

FULL WHEAT CROP DUE IN NORTHWEST

Prospects Declared to Be 100 Per Cent.

DRY WINDS DANGEROUS

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Grand Ronde Prospects Better. In the Grand Ronde valley the prospects are 50 per cent better than last year.

Idaho Acreage Larger. Southern Idaho has a larger wheat acreage than last year and also an improvement in condition.

GRAND RONDE CROP LARGE First Big Yield Since Wheat Reached High Price.

LA GRANDE, Or., June 22.—(Special.)—Although statistics are not completed by the county assessor regarding the wheat acreage for the coming fall, real estate flour and grain men estimate that the prospects for the 1920 wheat crop are 50 per cent better than last year.

Although the spring was rather cold and has held the wheat back, mill men believe the crop not only has brighter prospects than last year but that the yield will be much better and that there is 15 per cent more acreage in wheat this year than last.

So far only a few grain buyers have been in the valley but one agent is offering \$2.40 per bushel. Only a few have sold.

No hail has fallen to damage the wheat and the early frosts were not severe enough to do any harm. In the lower cove region farmers are fighting an epidemic of grasshopper. About 30 acres have been eaten over and County Agent Paul Sprilman with a score of workers have been poisoning, coal oil and numerous other remedies in stamping out the pests.

HEAVY YIELD IS ESTIMATED Adams County Expects to Have Best Crop in Years.

RITZVILLE, Wash., June 22.—(Special.)—Prospects for a good yield of wheat in Adams county are very bright. Cool weather has been favorable while the spring has been light in some sections. It has stood out well and with the rains the fore part of June the crop is particularly assured, barring hot winds. While the acreage this year is not as large as last, the yield is expected to be better and the yield promises to be much heavier.

RECORD CROP IS IN SIGHT Central Oregon Has Had Ideal Growing Weather. BEND, Or., June 22.—(Special.)—With more than a week of intermittent rain followed by unusually warm weather for so early in the summer, prospects for a record wheat crop in the cereal producing sections of central Oregon are ideal, reports received here indicate.

THE DALLIES, Or., June 22.—(Special.)—From present indications Wasco county farms this year will produce 1,082,212 bushels of wheat, against 1,042,862 bushels last year.

While the acreage planted this year is about 1300 acres less than planted in wheat last year, which was 73,859 acres.

While actual figures upon this year's acreage are not released from authentic sources, the foregoing figures are approximately correct.

While the acreage planted is somewhat less, last year's record of an average of 18 bushels to the acre will be topped by a bushel clear through. The best farms last year produced 40 bushels to the acre, while the production on the poorer places slumped to 15 bushels per acre.

The added production this year is attributed to recent rains, which have caused the wheat to head perfectly. In the early season cold weather thinned the stands so that it was feared that wheat production this year would be very light in Wasco county.

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Conservative estimates are now for a yield of approximately 4,500,000 bushels, though the weather of the next few weeks will have much to do with the final outcome. The grain is still subject to injury from hot north winds, which are always a menace until the grain is ripe.

Weeds have been a problem this year. Owing to the cold spring, the weeds got ahead of the wheat, but the recent warm rains followed by warm growing weather enabled the wheat to get a good start and in most of the fields the weeds will not bother much.

Eureka flint, the big wheat area of the county, expects a crop better than the average. The foothill wheat, always favored by moisture, as the rains follow the hills usually, will have a heavy crop and 50 and 60 bushel yields are expected to be numerous. The light land sections west and north of Walla Walla will have big yields this year, barring unfavorable weather. The rainfall in the light land sections was very generous.

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