

1914 WHEAT CROP

70,000,000 BUSHELS

Estimate Places New Mark
14,000,000 Above 1913
Yield in Northwest.

ACREAGE INCREASE NOTED

Record Yield Heretofore Has Been
65,000,000 Bushels, but Reports
Show Mark Will Be Passed
by 5,000,000 at Least.

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cent and the grain is having a remarkable growth. Caldwell growers are going in for corn and have enlarged their acreage 100 per cent over last year.

WHEAT HAS HAD LONG START

Optimistic Reports From All Parts
of Inland Empire.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 21.—(Special.)—The condition of winter wheat in the region bounded by the Cascades on the west, the Bitter Roots on the east, British Columbia on the north and the Oregon state line on the south seems too good to be true. Not in 15 years has the season been so far advanced and rarely have the soil, moisture and climatic conditions been more favorable for a great crop of the staple cereal. These conditions obtain for all cereals, of course, but winter wheat, having the longest start, shows the favorable situation.

Fall rains are one of the great boons the winter wheat grower prays for in the Inland Empire and he had fall rains in abundance last year. The winter brought enough snow and seasonable weather to protect the seed and prevent the ground from freezing. No sudden frosts or thaws have occurred and the moisture has been retained in the soil where it will do the most good. Now the sun shines every day and the temperature is so even that there is no damaging evaporation. Reports for a fortnight from all sections of this grain-producing region have been glowing optimistic. Even in the Big Bend country, where for years the need of the farmer has been moisture, rains in the fall were plentiful and the ground is in perfect condition to respond to the admirable weather. The growing wheat is healthy and lush.

In nearly all the wheat region plowing for spring wheat is finished and seeding has begun.

YIELDS RECORD FOR WASCO

Wheat and Oats Promise to Be
Heavier Than in 1913.

THE DALLES, Or., March 21.—(Special.)—The prospects for grain and fruit are by far the best ever experienced in this section. It is estimated that 1,000,000 bushels of wheat will be produced in Wasco county this year, compared with 600,000 in 1913. Sixty per cent of the total acreage is in winter wheat, as compared with 40 per cent last year, when extensive summer fallowing reduced the yield. The year's barley will run about 250,000 bushels, 100,000 more than in 1913.

The unusual wheat prospects were caused by early rains, more than the average moisture, a mild winter and the fact that practically all of the moisture was conserved. The ground was warm and wet when the grain was put in, and it started to grow immediately, getting ahead of the weeds. Because of this head start the wheat is expected to kill the weeds, and considerably less than the average crop of this noxious vegetation is assured. The best grass in 20 years is reported from ranges in different sections of the county. This means fast cattle and sheep. Due to the warm weather and abundance of moisture the grass has grown practically all winter.

WEATHER CONDITIONS IDEAL

Walla Walla County Promises Record Crop of Wheat.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., March 21.—(Special.)—Winter wheat in Walla Walla County not only is in better condition than it has ever been, but there will be more of it. The total acreage of wheat in Walla Walla County is approximately 280,000 acres and 85 per cent of this is in fall sown grain. Conditions last fall were ideal for planting. The unusually mild winter helped it along and the spring-like weather of the last few weeks has also had a beneficial effect. The wheat is commencing to stool well in all parts of the county and only a cold spell would do much damage.

Other crops are doing equally well. Ten thousand acres will be sown to barley this spring.

The fruit trees are in excellent shape and many of the early peaches are in bloom. The growers say the possibility of damage now is small. Pruning is nearly completed and the first spraying is being done.

Fruit pests are bothering orchardists now and a protective association has been formed to combat the blight and other diseases.

UMATILLA PROSPECTS BRIGHT

Present Stand of Grain Promises Record-Breaking Crop.

PENDLETON, Or., March 21.—(Special.)—Winter wheat crop prospects in Umatilla County were never brighter. A mild winter, with an abundance of moisture, has combined to produce a stand of grain which gives promise of being a record-breaker. There have been neither killing frosts nor destructive winds, and not an acre will have to be reseeded. The acreage is about normal.

Spring-sown grain is also showing well by reason of the early spring and several weeks of continuous growing weather.

The mild winter and early spring have also combined to make the prospects for the first cutting of alfalfa unusually bright.

