

Unusually Fine Grain Crops Harvested in This County

GENERAL CROP VIEW RELATED

Walnuts and Prunes Will be Big Crops, Hops Too, Prospects Now

Crops in general in Marion county have been far better this season than last year, says Harry L. Riches, county agent, who daily comes in contact with farmers from all parts of the area and who has summed up the harvest situation hereabouts to set off the numerous reports from smaller districts appearing today.

While harvests may vary some even in adjoining areas or on adjoining farms, the composite picture of harvested and unharvested products is reported by Riches as follows:

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Estimates on the unharvested barley crop point to a good yield of about 40 bushels to an acre. Spring wheat is not doing well. Hay vetch is yielding between 400 and 500 pounds to the acre.

Less walnut blight than usual is expected to help that crop. This is not a fruit country, except on a small scale.

97 BUSHELS OATS MARK FOR 'GREEN'

Only One Poor Crop Foreseen in Prunes; Grapes Are Excellent

HAZEL GREEN, Aug. 9.—C. A. Kobow has a week's threshing in the western part of the district yet. The average yield is good. The largest reported 97 bushels of oats, Max Wood; 50 wheat, Charles Zielinski, Jr. The spring grain is not so good, except barley, which will be combined later. The Dunnigan brothers threshing in the Howell Prairie part of the district report good yields.

There was an abundant crop of clover hay, as the hay was made early. There is a fine prospect of seed. The second crop of alfalfa has been cut. Ralph Worden has the best yield. With one exception the many small prune orchards have a good crop. The acreage is four to 10 of the Italian variety. Joseph Zielinski has the Coats prune. There are a number of small English walnut and filbert plantings. They promise a good crop.

Grows Radish Seed

Perry Saunders has 10 acres planted to radishes for seed. Henry Dunnigan and Mr. Kinkaid are growing radish seed. A. T. Van Cleave and son begin this week to pick their six acres of cultivated evergreen blackberries. The onions and market gardens are promising.

The grapes, family plantings, have more and larger bunches than usual. In fact G. C. Looney shows a second crop trying to grow on the suckers of his 57 year old vine of the Isabella, a large purple variety. It often bears a ton, being more than 13 inches in diameter.

Marginal Land Gives Fair Average From Hairy Vetch

MONMOUTH, Aug. 9.—Wheat and oats are coming into the Co-operative warehouse here, slowly, reports F. E. Murdock, manager, and no approximation of the returns can be given at this time. He does not anticipate a heavy tonnage, and farmers are taking plenty of time to let the grain mature fully, before harvesting. Quality is a little better than last year.

Quality of common vetch this year is less than in 1934, with prices about the same, at \$1.75 to \$2 per hundred. The local crop last year made about 300 tons; this year it is about 75 tons.

Use Marginal Land

Hairy vetch has been a satisfactory crop on the average. Returns have shown a yield of 100 to 700 pounds per acre which will bring six cents per pound on contract, and eight cents per pound where not sold on contract. Most of this crop was grown on marginal land of poor quality, and is bringing an average return of around \$28 per acre which exceeds anticipations.

The price of feed grains—barley and oats—is now \$21 per ton. Last year it was \$31 per ton at this time. This difference is a result of midwest conditions where weather played an especially important part last year with heavy drought, and in other regional differentiating factors.

The hairy vetch in this section was a little short, particularly on the second crop of alfalfa; and oats and vetch hay ran below the usual yield.

CORN ON SPRINGER FARM 10 FEET HIGH

ELDRIDGE, Aug. 9.—Threshing of fall grain is in full swing here with the yield around 40 bushels per acre. Arthur Goffin, Ivan Brundidge and A. L. Collins have just finished harvesting their wheat.

Prospects are that a good crop of filberts will be harvested on the McGilchrist berry farm. Dropping of prunes during the hot weather will decrease the prune crop. The first cutting of hay has been good.

Flax pulling was begun Monday at the Springer farm where Albert Girod is in charge. Some of the corn grown on this place measures 10 feet high. The late potatoes give promise of excellent yield in spite of dry weather.

Loganberries harvested here were of good quality, hot weather shortened the picking period for some. Around 40 tons from 22 acres were barreled at the McGilchrist farm and hauled to Newberg for juice. Hop yards here give promise of excellent yield—but what to do with the crop is the question.

