

World Food Crops Looking Brighter As Many Countries Begin Recovery

World crop prospects indicate somewhat larger food production in 1946-1947 than in 1945-1946, according to a summary by L. R. Breithaupt, O.S.C. extension economist, based on reports early in May from 28 countries to the U.S. A.D. office of foreign agricultural relations. A significant increase in food crop acreage and better yields are expected generally.

Although world food production is expected to be considerably larger than last year, it is likely still to be considerably under pre-war output, with the carryover also expected to be low, especially in deficit food producing nations.

The increase in food production in Europe is expected to be considerable in grain and sugar, with some increases in fat, the over-all prospect being for perhaps 90 percent of the pre-war output. Crop conditions show more improvement in western Europe and the Mediterranean region than in central and eastern Europe. Pre-war Russia may have around 90 percent of the 1941 crop acreage.

In north China the wheat crop prospects are more favorable than last year but drought in south China has injured rice. In India drought reduced wheat, rice and millet production, but spring crop planting conditions have been improved by

heavy rains in a number of the provinces in recent weeks. A shortage of rice in the Philippines is offset partly by increases of corn, sweet potatoes and other foods. In Japan weather conditions have been favorable and crop yields are expected to be substantially above last year.

The wheat acreage will be larger in Canada, Australia and Argentina. More corn will be available from Brazil where a record crop of rice is also being harvested. More rice is expected from Indo-China and Burma. A larger crop of sugar is expected in Cuba in 1947.

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Frack of Sheridan were Sunday guests at the Earl Dickey home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Censky of Albany visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orley K. Brock Jr. Sunday.

Paul Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bailey, who was a Yeoman 3-c, received his discharge from the Navy and came home from Astoria Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Matthews were in Condon from Thursday until Sunday evening visiting at the home of Mr. Matthews' sister, Mrs. H. E. Wilkins.

Gene Nelson of Centralla, Wash., visited Sunday and overnight at the home of his sister, Mrs. Walde Forsman.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Boyer and daughter of Albany came Sunday and took Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Buell to Portland to see the Ice Follies.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Engdahl and daughters, Susan and Mary Lou, spent Sunday with the Lloyd Arvidson family near Gresham.

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