There will probably not be more than half a crop of early peaches in this county, but other fruits will be up to normal.

LAST SEASON IS SURPASSED

Conditions in Union County Never Before So Bright.

UNION, Or., March 21.—(Special.)—Wheat conditions were never so good as they are at the present time. An unusually mild winter has been followed by an early spring and there is sufficient moisture to keep winter wheat at its best. In this portion of the valley

the increase in acreage is slight, but the increase will average 10 per cent in what is known as the High Valley district, and even more on Raynolds Flat. The Cove reports a large increase in acreage and all through this portion of the valley much more winter wheat has been sown than usual.

The best authorities state that the conditions are at least 10 per cent better for fall wheat this spring than they were last. The ground is abundantly seeded and the condition of the soil is perfect for a record crop. Farmers are preparing the ground for spring seeding and a much greater acreage of spring wheat will be planted than usual.

IDAHO CROPS IN GOOD SHAPE

Orchardists, However, Fear Freeze May Damage Buds Now Out.

LEWISTON, Idaho, March 21.—(Special.)—Winter growers, together with bright, spring-like days, have given the wheat crop of this district a most remarkable growth, and ranchers who have tilled the soil here for many years

NEW MAYOR OF RIDDLE WELL-KNOWN HOTEL MAN.



ROSEBURG, Or., March 21.—(Special.)—Dave Crosby, who has been chosen Mayor of Riddle, in Southern Douglas County, is one of the best-known men in this section of the state. He has lived at Riddle for nearly 20 years, and during much of that time has conducted the Riddle Hotel. He is a Democrat and has held numerous offices in this section of the state. Mr. Crosby promises an economical administration.

say they cannot recall a season when fall-sown grain was in such good condition.

It is estimated the grain acreage is about 15 per cent greater than last year, and all crops are fully a month in advance of the usual season. The fields are beginning to stool well in the lower districts and spring seeding is well advanced.

It is believed the straw crop will be the heaviest known here in years.

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Acreage of Fall Grain Also Increased in Athens District.

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Some attention is being directed to dairying by the mountain farmers, and several silos have been constructed. Corn is used for ensilage purposes, and the returns are said to be so satisfactory that other farmers in that section will give their attention to cows in future. Hogs are becoming a staple product.

FALL GRAIN IN FINE SHAPE

Bumper Crops Are Predicted in Klickitat County.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., March 21.—(Special.)—The past winter in the Klickitat Valley was the mildest known to oldtimers. The heavy snows of December all went into the soil and the rainfall since has been much above normal. Fall grain never looked better at this time of year than it does now. The acreage of the crop is estimated about the same as 1913.

Recent warm rains have caused the alfalfa to sprout and growers in the vicinity are looking for a harvest to begin at least 20 days earlier this year.

Fruitgrowers and farmers in the Maryhill and Goodhue Hills districts along the Columbia River have been

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working their orchards and plowing grain fields all winter. Prospects are for a bumper fruit crop.

CORN PLANTING IS INCREASED

Caldwell Growers Enlarge Acreage One Thousand Per Cent.

CALDWELL, Idaho, March 21.—(Special.)—The prospects in this section are very good for corn crops, with corn in the lead in the matter of increase in acreage. In Canyon County, long recognized as the banner agricultural county of the state, Professor Ireland, the county agricultural expert and farm advisor, estimates that the increase in the acreage of corn to be planted this year over last is easily 1000 per cent. Various causes are responsible for this heavy increase, principal of which is that those farmers who grew corn last year were very well repaid for their labor and investment. Another reason for the tremendous increase is the fact that this county swept the board clean at the Peacetto exposition and carried off the big prizes for the Western zone at the National Corn Exhibition, held this year at Dallas.

There is little winter wheat grown in this section, and the acreage in this product remains about stationary. The acreage in potatoes will be largely increased this year, probably 400 per cent, the soil having been found to be susceptible of easy cultivation and the yields large and in some cases almost phenomenal.

In the Greenleaf section, probably 60 per cent of the acreage this year will be in red clover. For several years has, for the past few years, proved very profitable, the yields being large and prices ruling good.

