

Wheat Crop Now Estimated Below Earlier Prediction

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department, in a harvest-time report, Tuesday estimated that this year's wheat crop at 915,525,000 bushels.

The wheat estimate is 1,248,000 bushels less than last month's forecast of 916,773,000 bushels. It compares with 969,781,000 last year, 1,154,073,000 for the ten-year (1944-53) average and with the government's goal of about 850,000,000 bushels.

The corn crop was placed at 3,177,739,000 bushels, or 4,272,000 bushels more than the September forecast. It compares with 2,964,639,000 bushels produced last year, 3,080,115,000 for the ten-year average and with the government's goal of three billion bushels.

The wheat crop included 689,403,000 bushels of winter wheat and 226,125,000 bushels of spring wheat. The winter wheat crop was 790,737,000 bushels last year and 867,390,000 for the ten-year average. The spring wheat crop was forecast at 227,573,000 indicated a month ago, 179,044,000 produced last year and 286,583,000 for the ten-year average.

The spring wheat crop included 14,379,000 bushels of durum wheat compared with 14,234,000 forecast a month ago, 5,537,000 produced last year and 33,432,000 for the ten-year average.

Production of spring wheat other than durum was put at 211,746,000 bushels compared with 213,039,000 indicated a month ago, 173,487,000 produced last year and 233,251,000 for the ten-year average.

The indicated production of other crops this year compared with the department's September forecast, production last year and the ten-year average, respectively, included:

Prison Convicts Say They Tried To Protect Guard

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP) — Two of the three convicts being tried for the murder of a guard in last year's Nevada prison break testified they tried to keep the guard from being hurt.

George Miller, 59, the guard, was shot to death by other guards as convicts Theodore Liebzig, 21; Don Gulovson, 27; and William Burman, 23, commiserated his truck and smashed it through prison gates.

Liebzig, a kidnaper from Cambridge, Minn., testified Tuesday he tried to pull Miller from the truck, "but he froze to the wheel."

Gulovson, a forger from Coos Bay, Ore., said that when he climbed into the truck from the passenger side, he also started to eject Miller, "but the truck was going too fast and I was afraid he would get hurt."

He added that when the guards' first shots were heard, he looked around to see Burman trying to protect Miller. The guard was on Burman's lap, he said.

Defense attorney Charles Springer told the court in the jury's absence that the defense would base its case on "gross mismanagement of the prison, coupled with negligence."

The trial was recessed until Thursday because of Columbus Day.

RETURNS HOME SAFELY

BURNS (AP) — Randall Graves, 15, Burns, last Sunday while deer hunting, walked into another hunter's camp Monday, ending a search by some 100 ranchers, mill hands and others.

He said, after arriving tired and hungry at the camp of Warnie Wickman of Jefferson, he thought he'd hiked upwards of 30 miles in trying to find his way out of the woods.

Oats 1,636,000,000 bushels this year, 1,636,000,000 forecast last month; 1,429,579,000 last year and 1,223,321,000 for the ten-year average.

Barley 386,551,000 bushels; 386,551,000; 370,126,000 and 226,918,000; 28,448,000 bushels; 28,448,000 and 21,907,000.

All hay 19,968,000 tons; 18,464,000; 16,138,000 and 102,199,000.

Dry edible beans 18,954,000 bags; 18,922,000; 18,899,000 and 37,317,000.

Dry peas 2,833,000 bags; 2,833,000; 3,484,000 and 4,764,000.

Potatoes 387,334,000 bushels; 392,539,000; 358,031,000 and 401,146,000.

Sweet potatoes 35,393,000 bushels; 36,137,000; 29,880,000 and 46,951,000.

Sugar beets 12,176,000 tons; 12,219,000; 14,091,000 and 16,431,000.

Hops 37,18,000 pounds; 37,946,000; 43,363,000 and 33,821,000.

Apples (commercial) 107,323,000 bushels; 108,201,000; 109,512,000 and 106,402,000.

Peaches 50,539,000 bushels; 48,773,000; 61,516,000 and 65,767,000.

Pears 39,353,000 bushels; 30,510,000; 30,484,000 and 33,821,000.

Cranberries 1,689,000 barrels; 1,112,000; 1,018,000 and 839,000.

Milk production in September was reported at 9,616,000,000 pounds compared with 9,616,000,000 in August, 9,369,000,000 in September last year and 9,174,000,000 for the ten-year September average.

Egg production in September was reported at 4,798,000,000 compared with 4,885,000,000 in August, 4,634,000,000 in September last year and 3,691,000,000 for the ten-year September average.

