

U. S. Increases Crop Acreage

More Than 56,000,000 Acres Are Added in the Last Ten Years, Government Statistics Show

More than 56,000,000 acres have been added to the country's aggregate crop acreage in the last ten years. Statistics announced by the department of agriculture show the country's aggregate last year to have been 367,738,000 acres, or 605,840 square miles. That is more than one-fifth of the total land area of continental United States, almost 2½ times the size of the state of Texas and about ten times the land area of the entire New England states. The number of farms in the United States is estimated at 6,717,000.

Texas has the largest aggregate crop acreage with 25,328,000 acres, or a little more than one-sixth of her total land area.

Kansas is second with 22,588,000 acres, or almost one-half of her entire land area.

Illinois is third with 21,727,000 acres, or about three-sevenths of her land area.

Iowa is in fourth place with 21,613,000 acres, which is about three-sevenths of her land area.

The aggregate crop acreage, which includes those of corn, wheat, barley, oats, rye, buckwheat, potatoes, sweet potatoes, tobacco, flax, rice, hay, cotton, peanuts, kafir, beans, broom corn, hops and cranberries, and the number of farms by states, follow:

State—	1918.	1909.	Farms.
Maine	1,633,000	1,588,065	60,000
New Hampshire	592,000	593,063	27,000
Vermont	1,307,000	1,203,795	33,000
Massachusetts	674,000	654,844	37,000
Rhode Island	88,000	84,207	5,000
Connecticut	691,000	534,846	27,000
New York	8,500,000	8,387,731	215,000
New Jersey	1,183,000	1,114,063	33,000
Pennsylvania	8,377,000	7,826,562	218,000
Delaware	526,000	438,522	11,000
Maryland	2,254,000	1,934,954	50,000
Virginia	5,577,000	4,256,226	195,000
West Virginia	2,351,000	1,874,382	100,000
North Carolina	7,882,000	5,737,937	275,000
South Carolina	6,992,000	5,152,847	190,000
Georgia	12,624,000	9,662,383	330,000
Florida	1,563,000	1,223,078	56,000
Ohio	11,462,000	11,431,610	270,000
Indiana	12,764,000	11,331,395	215,000
Illinois	21,727,000	20,273,916	245,000
Michigan	8,808,000	8,108,578	200,000
Wisconsin	9,526,000	8,555,080	182,000
Minnesota	10,003,000	14,731,464	157,000
Iowa	21,613,000	20,374,925	215,000
Missouri	15,232,000	14,335,588	275,000
North Dakota	18,208,000	15,888,756	95,000
South Dakota	15,845,000	12,226,772	95,000
Nebraska	18,646,000	17,231,205	135,000
Kansas	22,588,000	19,900,750	180,000
Kentucky	6,922,000	6,046,819	270,000
Tennessee	7,252,000	6,365,143	260,000
Alabama	10,509,000	7,205,239	280,000
Mississippi	8,089,000	6,158,719	295,000
Louisiana	4,981,000	3,586,348	123,000
Texas	25,328,000	18,380,092	450,000
Oklahoma	13,744,000	11,921,679	220,000
Arkansas	7,390,000	5,376,484	230,000
Montana	4,845,000	1,848,113	36,000
Wyoming	1,569,000	786,650	15,000
Colorado	4,060,000	2,614,312	60,000
New Mexico	1,485,000	632,769	45,000
Arizona	477,000	190,982	13,000
Utah	1,095,000	755,370	24,000
Nevada	448,000	392,387	3,000
Idaho	2,136,000	1,638,479	38,000
Washington	3,649,000	3,431,273	70,000
Oregon	2,708,000	2,281,288	52,000
California	5,927,000	4,924,733	98,000
United States	367,738,000	311,203,382	6,717,000

Suggestions to Those Who Contemplate Having Their Photographer Make Picture

There is more in getting a photograph than simply going to a photographer. He must know his business and you must know yours, otherwise the result will be likeness that is neither flattering nor truthful.

If you are short and stout, advises an authority, don't ask the poor artist to make a picture of you full length. He will if you insist, but he knows he is doing a great wrong thereby. Nothing is so graceful and pleasing in a picture of a stout lady as a sitting at half-length, the figure so turned as to hide the stoutness.

Again, if you are slim and angular, do not for an instant forget that a full-length figure will make you appear more slim and angular. Then the pretty bust picture is your only hope, and you should insist on having none other.

If a gentleman has a very long neck—no matter how nicely he looks in a high collar—his picture, if taken in such a high affair, would look grotesque. A short neck and high collar, and long neck and a low turned-down collar, by all means. No loud stripes, no great checks, no striking figures should be worn in a photograph.

One thing bear in mind when you visit the studio—bring along your home expression. Don't spend two days before you come to the studio practicing poses and different expressions before your mirror, and, lastly, give the photographer the benefit of exercising his artistic and professional ability.

