

County Crop Report

Strawberry Picking Nearing Its Close

AURORA, July 1 — With but three of the usual five weeks of production gone, strawberries show an inclination to lessen in number.

Usually the strawberry season lasts just about a month, with a small supply for a few weeks after that. But this year, with a few exceptions, the growers say that they will be through picking in a week. Some say that there is hardly enough berries to pay for the picking. Nearly all of these growers say that their crop has averaged but from half to two thirds of the average.

Early Frost Harmful
The real reason for the shortage of early berries is supposed to be based upon frost damage during last winter and the lateness of the spring, which caused the berries to ripen fully two weeks later than usual.

From all indications there will be a heavy crop of loganberries, and raspberries, and blackberries.

The cherry crop in this vicinity is very light, scarcely enough to feed the birds.

There will be a good crop of prunes. The trees are not overloaded but enough to produce a good crop of large sized prunes.

Grain, Hay Heavy
All farmers report an extra heavy crop of grain and hay. However in some fields the hay is greatly damaged by the rain, causing it to fall.

Flax growing is quite an industry in this community. There is 115 acres of flax in the Butteville district, and 135 acres north of Willamette.

The flax that was planted early looks extra good. From all indications there will be a much heavier crop this year than last.

The peach growers are expecting a fair crop of peaches. The early peaches do not look as favorable as last year, but the late ones are promising a heavy production.

The wood and lumber business quite progressive. Mr. H. L. L. and his crew ship around 1,000 cord of wood a season to different places. They ship around 300 cord to the Central Fuel Co. each year.

The Dill Bros. sawmill shipped three car loads of lumber to the middle states last week, and two carloads of railroad ties to England.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson, the managers of the Aurora Mutual Telephone Co., returned today from a trip to Tillamook, where they visited relatives and friends.

Mrs. Frank McAllister of Aurora returned from a trip to Seattle where she was visiting her mother.

Logan Outlook Good at Hubbard
HUBBARD, July 1 — Hubbard "is a place where everything grows," is fairly humming with the harvesting of the strawberry and hay crops.

Almost all kinds of berries, Hubbard's leading crop, are grown and good crops of each are reported with the exception of the early strawberry which was a great disappointment to the grower.

The early berries were poor in quality and only had a crop owing to the persistent rains. The Etterberg variety of strawberry is much better than that of last year since the berries are of a very good quality and unless the fruit is harmed by the sudden change of weather a large tonnage is expected. The loganberry also has a promising outlook this season.

The berries are of a good quality and a normal crop is expected.

Of the other fruit crops grown in this vicinity, the prune has the brightest outlook. A good crop is expected since the old orchards are loaded with fruit. The cherry crop is almost a failure, as to quantity but good as to quality.

The hay crop, especially, the clover, is good as also is the wheat crop. The oats crop was damaged somewhat by the hard winter.

Hubbard does not have a large acreage of flax but one field of 10 acres at east Hubbard was outstanding as reported by flax authorities as a result of a flax tour held recently. This field which is located on the Waldo Brown farm and which was considered the best of those visited at that time is a follow up crop after clover and was planted by the two-way method, a method by which the flax is put in with a grain drill but drilled east and west then north and south.

Another crop at Hubbard of which good results are expected this year is that of the hop crop which is making a very good showing.

Bumper Hay Crops On Rickey Farms
RICKEY, July 1 — The crops in the community as a whole are good. Some grain though thin, due to part of it being killed by the heavy frosts, has long heads which promise to be well filled.

Hay is exceptionally good in most cases. Ellis Lauderback has harvested his first crop of clover hay. The second crop will be saved for seed.

Nina Frylie has cut part of his vetch hay which is so heavy that it was necessary for a man to throw it back with a fork so the mower could cut through.

Martin and Wells have an exceptionally good field of vetch hay on the D. A. Harris farm.

The corn looks very good and has been helped by the few days of warm weather.

R. Hoots and Durbin and son have large acreages. Hoots will use his for hog feed and Durbin's, who have registered Holstein cattle, will use theirs for ensilage.

Cabbage on the Frylie & Dickman farms looks good. Both raise

Large amounts for commercial purposes.

Strawberries were fairly heavy, rains hindering the ripening. Ben Messeri and J. Crabb have the largest acreages in the community.

The outlook for loganberries is good. The late heavy rains will add size to the berries.

B. B. Gesner the oldest man in the community is among those who have the largest acreages.

Though 79 years old Mr. Gesner has helped with the farming this year.