Dry Season Dents Hills Oats Output

WALDO HILLS, Aug. 9.—At the end of the second day of threshing, J. W. Goodknecht, manager of the Haberly company machine operating in the Centerville district, said wheat is 100 per cent above last year, but oats not more than 35 per cent above. The lesser oats yield is due to the dry air and many oat fields are spring sown. Just the opposite situation is found in the Evergreen district, where wheat was about 25 per cent better and oats 100 per cent. Edward Kuenzi, in the latter district, had a field of oats that made 93 bushels.

Nuts are a promising crop. Walnuts are a heavy crop and good quality, while filberts are a fair crop but exceptionally fine quality. The heat seems to have done no damage to either crop.

Hops are looking fine, though not as large a crop is expected this year as was harvested last year.

BERRY PICK LASTS LATE AT BIG PRICE

SCOTTS MILLS, Aug. 9.—The crops in this vicinity vary. Marshall strawberries were fairly good, especially above Crooked Finger, where they were harvested until August 1, getting as high as \$1.80 a crate. Loganberries were only about one-half a crop, and Eitberger strawberries one-third a crop. Hay crop was not quite as good as usual, and grain is better, especially in Crooked Finger, than it has been for a few years. Wheat will probably go 40 bushels and oats as high as 65 bushels to the acre on some places, others as low as 20 bushels.

More rye sown around here than has been sown for years, and looks better than the average. Corn looks fair.

Spuds Look Fair

Crooked Finger Mountain Burbank potatoes so far look better than the average. These potatoes are sown from certified seed. Filberts look good, walnuts in the higher regions are good, but not a big crop, though they don't seem to be hurt by the hot weather.

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Wrong Rains Injure Crops At Mill City

MILL CITY, Aug. 9.—Crops in this vicinity did not compare so favorably with those of a year ago. While there was a greater rainfall this season, the rain did not come at the right time to help either berry or fruit crop. A late frost in some places hurt the strawberry crop. Gardens were slow but late ones are doing fine.

At the old Gardner farm, perhaps the largest one in the valley, the hay crop fell approximately 35 tons under that of last year. A year ago about 120 tons were raised on this place and this year the crop runs about 80 tons. At the Roy Taylor farm on King's Prairie only one third of a crop was harvested this year, while Frank Fencie, on the edge of South Mill City, will only have about four tons less than a year ago.

Marshall, Big Joe, and Oregon strawberries were all under the crop of 1935, but one farmer harvesting the first time a patch of Corvallis No. 12 berries reports a good yield. Both red and black cap raspberries made good yields this year. Late threshing is just beginning but an average yield is expected. Walnut trees are all loaded, these being the only nuts raised to any extent.

GARDENERS AT LAKE PLANTING 2D CROP

BROOKS, Aug. 9.—Threshing began here last week with the Charles LaFlemme machine. Oats are exceptionally good with some fields yielding as high as 100 bushels to the acre. Wheat in some fields is very good and in others very low yield is reported. Corn is continuing to make a rapid growth.

The loganberry growers report a good crop and they were able to dispose of their entire crop this year. The prune crop will likely be small as many of the extremes have dropped since the extreme hot days of last year.

Plant More Celery

The walnut crop will be good but the pear crop will be light and also a light crop of apples. The gardeners on the lake are planting another crop of celery and lettuce. They report an excellent yield. The hop crop will be light on account of the dry weather. The peach crop is also very light.

Wheat Yields Heavy

Fall-sown wheat and oats are better than they have been for a long time in some sections, though spring grain is not so good and yields are and will be unusually light due to lack of moisture. Virtually no moisture has been experienced since seeding time on the late crop. Large spring wheat yields are found at Pratum and in the North and Central Howell area, with some small fields there averaging 60 bushels, with unusually large wheat averages, in several fields 100 bushels to the acre. No trouble from Hessian fly and only little from rust was experienced in wheat fields.

The prune crop looks better to date than it has any year since 1926. The heavy drop at the present time is not alarming, and in some orchards is a virtual good-bye as the trees were too laden for the prunes to make any sizeable growth.

Hay Crops Short

Hay production is quite a bit under last year's cut, with a probable decrease of 20 per cent. Alfalfa is below normal. Some second cuttings are being made now, but only on river bottom fields will the third cutting materialize.

The clover seed yield is less than normal and hairy vetch is only about half the average crop, due to dry weather.