Stocks of wheat on farms Oct. 1 were reported at 415,919,000 bushels or 45.3 per cent of this year's crop. This compared with 429,474,000 bushels or 44.3 per cent a year ago and 324,243,000 bushels or 45.8 per cent for the ten-year Oct. 1 average.

The indicated yield per acre and production, respectively, of important crops by major producing states included:

All wheat—Idaho 29.7 and 54,773,000; Washington 22.9 and 35,361,000; Oregon 26.4 and 21,878,000.

Spring wheat other than durum—Idaho 34.5 and 14,766,000; Washington 22 and 2,520,000; Oregon 26 and 3,302,000.

Hops—Idaho 2.10 pounds per acre and production 3,360,000 pounds; Washington 1.50 and 20,670,000; Oregon 1.10 and 4,602,000.

Dry edible beans—Idaho 1.900 and 2,327,000.

Sugar beets—Idaho 19.5 and 1,482,000; Washington 22.5 and 675,000; Oregon 22.3 and 382,000.

Apples (commercial) (production only)—Washington 31,300,000 bushels; Oregon 3,100,000.

Peaches (production only)—Oregon 568,000.

Pears (production only)—Washington 7,280,000; Oregon 6,200,000.

Cranberries (production only)—Washington 65,400,000 barrels; Oregon 32,900,000.

Potatoes—Idaho 398 bushels per acre and production 68,200,000 bushels; Washington 410 and 16,005,000; Oregon 340 and 14,295,000.

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Sen. Jackson Says Cold War Change Evidence Noted

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — Sen. Jackson (D-Wash.) gave his appraisal Monday of a change in the Cold War as evidence by the recent heavy traffic of Americans to Moscow.

"It used to be that if you had ever visited Russia, you were a security risk in your home state, if you haven't been there within the past few months, you're not popular."

Jackson, here for a meeting of Young Democrats at Washington State College, said he was glad to speak in his home state as "most of my colleagues are in Russia."

Jackson said he thought the recent exchange of farm delegations between the U. S. and the USSR as "stupid," that the Russians "don't know how to farm and that no good will come of it."

"Kruschev and his men turn on the smiles," he said, "while at the same time they prepare for war more effectively than Stalin ever hoped to."

Jackson told the young Democrats that the party will win the White House in 1956 with Stevenson, Harriman or Kefauver and that the farm program will be "a key issue."

Patterson Asks Federal Aid For Flood Control

SALEM (AP) — Gov. Paul Patterson asked Monday for federal help in preventing floods at the site of a burned lumber plant at Rainier.

In a telegram to members of Oregon's congressional delegation, the governor asked that the site of the lumber plant be protected from floods when the plant is rebuilt.

The plant, with a payroll of a million dollars a year, burned in August. The governor requested programs from scores of officials and residents of the city, asking him to request the government to take steps to prevent the frequent floods that have shut down the mill in the past.

The city wants the Army Engineers to dredge and build dikes around the plant site.

Sec. McKay To Address Oregon Resources Meet

PORTLAND (AP) — Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay will speak here Nov. 4 at the closing session of the National Resources Conference.

The conference will meet here two weeks, presented by the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Six faculty members from the college will present lectures daily on subjects related to emergency war mobilization.

FILES FOR BANKRUPTCY

Jerro Francis Jackson, Box 732, Drain, has filed for bankruptcy in U.S. District Court, Portland. A trucker, he lists debts of \$12,347.19.

Coffee Industry Told High Prices Keeps Use Down

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — High prices have prevented coffee consumption from keeping pace with the national growth, the coffee industry was told Wednesday.

This was the finding of a national survey made for the National Coffee Assn. and reported to the association's annual convention. The survey was made by Lawrence E. Benson, market researcher of Princeton, N. J.

The survey was made in late July and early August to determine the reasons behind a drop in coffee consumption.

A total of 23 per cent of all households interviewed said high prices had caused them to effect economies in using coffee. The percentage represented more than eleven million households.

Benson told the convention it was the research firm's opinion the industry would "face an even more serious public relations problem" if coffee prices increased again at this time.

The survey also developed that 15 per cent of all coffee serving households either switched to instant coffee, or increased their use of it, since the sharp rise in coffee prices. More than half of all households interviewed said they use instant coffee, with 13 per cent using instant only and 38 per cent using both instant and regular.

Neuberger Opposes D'Ewart's Nomination

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore) said Tuesday if the nomination of former Rep. Wesley D'Ewart as assistant secretary of the Interior is placed before Congress in January he will vote against confirmation.