BUGLE BLASTS

The thump of the heart is the best drum-beat. Keep step with it.

In war, selfishness is a mighty poor bomb-proof.

Late advices indicate that the Huns continue to fight and whine.

Kingly tradition is last year's bird's nest of politics.

The gilded helmet has taken its place on the dump with the cracked tea-kettle.

The Banana Described.

The banana has only won wide favor in England during the past quarter century. It was not unknown however, half a century ago, for B. L. Blanchard, the dramatist, records in his "Autobiography"—July 7, 1864—"tasted bananas for the first time—a vegetable sausage tasting like marrow flavored with pineapple."

Economy Defined.

"Learning to prolong the utility of every article to the uttermost," is a definition of the word conservation. "Making full use of everything before you buy more," is another definition.

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To Be a Juror in London.

In the city of London a juror must be a householder or occupier of premises, and must possess property to the value of five hundred dollars.

SUFFERING CATS! GIVE THIS MAN THE GOLD MEDAL

No humbug! Any corn, whether hard, soft or between the toes, will loosen right up and lift off without a particle of pain or soreness.

This drug is called freezone and is a compound of ether discovered by a Cincinnati man.

Ask at any drug store for a small bottle of freezone, which will cost but a trifle, but is sufficient to rid one's feet of every corn or callous.

Put a few drops directly upon any tender, aching corn or callous. Instantly the soreness disappears and shortly the corn or callous will loosen and can be lifted off with the fingers.

This drug freezone doesn't eat out the corns or callouses but shrivels them without even irritating the surrounding skin.

Just think! No pain at all; no soreness or smarting when applying it or afterwards. If your druggist don't have freezone have him order it for you.—Adv.

Speak Up, Then.

Said the facetious feller, "You've all heard that old wheeze about hearing Pike Speak; but did any of you ever hear Jack and the Beans Talk?"

Get This, Girls.

For ironing laces and dainty fabrics an iron has been brought out in England in the form of a polished steel roller fitted with electric heating units.

Had His "Doots."

Sailor (as he gazes at his portion of corned beef)—I wonder if this meat used to moo or whinny.—Boston Transcript.

GLASS OF SALTS CLEANS KIDNEYS

If your Back hurts or Bladder bothers you, drink lots of water.

When your kidneys hurt and your back feels sore, don't get scared and proceed to load your stomach with a lot of drugs that excite the kidneys and irritate the entire urinary tract. Keep your kidneys clean like you keep your bowels clean, by flushing them with a mild, harmless salts which removes the body's urinous waste and stimulates them to their normal activity. The function of the kidneys is to filter the blood. In 24 hours they strain from it 500 grains of acid and waste, so we can readily understand the vital importance of keeping the kidneys active.

Drink lots of water—you can't drink too much; also get from any pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast each morning for a few days and your kidneys will act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to clean and stimulate clogged kidneys; also to neutralize the acids in urine so it no longer is a source of irritation, thus ending bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive; cannot injure, makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everyone should take now and then to keep their kidneys clean and active. Try this, also keep up the water drinking, and no doubt you will wonder what became of your kidney trouble and backache.

Increasing Love of Home.

I presume the proper means of increasing the love we bear our native country is to reside some time in a foreign one.—Shenstone.

Optimistic Thought.

A handful of common sense is worth a bushel of learning.

TURN HAIR DARK WITH SAGE TEA

If Mixed with Sulphur It Darkens so Naturally Nobody can Tell.

The old-time mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur for darkening gray, streaked and faded hair is grandmother's recipe, and folks are again using it to keep their hair a good, even color, which is quite sensible, as we are living in an age when a youthful appearance is of the greatest advantage.

Nowadays, though, we don't have the troublesome task of gathering the sage and the mussy mixing at home. All drug stores sell the ready-to-use product, improved by the addition of other ingredients, called "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound." It is very popular because nobody can discover it has been applied. Simply moisten your comb or a soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears, but what delights the ladies with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound is that, besides beautifully darkening the hair after a few applications, it also produces that soft lustre and appearance of abundance which is so attractive. This ready-to-use preparation is a delightful toilet requisite for those who desire a more youthful appearance. It is not intended for the cure, mitigation or prevention of disease.

Washington apple growers lost \$4,000,000 last year because of wormy apples, due to codling moth, and the entire damage was preventable, Professor A. L. Melander of Washington State college told the agricultural bureau of the Spokane chamber of commerce at the weekly luncheon. He said 1918 was the worst year in the history of the fruit industry in the state. He declared his department had instituted a vigorous campaign against the codling moth this year and had a corps of assistants at work in the fruit districts.

A Lady of Distinction.