Berries Disappoint

The small fruits were generally way short of the normal bearing, with strawberries about 50 per cent off, and other berries below normal. Cherries were about up to average production, with especially good yields of sour cherries. Some damage to the blacks due to a rain at ripening time was not as severe on the grower as anticipated because many of these were sold for juice purposes.

A normal peach crop is nearing harvest and peaches look good, both as to quality and output.

Walnuts look especially good all over the county, with blight at a minimum and little trouble from burn. Filberts in general are better than normal, though the young filbert plantings are pretty badly affected with filbert blight—more so this season than for 10 years.

Grains at Point Turn Out Better Than Expectation

VICTOR POINT, Aug. 9.—Threshing began in general here Monday. Grain is turning out better than was expected in most places. Oats are running from 40 to 50 bushels to the acre. Wheat on the Elmer Lorence farm averaged better than 30 bushels per acre.

The King machine has completed its hills run and will continue to thresh on Howell prairie.

The Waldo Hills company machine, which still runs the Cook rig, is working near McAlpin, then comes here. The Lorence machine has finished in this district and has moved to Valley View, the Independent thresher is operating at Silver Cliff and will have several days' run here later. The Victor Point outfit started a 10 days' run here at the Arthur Mulkey farm Monday and will go from here to the Union Hill district.

Barley Short But Well Filled; Pear Trees Are Loaded

PRATUM, Aug. 9.—Threshing is well under way in this community for fall grain and spring grain will soon be ready to harvest. Some barley is ripe enough to cut now. Much of the fall wheat is yielding about 40 bushels per acre. The average for this community will probably be near that mark.

Oats are very good in some fields but will probably not average any higher than wheat. Most of the barley is quite short but well filled. Very little spring wheat was sown. Only a small amount of winter wheat was sown, far below the average.

Late potatoes make a good showing. Walnuts never looked any better at this time of the year. Pear trees are loaded to capacity, apples are fair. All in all the 1935 crop gives great reason to be thankful and will play a large part in bringing prosperity back to this community.

Clover Seed Has Promise of Good Yield at Turner

TURNER, Aug. 9.—Threshing is in progress with good reports from the hills southwest of town, and wheat is averaging 25 bushels to the acre, the highest yield in the county. Oats are quoted from 30 to 40 bushels. Other sections report smaller yields owing to location. Some grain on the bottoms is not cut and threshing is delayed.

Early and well cultivated corn promises a good yield. The hay crop was heavier in many fields than first estimated, owing to the dry season. There are a few small fields of clover seed with promise of good yield, but trees are loaded. Cherries were a light crop and berries average. Bean harvest has just begun.

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SALEM HEIGHTS, Aug. 9.—Crop production in the Heights district is considered, despite the lack of moisture, a fairly average one. The strawberries, running only 40 per cent and the loganberries and raspberries falling short of a normal crop, were the only exceptions.

Prunes are showing a decidedly good crop, with the hopes that a dry season will not cause too much dropping of fruit before harvesting. The nut trees are all heavily laden, with no dropping of nuts and a decided absence of blight in this section. The gardens are showing the effects of the dry season more than other crops, although one notes many gardens in this vicinity being irrigated and bearing heavily.

Better Prices For Berry Compensate For Poorer Yield

WOODBURN, Aug. 9.—The berry crops in the vicinity of Woodburn have not been as good as usual this year, the strawberry tonnage being about 30 or 40 per cent below normal. Loganberries not over a 60 per cent normal crop and cherries in this vicinity were 55 to 80 per cent normal. Blackberries will run an estimated 60 to 80 per cent crop in comparison with the past few years. Prices received for the crops have been better than in the past three years.

The hay crops have been good, and grain has averaged more per acre than last year in spite of the dry season. A very fine crop of hops is expected by the growers this year, but the market for them is not so good.

Damage to Prunes At Mehama Result Of Last Downpour

MEHAMA, Aug. 9.—Most all crops are short in this vicinity this season. The hay crop was threatened to an entire failure until the last rains came. The rain at this time damaged the prunes considerably. Berry crops were less than half while the grain yield is very ordinary.

The pear crop promises to be extra good while the early apples are very light. The late apple crop will be normal. Cherries were plentiful.

Orchards at Rosedale Show Full Prune Crop

ROSEDALE, Aug. 9.—Loganberry picking in this section was mostly completed last week. The yield was not so heavy as expected. There is not so much acreage here as some years ago. Spring grain and hay were also short. Not much of either is raised in this section. The main crop is prunes and these trees are more than full though the prunes are not very good size as yet. A good drop is starting. Harvesting will probably begin around September 15. Walnuts promise a good crop, and no sending is noticed as reported in other localities.

