

WHEAT BALANCES MONTH AGO REPORT

Decrease in Spring Yield Offset by the Larger Winter Crop.

(O. A. C. Extension Service)

Unofficial crop estimates indicate slightly increased winter wheat production as compared to estimates a month ago. The total production according to these private statisticians is little changed, however, as enough less of spring wheat is forecasted to about offset the increase in winter wheat. It is also predicted that from 100,000 to 200,000 bushels more corn than last year will be produced and that the oats crop will exceed last year by perhaps 200,000 bushels. Rye estimates indicate a very poor crop. Official estimates will again be available on July 10. Limited cash business was done last week at firm to higher prices on old crop feed grains and new barley prices held steady. The wheat markets inclined to move downward toward a new crop basis, but trading was limited because of uncertainties about the size of the world crop. New No. 2 soft red winter wheat from Texas was quoted at St. Louis at \$1.67. There is interest in the possibilities for shipping soft wheats from western states into central western markets in view of the very short crop of soft red winter to be harvested this year. About 1,500,000 bushels of western wheat was shipped into these markets during the last year. Transportation charges are about 40 cents a bushel from interior northwestern points to central western markets, compared to a general range of 10 to 25 cents a bushel westward. A recent report by trade representatives from the central western markets was most favorable to Dicklow. Soft Federation and Fortyfold wheats as substitutes for soft red winter. A block of mixed wheat around Salt Lake City, Utah, also received favorable mention.

Hay, Pasture and Feed. Although hay markets continued to move toward a new crop basis and prices were weakened by the arrival of too much rain-damaged hay, there is a demand for good quality hay premiums of \$4-\$5 a ton have been paid for extra leafy hay over ordinary grades. Pastures were generally reported improved. Most feeds continued a downward trend influenced by prospective increases in feed grain production, but alfalfa meal was steady with very little new meal offered because of the poor quality of new crop alfalfa now available for grinding.

Seeds. Some further small advances in red clover seed at Chicago last week contrary to the usual seasonal price trend provided additional evidence that some shortage in the crop may be anticipated in Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Illinois and other north central and eastern states where winter damage is said to have occurred. Since a large part of the clover acreage, particularly that ordinarily harvested for seed, is in that part of the United States serious damage to clover meadows there might materially affect both volume of seed production and subsequent demand.

Potatoes. To what extent the present bad potato market situation may be improved depends largely upon the size of the late crop. A smaller estimated production of second-early potatoes may provide an opportunity for demand to catch up with supplies to some extent. However, it is to be noted that the most recent reports indicate improved crop conditions for second-early potatoes, especially in the Kaw valley of Kansas.

Dairy Products. Much firmness was noted in Pacific coast butter markets last week with some price advances and a stronger statistical position. Eastern markets were about steady with the storage and production situation inclined to be more bullish, except for some improvement in pastures as a result of general rains over the chief dairy districts.

Livestock. Higher cattle prices were registered last week. Hog and fat cattle markets will remain firm for some time to come especially on well finished grades. Slaughter of cattle under federal inspection for the 11 months ending May, 1928, was 8,334,503 against 9,250,773 for the same period a year ago. Beef in storage is only about 60 per cent average. On the other hand the movement of stockers and feeders

Beats Bobby Jones



Johnny Farrell, professional of Mamaroneck, N. Y., who won the National Open Golf Championship for the first time by defeating Bobby Jones, the Atlanta, Ga., wizard. The tensely and excitedly of the game can best be illustrated by the score: 143 to 144!



into corn belt states has been rather heavy which with expected good crops of corn and other feed grains suggests more finished beef later on. Heavy supplies of hogs have been on the markets for a long time and storage stocks are large, but this situation now seems to be changing. The June pig survey of the Department of Agriculture indicates that about 7 per cent less spring pigs were raised this year than a year ago and that farmers intend to raise fewer fall pigs.

Hints for the Home

by Nancy Hart

When you go a-visiting on your vacation, keep in mind these simple suggestions for the parting gift to your hostess: (They will save you much time and speculation when it comes to shopping.)

A set of pretty boudoir boxes for her dresser drawers; a pair of spun glass swans in colored glass for salt and pepper holders; a quaint old print or mezzotint to brighten some dull spot on the wall; one of the new standing mirrors in photograph size for the occasional table; a luncheon set in colored damask; a pair of quilted pillow tops in shades in harmony with the guest room or the hostess' room.

Packed attractively, with a well-chosen greeting card enclosed, any one of these gifts will express your appreciation of the visit in a most acceptable way. And none is expensive.

