

Billion Bushel Wheat Output

Estimate as of June 1 Sees Great Problem of Crop Control

WASHINGTON, June 11—(AP)—A government forecast for the 1938 wheat harvest in this country will be at least 1,020,523,000 bushels—the largest on record—gave impetus today to preparations for drastic federal control of next year's crop.

Not since 1915, when farmers harvested 1,008,637,000 bushels, has anything like such a yield been indicated. The 1915 crop was warmly welcomed, for Europe was at war and needed surplus American wheat.

However, this year's prospective harvest constitutes perhaps the most serious farm surplus problem confronting the Roosevelt administration. Should the forecast be borne out, the total supply of United States wheat, including a surplus of about 200,000,000 bushels from last year, would be at least 1,220,000,000 bushels.

Far over Needs

Such a supply would provide at least 450,000,000 bushels more than estimated domestic and export requirements during the coming marketing season. The largest previous surplus was 378,000,000 bushels in 1932, when prices dropped to 30 cents a bushel.

Under Provisions of the new farm law, the agriculture department would be required to set the 1939 wheat acreage allotment at between 45,000,000 and 50,000,000, compared with 30,000,000 acres seeded for this year's crop.

Post-War Acreage Low

Anticipating objections from farmers to such a drastic reduction program, the department has asked congress to amend the law to set the allotment at 52,000,000 acres. This would be the smallest wheat acreage since before the World War.

The crop report also revived interest in the government's forthcoming wheat loan program, under which money will be advanced to farmers who desire to withhold surplus grain from the market until prices improve. Officials have indicated the loan rate may be between 60 and 70 cents a bushel. They expect the loans to put a floor under prices, which have declined more than 50 cents a bushel since last spring.

Recent Damage May Change

The crop forecast was based on condition of the grain on June 1. Consequently, reports received this week of crop deterioration from rust and spring frost were not taken into consideration.

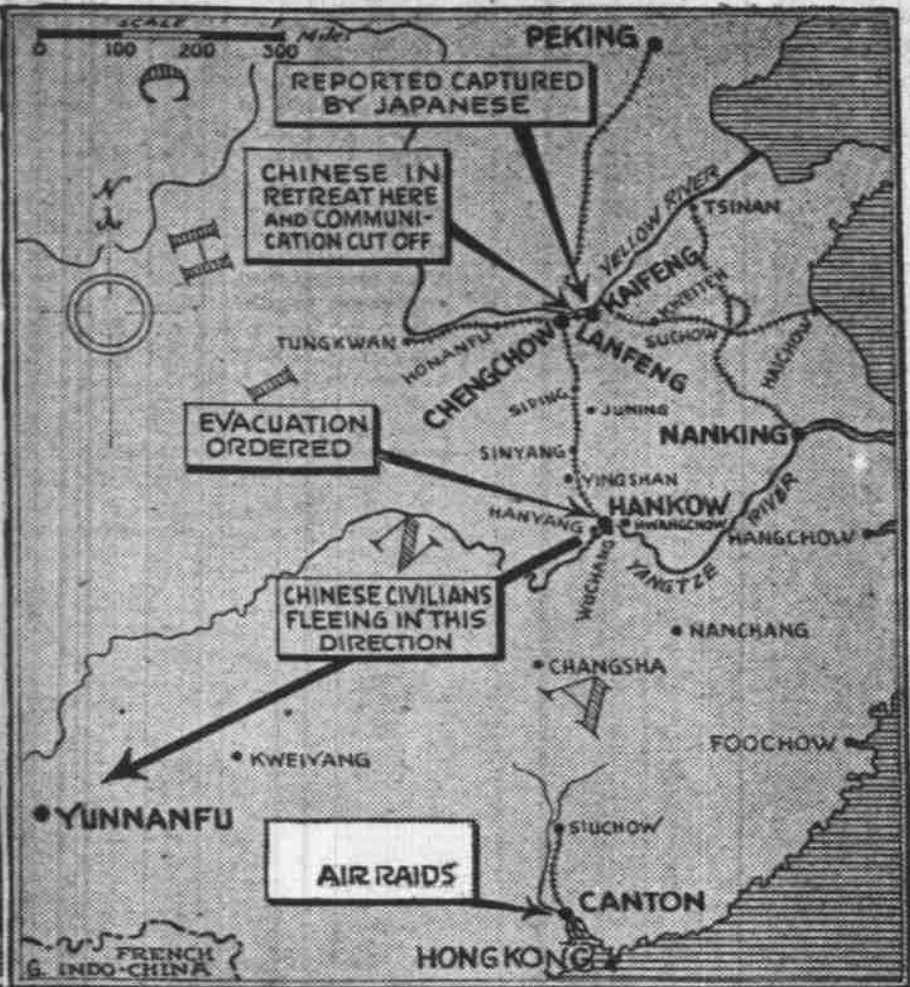
The report accompanied the forecast said, however, that black stem rust was present but up to June 1 had caused little damage. It said orange rust was widespread and had caused some loss.

The winter wheat crop was estimated at 760,823,000 bushels, compared with 685,102,000 harvested last year, a 1927-36 average of 546,396,000, and 825-

Japanese Push Advance as Bombs Rain Destruction and Death



American colony on Hankow waterfront, upper left; houseboats on Shamesen canal in Canton, lower left; map showing war situation, right.



repeated air raids on Canton, south Chinese port, left this city devastated and took nearly 3,000 lives, including 2,000 others. It was feared these bombings were preliminary to Japanese occupation of Canton on which the British crown colony of Hongkong, down the Pearl river, depends for its existence.

Wheat Skyrockets In Heavy Buying

CHICAGO, June 11—(AP)—The heaviest buying in months poured into the wheat pit today and prices skyrocketed almost five cents a bushel, which is the limit placed on daily fluctuations.

Today's upturn which carried July wheat here to a high of 79¢ and September to 80¢ put the market about 12 cents a bushel above the five-year low level reached 10 days ago.

After wheat touched the day's highs in the final hour heavy profit taking developed but caused only slight reaction. Wheat at closed 4 1/4 to 4 1/2 above yesterday's finish, July 79 1/4, September 80 1/2, December 81 1/2.

Lebanon Oats Displayed

LEBANON—A bunch of winter oats on display in a Lebanon business house is attracting much attention. The stalks are 5 1/2 feet high with stems measuring 1 1/2 inches in circumference with heavy joints; the head heavy with grain measures 2 1/2 inches. The oats were raised on the Bogart farm near Sodalville.

396,000 in 1931, the largest on record.

Spring wheat production was forecast at between 260,000,000 and 285,000,000 bushels, compared with 188,891,000 last year and with a 1926-37 average of 26,494,000.

Salem Market Quotations

FRUITS (Buying Prices)	
Apples—Extra fancy, Delicious \$1.35	Oranges, crates 1.65 to 3.15
Golden Delicious, 1.25	
Grapesfruit, Calif., Bunkist, crates 2.00	
Gooseberries, local, lb. .04	
Dates, fresh, lb. .14	
Clery, Utah, crates 1.25	
String beans, Calif., lb. .14	
Clery hearts, lb. 1.25	
Lettuces, local 1.25	
Onion sets, lb. .08	
Hubbard squash, lb. 2.50	
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