

### World Crop Prospects Good for 1946-47

World crop prospects indicate somewhat larger food production in 1946-47 than in 1945-46, according to a summary by L. R. Breithaupt, O.S.C. extension economist, based on reports early in May from 28 countries to the USDA office of foreign agricultural relations. A significant increase in food crops acreage and better yields are expected, generally.

Although world food production is expected to be considerably larger than last year, it is likely still to be considerably under prewar output, with the carryover also expected to be low, especially in deficit food producing nations.

The increase in food production in Europe is expected to be considerable in grain and sugar, with some increase in fat, the over-all prospect being for perhaps 90 percent of the prewar output. Crop conditions show more improvement in western Europe and the Mediterranean region than in central and eastern Europe. Prewar Russia may have around 90 percent of the 1941 crop acreage.

In north China the wheat crop prospects are more favorable than last year but drought in south China has injured rice. In India drought reduced wheat, rice and millet production, but spring-crop planting conditions have been improved by

heavy rains in a number of the provinces in recent weeks. A shortage of rice in the Philippines is offset partly by increases of corn, sweet potatoes and other foods. In Japan weather conditions have been favorable and crop yields are expected to be substantially above last year.

The wheat acreage will be larger in Canada, Australia and Argentina. More corn will be available from Brazil where a record crop of rice is also being harvested. More rice is expected from Indo-China and Burma. A larger crop of sugar is expected in Cuba in 1947.

These increases will be needed to offset deficits under prewar output in parts of Europe and Asia and some other areas. Currently, the most drastic reductions in rations are in Germany, Austria and Italy, except in such famine areas as part of China and India.

Increased efforts to move more food grains from Canada, Argentina, Australia, Siam and other surplus nations, as well as from the United States, are showing results, although belated. The United Kingdom has also diverted much grain to areas where the need was more urgent on assurance of replacements from the 1946 crop in the United States and Canada.

Shipments of wheat from this country during the 1945-46 marketing year, supplement with some corn, are expected to be only a little short of the high goal set last fall

and the greatest for any country in all history. Although food production may not be fully restored in Europe for several years, it is not to be expected that the United States will be called upon to continue shipping feedstuffs overseas in anywhere near the present volume. When the acute need for imports in the war-torn countries is over surpluses will appear where now there is scarcity.

day for a visit with Mrs. Nolte's mother Mrs. Hallie Hesselgrave, Mr. and Mrs. Jones and Mr. Nolte continued on to Eugene on a fishing trip. Mrs. Nolte and Larry remained in Central Point where they will visit relatives and friends.

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