It looks as if there is going to be a shortage of alfalfa this year, as the farmers are generally plowing up their alfalfa fields and putting other crops in, the old ground going into corn and the new into clover.

CROP LARGEST IN GILLIAM

County May Produce Close to Four Million Bushels.

CONDON, Or., March 21.—(Special.)—The farmers of the county never have had better reasons to expect an unusually heavy grain crop. Winter wheat all over the county shows a remarkable growth, being at present as far advanced as it usually is during the last of April or the first of May. The stand is also unusually good. The weather conditions prevail just what the farmers amply time to prepare the soil properly and to give their attention to seeding and harrowing. The tendency of the majority of the farmers toward more scientific methods also is responsible to a considerable extent for the remarkable condition of winter wheat at this time.

It is estimated that the acreage in winter wheat this year is approximately 25 per cent more than that of the average year and 35 per cent more than that of last year. The total acreage of fall grain tributary to Condon is between 55,000 and 60,000 acres. A careful estimate places the acreage this year at 73,000. The remainder of the county tributary to other shipping points will swell the total acreage of fall grain this year to 154,000 acres.

LINCOLN OUTLOOK IS FINE

Crop in Banner Wheat County of West Never Better.

DAVENPORT, Wash., March 21.—(Special.)—Lincoln County, which is the second heaviest wheat producing county in the United States, having harvested a crop of \$3,200,000 bushels of that grain last year and most of that bluestem No. 1, faces conditions this spring 35 per cent better than those of last spring, according to experienced grain men.

Winter wheat is now beyond possible danger of frost and has come through the winter months without the least damage. The grain, much of it, was sown late in the fall, owing to dry weather, and the majority of the fields are not so vigorous as in former years. To offset this, however, is the fact that in the soil is more moisture than any year since 1907 and the weather at present is mild and warm, while a year ago there was still a foot of snow on the ground.

The stands of winter grain are thick and another month will place it in better condition than in recent years. The presence of plenty of moisture in the ground is a great advantage to spring grain, most of which has been sown. Probably 70 per cent of the crop will be spring sown.

3,000,000 BUSHELS EXPECTED

Wheat and Barley in Fine Shape in Dayton Section.

DAYTON, Wash., March 21.—(Special.)—Columbia County contains about 190,000 acres of tillable land, about half of which is summer fallowed each year. The principal crops are wheat, barley, some oats and corn. The corn crop is usually grown on land that was in grain the previous year, and corn is raised instead of summer fallowing. No authentic data can yet be obtained as to the amount of winter-sown grain. Spring sowing of wheat and barley is now in progress and will continue up to mid-June without the least delay. In the foothill country, barley is usually sown after May 1.

Fall-sown wheat is in splendid condition at the present time, and as this country never has had a failure of crops of any kind, the chances are good for the usual 3,000,000 bushels of wheat and barley.

SHERMAN PROSPECTS BRIGHT

Weather to Date Could Not Have Been More Favorable.

WASCO, Or., March 21.—(Special.)—Never before has the outlook for a bumper crop been more promising. The winter has been favorable and the rainfall of over eight inches since September has been a most beneficial factor. Nearly 250,000 acres of plowed lands lie to the north, south, east and west of Wasco. Of this acreage, 80 per cent is now in winter wheat. The stand is far above the average and soil conditions are favorable to its full development. When the spring sowing is completed there will be not less than 75 per cent of the agricultural area in growing grain. This means nearly 40 per cent more acreage than in 1913.

Something like 4,000,000 bushels of wheat was raised in Sherman County in 1912 and the 1914 wheat crop probably will exceed 5,000,000 bushels.

CROP IS FAR ABOVE NORMAL

Spring Farm Work Well Under Way at Astoria.

ASTORIA, Wash., March 21.—(Special.)—The winter wheat crop in this section is far above normal. An excessive amount of moisture remains in the ground from the past winter. There has been an increase of about 19 per cent in acreage.