West Stayton Pole Beans Show Large Tonnages as Crop

WEST STAYTON, Aug. 9.—Pole beans, bush beans, tomatoes, hay, fruits and grains are raised in this community. Beans and tomatoes are raised to a greater extent than fruit or grain and are largely irrigated. Hay is a pretty good crop. Bush beans are yielding fair, about three tons to the acre. Pole beans are good, the yield will be about five tons per acre. The hay crop was good. Tomatoes are fair and will yield about four tons per acre.

Leading Falls Crop Hit by Bad Weather

SILVER FALLS, Aug. 9.—The leading crop in this vicinity is the strawberries, though a light crop has been harvested this year. Late frosts, hot weather and spittle bugs were very destructive. Berries sold from four to six cents a pound. The caneberry yield was good and sold at an average price. Though only a few acres of hay were grown here, the harvest was good. Very little threshing done. Pasture is 100 per cent this season. Two sawmills and a logging camp are operating steadily.

Grey Oats Thresh Full 100 Bushels In Jefferson Area

JEFFERSON, Aug. 9.—The crops in this district are considered generally good. Threshing is well under way.

One field of grey oats north of town yielded 100 bushels to the acre; wheat from 18 to 64 bushels; hay, good; corn, good; hops look fine; prunes will yield a bumper crop, peaches only fair; berries fair; account of drought and heat; apples, poor; walnuts and filberts a good yield; prospects for corn good; bean crop, good.

Nuts and Prunes Promise Highest Yields, St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 9.—An exceedingly small crop of strawberries, hay and fruit was raised in this locality this year. The loganberries yielded about half a crop. Fall oats yielded about 40 bushels an acre. Fall wheat is also very good here.

A very good crop of prunes and English walnuts is expected. The filbert crop will be light. The evergreen crop looks good so far but owing to the light rain, the crop will be lighter than last year. Picking started here Monday.

Excellent Hops at This Stage Dimmed By Price Prospect

GERVAIS, Aug. 9.—"If hops were up here they should be sitting on top of the world," said one party interviewed on the crop situation in this section. There is a good crop of hay and it is all cut and most in the bale. All fall grain is cut and almost all threshed. Spring grain will be threshed soon. One field of oats is reported to have produced 90 bushels to the acre and wheat is running from 15 to 27 bushels.

Small grain is yielding much heavier than recent years. Onions are reported first class with radishes and nuts not so good.

Spray For Squash Cures Troubles of Farmers at Grove

OAK GROVE, Aug. 9.—The cherry crop in this locality was about one third less than usual. A few fields of grain have been combined already with a yield of about 15 bushels per acre of wheat. Wheat in one field ran 25 bushels per acre. The threshers are starting operations now.

Several farmers have found success this year spraying their cucumbers and squashes with calcium arsenate for the striped beetle that is such a pest in this locality. The recent rain has been a great benefit to the dairymen, relieving the pastures and helping the corn planted for ensilage.

Quality of Grains And Hays at Suver Reported Excellent

SUVER, Aug. 9.—Nuts and fruit are not grown commercially in the immediate vicinity of Suver, the farmers having only small orchards for home use. Dairying and hop growing are the chief industries here. The grain and hay crops this year are of excellent quality. Several kinds of hay, vetch, alfalfa, clover, rye grass and oats and vetch mixed, are grown.

Threshing is well under way and the farmers say their wheat is averaging 20 bushels per acre and other grains at good yield. Some fields of fall planted wheat are making as much as 24 bushels per acre.

Spotted Condition is Seen on Zena's Farms

ZENA, Aug. 9.—Fall grains now being threshed here are "spotted", some fields turning out good while others are below average. Spring grain is light. Not so much hay was sown as usual this season. Cherries, while below par in most orchards, are excellent in those of W. D. Henry and W. Frank Crawford, the Royal Ann's particularly running far above average.

Filbert Prospects in Hollywood Area Light

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 9.—Indications are that filberts will be a light crop while the walnuts will be heavy. Fall sown hay and grain surpasses the spring sown crop by an unusual margin. One crop of grey oats went 65 bushels per acre. Wheat runs 35 to 50 bushels. Gardens generally are not as good as usual.

