

WINTER WHEAT WITHSTANDS DRY MONTHS

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estimated at 87.7 per cent of normal, indicating a probable production of about 247,500,000 bushels, compared with 1921 final estimate of 267,801,000 bushels, and the five year average of 243,400,000 bushels.

The continued dry weather in June caused the drop in the estimated condition of oats from 92 per cent June 1, to 79 per cent on July 1. This indicates probable crop of about 7,200,000 bushels. Fall sown oats, of which there is a larger acreage than usual, are in much better condition than the spring sowing. The 1921 crop was estimated at 8,704,000 bushels, and the five year average is 8,725,000 bushels, and the five year average is 9,725,000 bushels.

Hay yields have for the most part been somewhat below average for area. Total production will be considerably below the average except in some of the newer irrigated districts, where new alfalfa acreage is just coming into production. The second cutting of clover will be very high, and spring wheat hay for hay will produce a very high yield. The alfalfa wood is reported as having done considerable damage in Malheur county, and has been found present in some of the fields in southeastern Baker county. Alfalfa growers are of the

opinion that the spread of this pest westward is only a matter of time. The total 1921 crop was 26,802,000 tons and the five year average, 29,265,000 tons.

Reports indicate an increase in potato acreage over last year of about 7 per cent for the state as a whole. The present average acreage, is about 46,000. The July condition was estimated at 82 per cent indicating a probable production of 3,150,000 bushels. Present weather conditions however, indicate a further falling off in condition during July, hence it is probable that the 1922 crop will doubtless be under 5,000,000 bushels. Very large increases in the early potato acreage are reported from the irrigated sections of Malheur and Timpania counties. Most of this early crop will be ready for market during July and August. The 1921 potato crop was estimated at 3,912,000 bushels, and the five year average at 4,800,000 bushels.

The United States potato acreage for 1922 is estimated at 4,225,000 acres, being an increase over 1921 of 10.8 per cent. Condition is placed at 87.5, indicating a probable total production of 428,607,000 bushels. The five year production is estimated at 345,391,000 bushels.

The commercial apple crop was estimated on June 7, at 6545 cars. This estimate is believed to be fairly representative at the present. The commercial pear crop was estimated a month ago at 1074 cars. The Rogue river district prospects has improved somewhat, and local estimate are for 1000 cars in that

district alone. The state crop there, for example, would amount to 1300 cars. Prunes still promise a record crop. One prominent prune handler says, "No one figuring on more than 20,000,000 pounds dried fruit, for that is all the dried capacity we have." However, the fruit now on the trees is variously estimated at 20,000,000 to 25,000,000 dried prunes (weight). Shipments from the Rogue river districts will probably reach about 500 carloads. Small fruit and vegetable production of all kinds has been considerably retarded by the deficiency of rainfall and high temperatures. A double shortage of berry pickers is reported at present.

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