

**FORECAST SMALLER WHEAT PRODUCTION**

**Washington and Oregon Crop Conditions Generally Good**

The winter wheat crop of the United States, according to the report issued by the United States department of agriculture, averages 76.3 per cent of normal, showing a decline of 3.8 points as compared with May 1 condition of 80.1. The condition of winter wheat on June 1, 1922, was 81.9, while the 10-year average condition for June 1 was 82.3. The forecast for the winter wheat crop is now 589,541,000 bushels as compared with the 1922 crop of 586,204,000 bushels and the average for the five years, 1917-1921, of 589,858,000 bushels.

The United States is estimated to have 18,593,000 acres of spring wheat this year. This acreage is a decrease of more than 5 per cent as compared with the 1922 acreage. The country's spring wheat crop averaged 99.2 per cent of normal on June 1 and gives promise of producing 236,039,000 bushels. This production is considerably less than the 275,887,000 bushels produced last year and also less than the average production for 1917-1921, which was 244,943,000 bushels.

Conditions were very favorable for the development of winter wheat in Washington during May and the crop averaged 92 per cent of normal on June 1, as compared with 88 on May 1, while the average condition of winter wheat on June 1 for the past ten years was 88. The May 1 forecast was 33,468,000. The 1922 winter wheat crop amounted to 23,244,000 bushels while the average for the five years, 1917-1921, was 23,268,000 bushels.

The Washington spring wheat

acreage shows an increase of 6 per cent over that of last year and the area for harvest is estimated to be 1,050,000 acres. Conditions have been favorable for spring wheat since planting time and the crop on June 1 averaged 92 per cent of normal. This condition of 92 forecasts a production of 17,066,000 bushels, as compared with 9,200,000 bushels in 1922 and 16,673,000 bushels, the five-year average for 1917-21.

Improvement in condition of all grain crops during the month of May is the high spot in the Oregon crop situation as of June 1, 1923, according to F. L. Kent, agricultural statistician, United States department of agriculture. Condition of the Oregon winter wheat crop is estimated at 97 per cent of normal, which is higher than in any other important winter wheat state. Condition of the crop in other states ranges from a high mark of 92 per cent of normal in Washington to 65 per cent of normal in Kansas, the nation's heaviest wheat producing state.

Condition of the winter wheat crop improved slightly in the state during the month of May. Good growing weather, for grain, prevailed during the month, although a little more sunshine would have been better. A good rain fell over much of the eastern Oregon wheat country on June 1, and came at a very opportune time on the lighter soils. Much of the acreage is fully headed and in some districts the crop is said to be a week or ten days earlier than usual. It is predicted that the crop will be ready for cutting before July 1, in the earlier fields.

Reports indicate the acreage seeded this spring in Oregon was about 95 per cent of that of a year ago. A fine fall for seeding over a large part of the state allowed for heavier than average fall seeding, and it is reported in some districts that there has been a decided trend toward the planting of more barley and oats and less wheat. The Oregon spring wheat acreage is now estimated at 237,000 acres with a condition of 95 per cent thus indicating a probable crop of 4,005,000 bushels. Last year the final estimate was 2,864,000 bushels, two years ago, 4,451,000 bushels, and the five-year average 4,433,000 bushels.

**INDIANS TO BE SPECIAL FEATURE OF CONVENTION**

A unique feature of the Elks' state convention to be held in The Dalles, June 21, 22 and 23 will be the delegation of Indians from the Warm Springs Indian reservation. The reservation officials permit these Indians to come to The Dalles each year for participation in the Pageant of Wascopam, which will be held on the afternoon of the first day of the convention. The Indians come here with all their war paint on, feathered headbands, fancy beaded dresses, strings of Elks' teeth about their necks and the little papooses hanging over their shoulders. At the pageant these Indians will appear picturesquely coming along the skyline, let loose a loud war whoop and descend upon the amphitheatre and will put on their part of the pageant.

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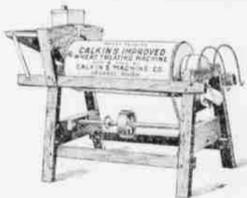
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**CECIL**

Miss Thelma Morgan of Broadacres near Cecil, was calling on friends on Willow creek Saturday.

Emery Gentry, agent for West Coast Life insurance, made a call in Cecil on Saturday before leaving for Portland.

Herb and Jackie Hynd of Butterby Flats, left on Saturday morning with a band of sheep for Sand hollow en route for Hynd Bros. summer range near Sumpter where Herb will act as campmaster with Master Jackie as assistant, while Herb is singing "Absence Makes the Heart Grow Fonder," etc.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Duncan and daughter, Miss Mildred, of Busy Bee ranch were visiting Mrs. Jack Hynd at Butterby Flats on Sunday.

Al Henriksen of the Moore ranch near Heppner, accompanied by his niece, Miss Mildred Henriksen, of Strawberry ranch, and Misses Annie and Violet Hynd of Butterby Flats, were visiting friends in Boardman on Sunday.

Mr. McCullough and daughter, Miss Odie Groshens, and party of friends from Heppner, were callers in Cecil on Sunday.

Pete Farley and several sheep men of Heppner made a short stay in Cecil on Saturday before leaving for the Willows.

Miss Doris Mahoney, student of the O. A. C., made a short call Sunday at the residence of "The Mayor" on her way home at Heppner where she will spend her vacation.

Miss Malinda May, who has been teaching in Bend, arrived in Cecil on Sunday. Miss Ruth May also arrived same day from Portland. Both young ladies will spend their vacations with their parents at Lone Star ranch.

Miss Blanche Groshens of Heppner is visiting at the home of Mrs. Oral Henriksen at Ewing.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Allyn of Oak

Grove, who have been visiting around Cecil for some time, left on Friday for Prineville where they will visit their daughter for a few weeks.

Mrs. Ista Bauernfiend and son, Martin, who is storekeeper and car doctor of Morgan, were calling in Cecil on Tuesday.

J. W. Osborn and H. J. Streeter were business callers at the county seat on Tuesday.

Miss Thelma Miller of Heppner is the guest of Miss Violet Hynd at Butterby Flats for a few days.

Mrs. G. A. Miller and son, Elvin, of Highview ranch were visiting in Heppner on Tuesday.

McEntire Bros., of Killarney, were busy men at Cecil depot on Monday loading 3200 head of sheep which were shipped to Montana.

A heavy rain storm hit Cecil on Monday afternoon and stopped all haymaking. Tuesday night showers, winds every day since Tuesday which has stopped stacking in the Cecil vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lundell and family of Rhea Siding were calling in Arlington on Thursday.

H. J. Streeter and Arthur Turner are working against time for J. W. Osborn on the Fairview ranch and have at time of writing got about 700 acres of summer fallow plowed.

Keith Logan of Heppner will spend his holidays assisting with the harvest at the Leon Logan ranch at Fourmile.

"Wid" Palmateer of Windy Nook left Cecil early Friday morning for Hood river. "Wid" declares that every larder is so bare he has no chance of a feed so he will try the strawberry patches till his harvest is ready and his appetite appeased.

P. S.—"Wid" is employed only to feed himself with strawberries and is not a paid picker.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hynd left on Thursday for Hynd Bros. ranch at Freetzout.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Sweek and his mother, Mrs. Lawrence Sweek, returned from Portland Sunday evening after a week's visit there.



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