A Delicious Ice-Box Cake.
Soak a tablespoon of gelatin in 1/4 cup of cold water and dissolve in 1/2 cup boiling water. Let stand until it thickens. Beat with rotary beater until frothy. Stir together 2 tablespoons lemon juice and 1-1 1/2 cups sweetened condensed milk, and add 1 1/2 cups crushed strawberries. Fold this mixture into beaten gelatin; return to ice box until it begins to set. Line mold with split lady-fingers; fill with strawberry mixture; set on ice for several hours. Turn out on plate and serve with or without whipped cream.

Varying Summer Drinks.
Instead of serving iced tea, coffee or lemonade all during the season, try Apricot Punch, Orange Mint Cup, Raspberry Shrub or Peach Punch for a change. A very tempting mocha beverage can be made with rich milk and eight teaspoons of strong cereal beverage to the glass. Iced cocoa made with rich milk is also wholesome, and beloved by children.

For Meatless Summer Meals.
With the vegetable menu it is nice to serve one starchy dish such as baked cheddar rice, hominy fritters or macaroni croquettes made with chopped cold macaroni, cheese and white sauce, molded into croquettes and fried crisp in butter or margarine. These "substantials" give body to the meatless meal and make it quite satisfying.

Before Strawberries Leave.
For a luscious pineapple and strawberry jam, use two level cups of each fruit, chopped fine; add seven level cups sugar and mix well. Stir over hot fire, boiling very hard one minute. Remove from fire and

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stir in a half cup liquid pectin. Skim, pour and seal.

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Freak Varieties Tried By Experiment Station

New crops of "phenomenal" varieties of present crops bought by growers at fancy prices are ordinarily of little value as compared to standard varieties now in use, warns D. D. Hill, instructor in farm crops at the state college, who adds that testing such new introductions is one of the functions of the experiment station where the work can be done thoroughly and at less cost than by individuals.

"Interest among farmers in the untried and freak varieties is a perfectly natural one, as every progressive farmer is interested in increasing the yields of his crops," said Mr. Hill. "The trouble is that in most cases of these spectacular crops, the grower pays a fancy price and then must be content with a reduced instead of an increased return.

"Some of the outstanding freaks sold in Oregon in past years are the Alaska or Titanic wheat, also called Miracle and Seven-Headed; Polish wheat, Speltz and various black barleys or oats. The notorious Alaska wheat did not produce big yields and the quality was poor. The Polish wheat or Jerusalem rye is grown only in a few places in the world and on poor arid soil. Millers will not take it at all.

"Then there was the notorious Burbank Sup wheat which sold a few years ago for as high as \$1 a pound for seed. It was supposed to resist all diseases and have all the advantages with no short comings. Later it proved to be merely Jones' Winter Fife, a common variety of no real importance.

"Except as a pastime on the farm comparing varieties of farm crops as to yield and economic value presents technical aspects best determined at the experiment station. The station is greatly interested in production and dissemination of the best varieties and is always glad to try out new varieties and compare them with the old. Hundreds are being tried out all the time."

Brakes, Horn, Lights Are Safety Factors

Now that the season has arrived when everyone in America who has an automobile is driving it as much as possible, the individual motorist owes it to himself and to others to make certain that his car is in an absolutely safe condition, according to Frank E. Reusswig, Director of Public Safety Department of the Oregon State Motor Association. There are three points that should

be checked especially, he says, and these three he names as the brakes, the horn and the lights.

"These units Mr. Reusswig believes to be the most vital of all from the standpoint of safety and, he asserts, unless the motorist is satisfied as to their efficiency he should not join the traffic stream.

"It surely is a simple matter to drop into one's service station and have a mechanic check over the condition of brakes, horn, and lights," Mr. Reusswig says. "The job itself takes but a few moments, and even if adjustments are necessary it is not likely that they will consume much time.

"However, the importance of this work should not be measured by the usually small amount of time it takes. Brakes, of course, are the automobile's most essential safety

factor. Without efficient brakes safety is impossible of achievement. With brakes only partially efficient, safety is still far away. The motorist should be satisfied with nothing less than 100 per cent efficiency in the operation of his deceleration equipment, and the motorist who is satisfied with less is a menace to every highway user, including himself.

"The horn frequently is overlooked in safety thought, and too often its importance has been minimized by ignorant usage. Properly used, a good, clear horn is an indispensable adjunct. The motorist's responsibility is to see to it that the horn is maintained in good condition, that its note is reasonable and distinct, and then use it with care and intelligence. If these rules are followed, the horn will be found

to be a tower of strength in many, many cases.

"Correctly focused lights, yielding full but not excessive glow, should be found on every car in these months of heavy driving. Since night-time motoring is becoming more and more an absolute essential, nothing is more unsafe for everyone than mal-adjusted headlamps and nothing is more conducive to an unpleasant evening's spin. To overlook this safety factor is inexcusable.

"Remember the three places to watch—brakes, horn, and lights—and today's motoring will be freer, better, safer."

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