Neuberger said in a statement issued by his office that D'Ewart's "entire approach to natural resources has been based on favoritism to special interests and monopoly."

D'Ewart, a Republican, now is serving under a recess appointment. Neuberger is a member of the Senate Interior Committee, which would consider the nomination.

Last week Chairman Murray (D-Mont) said he would seek to have the Senate vote down the nomination.

Camp Fire Group Holds Campout At Hetrick Cabin

Members and leaders of Koochichewick Camp Fire group, Roseburg, recently camped overnight at Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Hetrick's cabin on Fisher Road to enable two new members to meet requirements for the Woodgatherer's rank.

Leaders Mrs. T. L. Barnes and Mrs. R. L. Harris report that the girls cooked two meals on an open campfire and another on a gas plate within the cabin, due to rain. The girls shared the work and slept on the floor in sleeping bags.

Before going to the cabin, they listed safety and health rules and made an A to Z menu.

American Motors To Spend Millions On Rambler Auto

BURLINGTON, Wis. (AP) — American Motors Corp. disclosed Tuesday it has spent 21 million dollars in the development of 108 inch wheel base Rambler automobile.

Presenting it at a press preview, George Romney, president, told 150 newsmen from throughout the country that demand for the smaller type automobile eventually will exceed that for "larger bulkier" cars.

"American Motors," Romney said, "is developing the Rambler as a 'basic volume' car."

The preview gathering also saw the 1956 Hudson Hornet and Wasp and Nash Ambassador and Statesman lines. These cars will be introduced publicly in November. The Rambler will be introduced in December.

Retaining the compactness of the shorter wheelbase, the 1956 Rambler is lower than either of its previous models or its current competitors.

Overall length has been moderately increased for styling and greater trunk space but the car still more than a foot and a half shorter than the average U.S. car.

The Rambler will have a new overhead valve engine with 117 horsepower compared to the 1955 rating of 90 horsepower.

Fatal Injury Of Star Declared Accidental

PASO ROBLES, Calif. (AP) — A coroner's jury decided Tuesday that the fatal injury of James Dean, 24-year-old movie star, in a two-car collision Sept. 30 was "accidental death with no criminal negligence."

At the inquest, California Highway Patrolman O. Hunter testified Dean's sports car was traveling 85 miles an hour when he stopped him near Bakersfield the afternoon of the accident and gave him a speeding ticket.

Other witnesses said Dean was going 75 m.p.h. just before the fatal collision at the junction of Highways 41 and 466.

Maritime Commerce Increases At Portland

PORTLAND (AP) — The Merchants Exchange reported Monday that maritime commerce is about 16 per cent heavier in Portland so far this year than last year.

In the first nine months of 1955 some 6,821,906 short tons of 1955 moved through the port. In the same period a year ago there were 5,883,782 tons.

Exports, led by grain shipments, increased 262,644 tons. Imports were led by petroleum products and cement.

Montana Man Named To Head Indian Council

SANTA FE, N. M. (AP) — Steven C. DeMers of Butte, Mont., Friday was elected president of the 18-state Governors' Interstate Indian Council succeeding A. Harvey Wright, Salem, Ore.

The council, at the closing session of its annual meeting, selected Sheridan, Wyo., for the ninth annual convention in 1956.

The council went on record as advocating that the Indians concerned should first be brought up to community standards with respect to education, health, economic opportunity and welfare, in any case where the federal government is planning on withdrawing its administration over Indian tribes.

A resolution on this subject said such termination should be done in a manner to permit the Indians involved to go under state administration on a fairly even basis with other citizens. Also, it said, various treaty obligations all should be fulfilled before the federal withdrawal.

Another resolution recommended that a program of adult vocational training now in force only for tribes which have been "terminated" should be extended to all Indians.

CENTENARIAN DIES

BEND (AP) — Mrs. Martha Lovina Davis, who celebrated her 100th birthday anniversary last summer, died here the past week end.

Mrs. Davis, a native of Minnesota who had lived in Central Oregon for 55 years, was Bend's oldest resident.



NEW OLD-TIMER—John E. Peters, retired farmer of Inman, Kan., steers the pint-sized reproduction of an old-time Rumley steam thrashing machine tractor which he made from scrap and junk. Coal is used to fire the boiler and with full steam up, the thrasher will move about four miles per hour. The whistle, governor, steering wheel and wheels were made from old tractor parts; the boiler from oilfield pipe; smokestack, coal and water bins from tin, and tires and belts from salvaged tires and tubes. Peters' hobby is making models of outdated farm machinery. EXCLUSIVE NEA PHOTO.

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