Mrs. T. Wallace has a patch of raspberries which looks unusually good.

Cherries are fair, some trees having none. M. W. Masee has berries on his trees every year owing to the fact that he keeps several stands of bees near his trees to pollinate them. The bees come out early in the spring when the sun shines only a few minutes and work on the blossoms.

Irvin Caplinger, who has some of the oldest trees in the community has cherries this year.

Gene Hagen has a heavy crop of prunes while other orchards have only about half crops.

Walnuts are fair. A. A. Hager, one of the largest growers, has only about half a crop.

Strawberry Yield Begins to Slacken
HOPEWELL, July 1 — Strawberry picking is coming to a close. The crop was good considering the rain.

Much hay is being cut at the present time and the farmers are all working long hours in order to get their hay in, before any rain comes.

The late rains made having a little late but helped the spring grain as the spring grain and fall grain are excellent. The pastures are looking green, due to the late rains, also.

A very small crop of cherries is expected from this community.

The prune crop is exceedingly large in most orchards.

There will also be a small crop of peaches due to the late frost.

Bumper Grain Crop On Rickreall Farms
RICKREALL, July 1 — There will be a bumper harvest of most grains in the Rickreall valley this year.

Fall sown wheat and barley look exceptionally good while winter oats suffered considerably from winter kill and will be light.

Vetch made an enormous growth but the acreage is small, and will be used for hay.

Of the spring grains barley is the more popular due to the combine harvester and the type of soil common to this locality. After a late sowing season and cold weather it is coming on nicely and gives promise of a good yield.

Oats and wheat also look good but the acreage is small.

There will be a shortage of hay this year, the clover crop is almost a complete failure, most of the early clipping being spoiled by rain. The seed crop will likewise be very light.

Some small fields of alfalfa are filling well and probably will make a good growth, one six-year-old field making three tons per acre the first cutting, with a second crop now 12 to 14 inches in height.

Corn which is used chiefly as an ensilage crop is coming on very well after a poor start and with warm weather and plenty of moisture should do well.

Marion Encouraged Over Crop Outlook
MARION, July 1 — The outlook for the various crops in the Marion district has taken on a much brighter aspect in the past two weeks, due to the change in weather.

It was at first feared that the backward spring with its cold rains and late frosts had damaged the prune and berry crops to such an extent that there would be only a small turn over of these commodities and while they did damage them to some extent the timely warm weather and sunshine has saved the situation and placed these products on a near normal basis.

The strawberry crop, the picking of which will about be finished this week, was very little damaged and while the logan will be under normal production there will be a fair crop of large good quality berries.

The prunes which were given up as a total loss early in the spring due to cold rains and frost, now show indications of giving a part crop of large sized fruit.

Cherries were damaged to such an extent however that there will be very few to pick this year.

Hay crops are looking fine and haying will be in full swing within a few days if the present weather continues.

Grain is not extensively raised in this district as it is mostly dairy territory but what grain there is in, such as wheat, oats, and rye, will produce a good yield. Flax is looking good and present indications are that there will be a good yield of long staple in the Marion - Turner district. Taking it all in all the crops are looking good.

West Salem Looks For Better Crops
WEST SALEM, July 1 — It is thought that the fruit crop as a whole, while not so good as in previous years, will be better than last year.

Grain Is Best in Years at Pioneer

PIONEER, July 1 — Farmers who are making hay or picking strawberries are very busy now. Hay is scarce in this section and the clover is mostly of poor quality. There are a few small patches that are more clover than weeds, but very little of this will be for sale.

The strawberries are excellent, this season, and there is very little mold from the late rains.

The fall grains are the best that has been seen here for several seasons. From all indications the fall wheat and oats will bring a heavy yield.

The corn, which looked yellow and sickly during the recent cold rains is making up for lost time during the warm weather, and the farmers declare that they can almost see it grow. The late rains were beneficial to the late potatoes that are just coming up.

Quality Good, Crop Small at Stayton
STAYTON, July 1 — The cherry crop in the Stayton district is a complete failure this year, probably not 10 per cent of the usual yield.

Prunes are spotted but the quality is very good. An average of 50 per cent yield is expected.

Strawberries are a very short crop in the lower levels but in the hill districts where they are later they are about up to normal. The average for the district is about a 70 per cent crop.

On account of the poor vine growth last year and the cold spring rains only a 60 per cent crop of loganberries is anticipated, but blackberries indicate a normal production.

The hay crop is excellent. The grain crop is good where it did not freeze out.

