

**Winter Wheat
Crop Estimate
Drops In Report**

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A 1950 winter wheat crop of 763,590,000 bushels has been forecast by the agriculture department.

This estimate is 121,068,000 bushels less than the 884,658,000 bushels indicated by the department's first report, issued last Dec. 20.

It compares with last year's winter wheat crop of 901,668,000 bushels and with the 1939-58 average of 758,821,000 bushels.

No forecast was given for spring wheat, inasmuch as much of it is yet to be planted.

The average yield of winter wheat to the acre was forecast at 14.4 bushels, compared with 14.5 indicated last year, and with a ten-year average of 15.7 bushels.

The portion of the seeded acreage of winter wheat, not expected to be harvested was put at 16.8 percent, compared with 11.1 percent last year and 10.8 per cent for the ten-year average.

The production of milk in March was reported at 9,996,000,000 pounds compared with 8,671,000,000 in February, 9,618,000,000 in March last year and 9,448,000,000 for the ten-year March average.

Production of eggs in March was reported at 6,429,000,000 compared with 5,217,000,000 in February, 6,143,000,000 in March last year and 5,858,000,000 for the ten-year March average.

Stocks of wheat on farms totaled 199,169,000 bushels or 17.4 percent of last year's crop. A year ago stocks were 246,024,000 bushels or 18.7 percent of the previous year's crop, compared with 216,243,000 bushels and 22.2 percent for the ten-year average.

The indicated production of winter wheat this year and last, respectively, by major producing states included:

Nebraska 75,981,000 and 53,316,000; Kansas 179,491,000 and 164,208,000; Oklahoma 55,053,000 and 88,725,000; Washington 57,694,000 and 48,172,000; Oregon 16,254,000 and 17,302,000.

**Organization Of
More Reserves
Is Plan Of Army**

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The army has disclosed details of its plan to achieve by 1956 the minimum force of organized reserves deemed necessary in an emergency to round out 25 divisions and provide the nucleus for 25 more.

The units that would be rounded out immediately in an emergency are the 10 existing divisions of the regular army and 15 of the 27 existing national guard divisions. Together with the remaining guard divisions and the contemplated skeleton divisions of reserves, they would give the army the trained framework for a total of 62 divisions.

Karl R. Bendtsen, assistant secretary of the army, told reporters that a minimum strength of 367,000 officers and men in the organized reserve cannot be achieved "with a magic wand."

He said the program depends on the lawmakers providing funds for costs at a rate rising from \$115,000,000 in the pending budget to a peak of \$180,000,000 in 1956 and an average of \$153,000,000 a year thereafter.

In addition to these outlays for training pay, equipment and other recurring expense, the army has asked congress to authorize \$80,000,000 of armory and other construction for reserve training purposes.

An army statement on the program said 146,000 officers and 956,900 enlisted personnel would be necessary to bring required units of the organized reserve to full strength. The army said it realized this would be impractical in any peacetime program.

It added that a desirable strength would be 100 per cent of the officers and 50 per cent of the enlisted strength of required units, or 146,000 officers and 478,400 enlisted personnel.

**Aberdeen Boys' Club Can
Issue Traffic Tickets**

ABERDEEN, Wash.—(AP)—Members of a Boys' club at Aberdeen high school have been given authority to issue traffic tickets, in a move to cut down violations.

Police Chief A. M. Gallagher said 10 or 12 members of the Golden A club's traffic committee would be empowered to issue tickets. He said the club members would pay particular attention to speeders and violations at school crossings, pedestrian lanes.

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