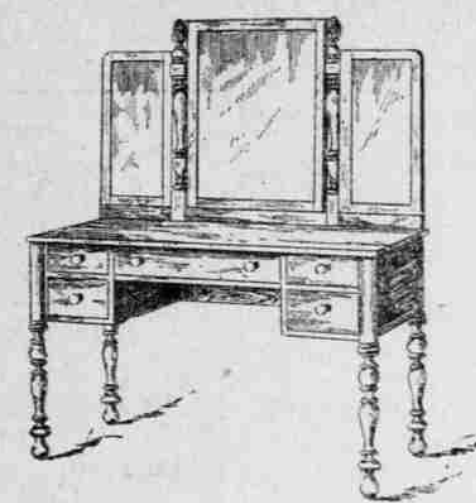
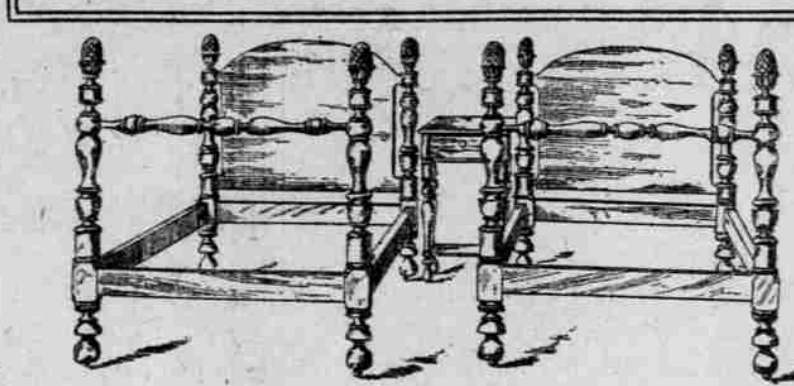
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The warm weather of the last two weeks has brought out the blossoms of almonds, apricots and peaches, with the prospects of a large crop.

Horse Heaven Prospects Fine.

PROSSER, Wash., March 21.—(Special.)—Wheat conditions in both the Horse Heaven and Rattlesnake districts

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are better than for many seasons at this time of the year. There is a large amount of moisture in the ground, and, although the acreage is somewhat smaller than last year, there is every indication of a large crop. The warm weather of the last two weeks has brought the fruit forward rapidly. Apricots are in full bloom and two or three days more will bring out the early peaches.

WHEAT CROP IS PROMISING

Unusual Amount of Moisture Is Effective About Kennewick.

KENNEWICK, Wash., March 21.—(Special.)—Farmers are jubilant over the crop prospects for the coming season. While the snow afforded the winter wheat but little protection, the thermometer dropped below the zero mark only two nights during the entire winter, with no damage from that source. No estimate can be made, but farmers agree the crops never looked better at this time of the year. More than two-thirds of the entire acreage is in crop. Farm work is well under way, at least one month earlier than last year.

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GRAIN AND FRUIT ARE FINE

Prospects in Vicinity of Prescott, Wash., Never Equalled.

PRESCOTT, Wash., March 21.—(Special.)—Prospects for a crop even better than last year are bright in this district. The continued warm weather through the winter left the fall and winter wheat in the best condition that it has ever been at this time of the year.

The fruit trees are advanced in growth beyond what they usually are at this time and considerable anxiety is felt by the fruitgrowers, fearing cold weather. If there is no cold weather an exceptionally large crop of fruit is assured.

AMPLE MOISTURE IN GROUND

Ritzville Farmers Look for Bumper Crops This Year.

RITZVILLE, Wash., March 21.—(Special.)—There is an unusual large acreage of winter wheat in this vicinity, and owing to the mild winter the outlook is of the best. Most all moisture that has fallen this winter has gone into the ground, making ample for the time of year.

Spring seeding of wheat and oats is practically done, the farmer being much advanced with other spring work.

From the indications now there will be a bumper crop this year.

More Grass Sown in Latah County.

MOSCOW, Idaho, March 21.—(Special.)—According to reports by prominent farmers of Latah County, the winter wheat sown in this section is regarded as in fine condition at the present time. However, it is stated that the acreage will fall off by 15 per cent, owing to more grass being sown

this year. Farmers are paying attention to forage crops in this vicinity and clover and timothy have been sown freely by those who feel that alfalfa will not bring as great returns, though some of the latter has been sown. The ground is full of moisture and the prospects seem bright for a large yield. Spring plowing is starting in this locality and farmers generally report the ground in splendid condition. The prospects for a good bean crop in Latah County also are bright.

Farmingtown Growers Jubilant.

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