

ENGLISH HOP CROP

Government Officially Reports It at 214,484 Cwt.

SMALLEST SINCE 1882

Twenty-eight Cents Is Paid for Oregon Hops at St. Paul—Export Buying Orders Are Expected in Near Future.

The anxiously awaited official estimate of the English hop crop was received yesterday morning in cables from London to Isaac Pincus & Sons and Klabin, Wolf & Netter. The yield is placed at 214,484 cwt. It is the strongest crop England has had since 1882.

The official figures on the English hop crop and acreage for the past 25 years follow:

Table with columns: Year, Acreage under Cultivation, Cwt. Total Crop. Rows from 1882 to 1909.

The yield per acre of the present year's crop in England is, therefore, found to be 6.56 cwt. or 700 pounds. The official returns correspond very closely with the estimate made by Pacific Coast dealers, who figured that the crop would be between 200,000 and 220,000 cwt. Many of the London dealers, however, who had the advantage of knowing the exact conditions missed the mark widely, estimating 250,000 cwt. and some of them more.

While the 1909 crop is the smallest in more than a quarter of a century, there was a record in 1882 some very short yields—and also in that period some 700,000 cwt. crops. The years in the past century that have shown smaller crops than 1909 are here given:

Table with columns: Year, Cwt. Rows from 1810 to 1882.

It should be borne in mind that in the 1800's the English hop crop was far less than it is now. The consumption at the present time is estimated at 630,000 cwt. annually.

The next thing on the programme now in the hop market will be the advent of November buyers, who usually make their appearance soon after the government's figures are issued. Ordinarily they begin operating on a cash basis, but this year, owing to reports that were circulated of damage to the Oregon crop they are holding off until they can inspect samples. These samples are just beginning to arrive in London, and the market is expected to be steady.

The coast markets are steadily climbing upward without the help of any foreign buyers. Twenty-eight cents was paid for hops in Oregon yesterday, though the limits of Eastern orders do not warrant this price. The 25-cent purchase was the last sold by J. H. Smith, and the lot sold was 60 bales belonging to C. A. Purvis, at that place.

California wires reported that 27 1/2 cents was being freely offered for Sonoma, but there was no business doing, as growers were holding for 30 cents. For Russian Rivers 26 1/2 cents was offered, and in the Sierra Nevada section between 700 and 800 bales were sold at 25 cents. The general price offered for good hops in Washington is 26 cents.

COUNTRY WHEAT MARKETS STRONG. Buying Is Active and Prices Above Tides—Water Basis Are Quoted.

Continued buying of wheat in the interior for Eastern account keeps the country markets strong and above the tide-water basis, as quoted by the exporters. Track prices here, as given by shippers, are 49 cents on club and 50 cents on bluestem, but prices of 1 or 2 cents above this basis are being offered at some interior points. Millers and other dealers are being forced to meet these prices by the competition of the Eastern buyers, and the result is a decidedly strong market.

There were no changes in oats or barley. Flour was steady with the opening prices still in force in the local market. Local receipts in cars were reported by the Merchants Exchange as follows:

Table with columns: Wheat Flour Oats Hay. Rows for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday.

Very Few Cured Lemons Anywhere on the Coast.

There was not much doing in Summer fruits yesterday. Peaches were in moderate supply and dragged. Grapes were slow because of the poor condition of the most of the supply which worked off. Two cars of grapes are in transit and as they are coming from Fresno, where no damage was done by rain, they will probably sell well. Oranges were scarce on the street, but these cars are due this morning. The orange market is firm below. Lemons are also very firm, and the dealers have much difficulty in getting fancy stock. There are very few cured lemons anywhere on the coast.

Bank Clearings of the Northwest cities yesterday were as follows:

Table with columns: Portland, Seattle, Spokane. Rows for Portland, Seattle, Spokane.

WHEAT—Track prices: Bluestem, 50c; club, 50c; Red Russian, 48 1/2c; Valley, 50c; Fife, 48c; Turkey, 48c; 40-fold, 50c.

FLOUR—Patent, \$5.10 per barrel.

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INTERIOR USING FUNDS

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RUN OF STOCK IS LARGE

HEAVY ARRIVALS AND ACTIVE TRADE AT YARDS.

In View of Quality of Most of Present Offering, Prices Show No Improvement.

The livestock market yesterday was steady in tone and fairly active. Receipts were large, 240 cattle, 25 calves, 391 sheep and 673 hogs.

Yesterday's shippers were O. K. Kidston, of Nampa, Idaho, with one car of hogs; Mr. Wilkins, of Arlington, Or., one car of cattle; Ed. Wiggins, of Weiser, Idaho, one car of hogs; Kidwell & Longman, of Baker City, 10 cars of cattle; Adams Bros., of Jefferson, Or., one car of hogs and sheep; J. C. Davis, of Shedd, Or., one car of hogs; Dug Taylor, of Halsey, Or., one car of hogs; P. P. Patton, of Halsey, Or., one car of hogs; E. Fish, of White Salmon, Wash., one car of hogs; S. J. Reynolds, of Hubbard, Or., one car of hogs and one of cattle; and J. M. Misher, of Hubbard, Or., one car of hogs and sheep.

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CHEESE WILL ADVANCE. SEATTLE JOBBERS PREPARING TO LIFT PRICES. Butter Is Steady, With No Early Change Looked For—Selling Eggs in Storage.

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