Fruit Crops Low But Grains Fine, Hubbard

HUBBARD, Aug. 9.—Fruit crops in and around Hubbard have been only about half as large as usual. In some cases, as with Marshall strawberries, only a third of a crop was produced. Grains in general are excellent. Threshing is about half completed and in most cases the yield has been better than average. A full hay crop is expected.

Small Acreage of Fall Wheat Brings Excellent Stands

OAK POINT, Aug. 9.—Hay crop was good, cherries also good, no vetch seed; fall wheat excellent, but acreage small; very little fall grain, gray oats, fall planting good. Spring planting gray oats, fair. Spring sowings of wheat, oats and barley about half a crop. Hops are good; gardens good, and prunes poor. Nuts good.

Largest Grower of Walnuts Looks For Greatest Crop Yet

KEIZER, Aug. 9.—The outlook for fruit and nuts in this district is encouraging. Almost every prune orchard will yield above last year's crop. The pears and apples will be a bumper crop, and of good quality.

Walnuts and filberts will be in abundance. One of the largest walnut growers says the yield will be the greatest he has ever had.

Fair Hay Production Reported, Cloverdale

CLOVERDALE, Aug. 9.—The crops in this community were fairly good, considering the shortage of rain and hot June days. The logan and strawberry production, compared with last year, was a little short but with the greater demand and better prices this shortage was offset. Cherry production was good. Hay crop is fair. Oats and wheat on some farms were up to the average, while on others the crop was fair. Some prune growers report a heavy crop. All other orchards have a fair crop. The walnut outlook is good.

Color Already Found On Prunes at Pioneer

PIONEER, Aug. 9.—Prunes and pulp wood are the biggest crops the Pioneer can boast. The prune crop seems to be fine this year and some prunes are turning color. Cutting pulp wood is almost over and the trucks from the three companies cutting are busy hauling. This industry has given many a man work the past year. The hay crop is short here in this neighborhood. There were many good gardens for home consumption.

Good Stand of Clover Being Hulled, Airlie

AIRLIE, Aug. 9.—The first threshings have been completed and the grain turned out above expectations. Clover hullers are busy with what seems to be a good stand of clover. Neighboring prune growers report the heaviest crop for several seasons but very low marketing prices. Hops too are good but low in price. Harvesting of hops will begin the latter part of the month at the M. E. Branch yard. Gardens this year are practically worthless because of the bugs that are eating them.

Both Walnut, Filbert Prospects Are Great

ROBERTS, Aug. 9.—The fruit crops yielded around 50 per cent in this district, berry crops were shortened by the hot weather. There was an average crop of hay, but little hay is grown here. Wheat ran around 30 and oats 40 bushels to the acre.

John J. Roberts reports a large crop of walnuts and filberts.

CROPS LOOK FINE

MACLEAY, Aug. 9.—Wheat is fair, oats, especially spring, light. Corn looks good, prunes look good, but it is too early in the season to tell what per cent will mature as a good year are falling. Walnut crop looks good but like prunes, too early to state definitely.

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Hay will average sufficient for home use, although many farmers report shortages. Rye grass seed will yield normally. Present prospects for prunes are below an anticipated bumper crop because of low humidity. English walnuts at this time indicate one of the largest yields in the history of their cultivation.

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SALEM HEIGHTS, Aug. 9.—Crop production in the Heights district is considered, despite the lack of moisture, a fairly average one. The strawberries, running only 40 per cent and the loganberries and raspberries falling short of a normal crop, were the only exceptions.

Prunes are showing a decidedly good crop, with the hopes that a dry season will not cause too much dropping of fruit before harvesting. The nut trees are all heavily laden, with no dropping of nuts and a decided absence of blight in this section. The gardens are showing the effects of the dry season more than other crops, although one notes many gardens in this vicinity being irrigated and bearing heavily.

Better Prices For Berry Compensate For Poorer Yield

WOODBURN, Aug. 9.—The berry crops in the vicinity of Woodburn have not been as good as usual this year, the strawberry tonnage being about 30 or 40 per cent below normal. Loganberries not over a 60 per cent normal crop and cherries in this vicinity were 55 to 80 per cent normal. Blackberries will run an estimated 60 to 80 per cent crop in comparison with the past few years. Prices received for the crops have been better than in the past three years.

The hay crops have been good, and grain has averaged more per acre than last year in spite of the dry season. A very fine crop of hops is expected by the growers this year, but the market for them is not so good.