. The 80s came along and all that interest doubled, and it killed us here.

Ruth Waddell: The 80s broke everybody.

JW: Yeah, it broke the whole business and then they started over. We made it but we just did. But the 70s was probably the best time. I'd say from the 50s to the 70s you know, was the best time. I had an uncle between here and Lee Grant that had a farm that he paid for one year with hogs, in the 50s, and hogs went to 60-some cents. Of course, back then that was unheard of. He had a bunch of hogs, and he paid for that farm that one year.