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Crop Outlook For 1945

Babson Sees Over-All Prospects Favorable

Washington, D. C., Sept. 7.—Mother Nature has smiled once again on America's fair fields. In fact, 1945 will take an honored place in an unprecedented procession of bumper crop years, provided recent indications are borne out. While total national volume promises to be about 2.5 per cent below the records of 1942 and 1944 it should top aggregate output of any other year by about 8%.

Wheat a Star Performer

Output of the bread grain is expected to set a new record of 1,146,283,000 bushels—6% above the previous record and 45% over the 10-year average. Total supplies for 1945-1946 should prove ample, though by no means burdensome. Rice eaters can find little satisfaction in the indicated record crop of 76,136,000 bushels, since the Government "take" will be sizable. The flaxseed output will be well above a year ago and materially in excess of the 10-year average. This should be good news to consumers of linseed oil and meal supplies of which are extremely tight and prices firm. Soybeans—most versatile member of the farm crop family—will be in good supply; in fact only a little short of the 1943 record. The wonder bean will play an important part in easing the over-all supply of fats and oils.

Although large total supplies of feed grains are in prospect for 1945-1946, they will prove none too plentiful in view of demands. I shall feel easier when the corn crop picks up further and escapes frost damage. The rye crop will be substantially under, and the barley output about equal the 10-year average. A saving feature is the indicated record production of oats. This crop should exceed 1½ billion bushels which would be nearly double the 10-year average. Hay also has done well this year. So much for feeds.

Food Outlook

Food crop prospects, in general, are favorable. This fact, plus Army cutbacks and releases, should mean that civilians can let their belts out a few notches. The over-all supply-demand ration, however, will continue tight in some instances. Even war's end will bring little relief to sugar consumers, in view of the short world supply and the fact that sugar takes time to grow, ship and refine. Civilian supplies of canned salmon will be extremely tight, unless the Government sharply lowers its "take"; but there should be a surplus of most fish. Civilians will get a little more butter, but edible fats and oils—both lard and cottonseed—on a world basis will continue short. Despite the large 1945 crop of Irish potatoes, total supplies will not be excessive. A below-average dried bean crop is probable. The apple crop will be small this fall. On the other hand larger supplies of some foods are in prospect. The canned goods situation in general, has improved drastically overnight. Hence, both canned fruits and vegetables were removed from the ration list. A slightly larger aggregate commercial output of truck crops

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for the fresh market is indicated. Meats (canned and fresh) will be more plentiful perhaps sufficiently so to justify early elimination of rationing. There will be no dearth of fluid milk and skim-milk products in the months ahead. Supplies of fruits (including citrus) should be plentiful. That venerable bird, the turkey, should honor more civilian tables this Thanksgiving and Christmas. Supplies of chickens are increasing seasonally and the outlook is good.

America Learns How to Eat

I am a statistician, not a dietitian. Yet it does seem to me that wartime shortages have taught the American public much-needed lessons in food conservation, as well as in the science of correct eating. Too much food and/or wrong combinations can be as bad as too little. "You are what you eat" is no exaggeration. If the lessons learned during the war years are to be remembered in peacetime the nation's health should be better. This will be a factor in the labor situation as well as benefit Life Insurance Company stocks.

War Outlook

Around January first Babson forecast the termination of the War in the "Outlook for 1945". We quote, herewith, four paragraphs:

WAR OUTLOOK

"The greater part of Germany's army will collapse before the German planting season opens in the spring of 1945. Before surrendering, Germany will try poison gas.

"Japan will not hold out as long as most people think. Japan will collapse within six or twelve months after Germany collapses. "If Stalin's health continues, he will be the world's most powerful

man in 1945 and may dictate the peace terms, especially for the Pacific.

"Sometimes after April, 1945, Russia will join, (or threaten to) the Allies against Japan but only after the promise of territory privileges and a huge loan."

It is true that Germany did not use poison gas although it has since been officially stated that she had great quantities of it on hand which she had been able to hold out a few days more. Otherwise this forecast pretty well hit the bull's eye. Considering the general pessimism which existed around January first, this forecast is worthy of careful consideration.

At the time this was printed the German bulge was at its height with General Rundstedt running wild toward Antwerp. At that time (January 1, 1945) it was almost universally believed that there was little chance of Germany collapsing during 1945; while very few expected Japan to collapse before the latter part of 1946.

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