So far the flax is making an excellent showing but future weather conditions will determine the final outcome.

String beans, of which there is a large acreage here, seem to have excellent prospects both as to yield and quality.

Excellent Cherry Crop at Fruitland
FRUITLAND, July 1 — The Fruitland community so far has not seen any bad effect on the berry and cherry crops, due to the late spring. Different strawberry growers say that the yield is fully as good this year as it was last year. Cherries seem to be better than usual this season and all will be able to sell at a good price.

Noble Andrews, founder of the Noble French prune, states that his crop of prunes will be bigger and better this season than ever before. The late season seemed to help the growth and in the production of the prune instead of hindering them.

Most all at the farmers have cut their early hay and are preparing to put it away for winter use. The hay is expected to be somewhat scarce in this locality.

Farmers are expecting to have a bumper crop of grain this season. There was a great deal of grain sown in and near Fruitland.

Corn is looking very green and healthy as though there will be a very good crop.

"Watermelons" are not very good in quality or quantity but nevertheless the younger generation are living in hopes.

Brooks Vegetables and Fruits Good
BROOKS, July 1 — A car of prime celery was shipped from Brooks Tuesday by the Labish celery growers association, being a week earlier than the date of last year's movement.

A mixed car of lettuce, carrots and celery moved from Brooks last week which marks a record for early vegetables from this district. There is a strong demand for the Labish products and it is reported that the prices are very favorable.

With the sun making its advent last Friday the hop growers have been helped immensely. The hot sun is more deadly to aphids than spray, as aphids had developed in some of the yards and growers had their spraying machines going. The sun was also a great help to the berry growers making the berries sweeter and ripening them faster.

While the recent rains may have been unwelcome to the growers of the earlier strawberries they were just what was needed for the Etterberg berries.

Other crops show a fair advance and gardens are unusually good. Loganberries have been benefited by the late rains and are as good as in former years.

Roberts Expecting Normal Crop Yield
ROBERTS, July 1 — Hops, hay and grain are splendid. Prunes are heavy.

Lambert cherries are about 70 per cent full crop, while the Royal Annes are 50 per cent or less.

Early peaches are fair. Crawford's are light and no Elbertas. Apples are medium.

Monitor Flax, Fruit and Hay All Good
MONITOR, July 1 — The strawberry crop is very poor—old patches have been destroyed by weevil and root borer, and yield only about 40 per cent on entire acreage.

Loganberries will be about a 60 per cent crop and evergreen blackberries, which are an important crop in this vicinity, are looking fine with prospects of a big yield.

Royal Anne cherries are very scarce, the crop being a failure this year. The soft cherries will yield about 50 per cent.

There are prospects for a fine prune crop, especially on the younger orchards.

Flax is looking fine with a large acreage than ever before. There is a fine crop of hay, some down on account of recent heavy rains. Farmers have started cutting this last week.

Grain looks good, with prospects of heavy yield. Hops are looking fine, and are in good condition.

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Potatoes are very good although the harvest will be later than usual.

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The hay in many places is badly beaten down by rains and is difficult to cut. The yield is excellent. The loganberry crop is very short this season.

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Haying Progresses in Silverton Area
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According to a statement made by M. G. Gunderson, president of the Coolidge-McClaine Bank, with the possible exception of cherries and prunes, all crops in this section are showing indications of a fine yield. The earlier rains which dampened the strawberry crop effected the later berries, and loganberries and raspberries

are up to the usual good percentage.

Cherries, due to rain in the pollination season, are very light, with only a 50 per cent crop.

Prunes indicate a light yield this year, perhaps one-third less than the average crop. Although the production is light, the quality of the fruit will be exceptional. The many acres of walnuts and filberts which have been planted during the past six or eight years, are now coming into full bearing, with a splendid crop for this year.

Another crop which is fast becoming a profitable investment in the form of fiber flax, which, for this coming year is showing an unusually fine record. The increase in this crop in the Stayton district during the past year could be estimated at about 20 per cent over 1928.

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The acreage of hay in this district is very small this year although what there is seems to be heavy. The prospect of a good wheat crop is encouraging and the spring grain is exceptionally good owing to the late rains this spring. The hop yards are looking fine. The work is almost done in them. Some are finishing the training now.

North Howell Has Large Berry Acres
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Over 300 acres in this district alone are being picked this month and the acreage is increasing each year.

Perhaps second in importance of income is dairying and the English walnut production is also coming rapidly to the front.

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