Is recognized by the delicate fascinating influence of the perfume she uses. A bath with Cuticura Soap and hot water to thoroughly cleanse the pores, followed by a dusting with Cuticura Talcum Powder usually means a clear, sweet, healthy skin.—Adv.

One Definition of Envy.

"Envy," said Uncle Eben, "is one of de unpleasant symptoms 'sperienced by folks dat has been tryin' to git somethin' foh nothin'."

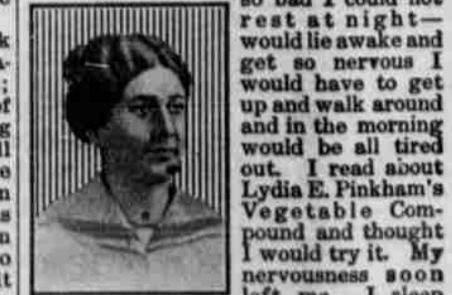
Ferns in Vermont.

It is believed that, of all the states in the Union, Vermont has the largest number of rare and beautiful ferns.

WOMAN'S NERVES MADE STRONG

By Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Winona, Minn.—"I suffered for more than a year from nervousness, and was so bad I could not rest at night—would lie awake and get so nervous I would have to get up and walk around and in the morning would be all tired out. I read about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and thought I would try it. My nervousness soon left me. I sleep well and feel fine in the morning and able to do my work. I gladly recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to make weak nerves strong."—Mrs. ALBERT SULTZ, 608 Olmstead St., Winona, Minn.



How often do we hear the expression among women, "I am so nervous, I cannot sleep," or "it seems as though I should fly." Such women should profit by Mrs. Sultz's experience and give this famous root and herb remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, a trial.

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OF INTEREST TO POULTRY GROWERS

It is especially important that surplus cockerels be utilized as capons to increase the meat supply. Capons, or male birds whose reproductive organs have been removed, increase in weight and their meat is of good quality.

To determine the best time to caponize one should be guided by the age and size of the bird. A cockerel two to four months of age and weighing one and a half to two and a half pounds is a convenient-sized bird with which to work.

There are three essentials to good results in caponizing. First, the bird should not be fed for 36 hours prior to the operation so that the intestines will be empty and the reproductive organs exposed; second, the operation should be performed in a strong light in order that the organs may be clearly distinguished; third, one should have a good set of tools.

The skilled operator can caponize a bird in a short time. Birds which have been operated on should be placed in a house from which the roosts have been removed. Give caponized birds a soft feed for ten days after the operation, after which they may be placed on a scratch food ration. The wet feed may consist of two pounds corn meal, one pound of bran and one pound of middlings mixed with skim milk or buttermilk.

The first two weeks capons should be examined for "windpuffs." These can be easily relieved by pricking the skin with a needle or a knife. Two or three weeks prior to marketing, capons and fatten capons in crates. Every ounce of gain at this time adds to the appearance of and the profits from the bird.

GOOD JOKES

Awful Prospect.

"I heard of a man who is going to have a rabbit's eye grafted in his face."

"Great Scott! Suppose he takes to nibbling at all the people he meets with cabbage heads."

At His Best.

Yeast—But he's too old to work now, isn't he?

Orimmonbeak—Indeed, not. Why, he's doing his best work now.

"Really?"

"Truly. He just worked me for \$5."

The Elusive Desire.

"There is really only one thing the selfish person wants."

"And what's that?"

"Just what he hasn't got."

Own Yer Own, Anyhow.

"Well, after all," murmured the chronic quoter, "there is no place like home."

"Yep," answered the facetious feller, "that's the reason the clubs and the motion-picture theaters do such a rushing business."

Getting Acquainted.

"Moved, eh?"

"Yes."

"Getting acquainted with the neighbors on the block?"

"Rapidly. Tommy has fought with all the children on one side of the

street and is making headway on the other."

Just a Suggestion.

"Will you have anything in this lemonade, sir?"

"You might put in some sugar and lemon juice."—Judge.

Irresponsible Archeology.

"The old Egyptians wrote with chisels on blocks of stone."

"Owing, possibly, to a temporary shortage of white papyrus."

A Drawback.

"A woman can make any man propose to her she pleases."

"Certainly she can, but some women can't please any."

Kitchen Colloquy.

"Is de left hind foot of a rabbit a sign of luck?"

"'Tis," remarked Mr. Erastus Pinkley, "if you owns de rest of de rabbit."

A Proof.

"They say she is wildly wasteful."

"So she is. I counted three lumps of coal lying on her pavement after the coal cart had driven off."

Her Kind of Style.

"Has the young lady next door to you much to finish in her piano playing?"

"I should say not. She never stops."

Its Sort.

"When one of the crowd made a taunting remark to another, the latter drew a knife on him."

"What a cutting retort."