

Crop Outlook

Babson Discusses Wheat Situation

Gloucester, Mass., July 10—With the harvest season just getting underway, attention is now focused on the wheat belt. Crops were never more important to the United States, to Canada, and to the rest of the world than they are today. In fact, the ultimate outcome of the war and the terms of its peace may center more around our farm commodities than around munitions. Before discussing our own crop outlook, I should like to summarize, briefly, the case abroad.

German People Not Starving

First, let me say that in spite of the necessity of supplying other countries with grain, Germany is probably not hard-up. Certainly, her people are not starving to death by any means. Hitler has held on to the Ukraine which is the greatest wheat producing section in the world. In addition to the Ukraine, Germany has the fields of Rumania and Hungary to draw upon. Particularly in Poland and Greece the situation is very bad. It is, however, possible that Greece may get some United States help.

Crop conditions in Norway, the Netherlands, and Czechoslovakia can be considered definitely below pre-war standards. The people of France, Belgium, and Yugoslavia are definitely underfed and starving in many instances. Spain, still feeling the effects of her civil war, is also in a bad way. All European countries can look forward only to further cuts in feeding. This also applies to Italy which—before the Libyan defeat—was to be the location of the much talked of "second front."

Tide May Turn Against Germans

If Norway or France are invaded by the United States, or if Russia pushes the Germans out of the occupied Ukraine, the situation with respect to Germany's food question can quickly change for the worse. Furthermore, like us in fact to some extent, much of the corn the Axis can get must be turned into alcohol for industrial purposes.

In spite of recent bad news from the war fronts, and more may come before the pendulum swings in our favor, I have no fear of the ultimate outcome. Starvation is a killing process, but is also a toughening agent. The weak will succumb first but those who manage to survive in occupied countries will be a powerful factor in revolt against Germany. They already look to the United States, not only for the liberation of their freedom, but also for their stomach's sake.

U. S. Wheat Supply Means New Record

Total 1942 wheat production is estimated at 888 million bushels. With an anticipated carry-over of 630 million bushels, we should have a supply, provided the weather is with us, of about 1,500 million bushels. This chalks up a new record and will provide the greatest single source of supply the world has ever known. Domestic consumption will take something less than half, say around 700 million bushels for food purpose. The only hope of the wheat farmer lies with making alcohol and other industrial products.

Much depends upon the duration of the armistice. Peace in itself may not come with the ending of physical hostilities. There may be a long armistice of from two to five years. During this period our wheat supply will come in handy when we are trading around the peace table. If fighting is over within a year, we can expect a drop of at least 50% in our supply of wheat holdings. If the war continues longer, we shall have sufficient acreage to grow an even larger crop. In fact, in view of the immense yield this year, Washington is not increasing the 1943 allotment. Farmers are asked to grow other crops where possible.

American Farmers Are Sitting Pretty

Certainly, farmers are sitting pretty. They always face uncertain weather so that item can be discounted. This year farm labor will be a problem, but I

expect it will be taken care of. In a real pinch, troops can be detailed to get the crops in. The great patron of the farmer is, of course, the farm bloc. Although they, to date, have gotten everything they wanted; yet they are still seeking both larger crops and higher prices. I am told they will get them; but if they do, the greater the crash will be some time in the future. Any present bearish factors are discounted by government subsidy, storage allotments, and parity program.

Unless the boll weevil goes on the rampage there should be an excess of cotton which is already selling at \$10 a bale less than earlier in the year. Corn is down more than 7% from its 1942 peak; oats are down about 18%; rye, 32%; butter, 7%; eggs, 16%. This general farm products price trend has been leveling out for several months. Farmers and the government can control production but cannot control prices. It now looks as if the artificial stimulant in the form of parity loans has spent its force. The whole farm program has been running too wild. Even corn stored on farms exceeds a billion bushels, or 55% above the 10-year average for this date. Hog slaughtering, dairy products, and eggs exceed all records. For instance, milk production this year will be around 56 billion quarts compared with the previous 5-year average of 49 billion; while creamery butter stocks on hand are nearly 40 million pounds compared with 18 million a year ago.

Politics Dominate Farmers Warned

Summing up, it can be said that politics now dominate the crop markets. For both the trader and the farmer, however, the outlook is temporarily promising. Furthermore, the importance to our war and peace program of our grain harvest and carry-overs cannot be over-emphasized. Farm communities, including banks, newspapers, and retail establishments, as well as the mail-order chains, should all benefit along with the farmer. Remember, however, that what goes up must some day come down. Thus, farmers, now approaching the peak of their prosperity, should lay aside funds for the inevitable rainy day. Now is the time to get out of debt if you owe money. Otherwise, spend more on maintenance and improvements which will enable you to cut expenses to the bone when your honey-moon is over.

INVITE PUBLIC TO HEAR ELLSWORTH

Pro-America members are making final plans for the visit in this city of Harris Ellsworth, republican candidate from the fourth district for representative, Monday at 8 p. m. at which time he will speak at the Sixth street lobby of Hotel Holland.

Youngsters Lauded By Methodist Head

Portland, July 10. — (AP) — Young people are acting more wisely and better than might be expected, Bishop Titus Lowe declared today.

The Methodist churchman of Indiana, formerly of Portland, said "the jittery section of our

American citizenship is found in the ranks of those who have vested interests, smaller or larger, and are now seriously wondering whether they are worth anything or not."

NEW DANCE

Port Clinton, O. (AP) — The "General MacArthur Dip," new dance, was introduced to soldiers at nearby Camp Perry by Cleveland dancing studio companions

who came here on an entertainment program.

LIONESS MASCOT

Seattle, Wash., (AP) — Soldiers of an anti-aircraft battery in the

Seattle area are tough. They have a young lioness for a mascot. The troops got the pet from a family which bought the animal as a cub from a circus.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

CIVILIANS ARMY CHEFS

Camp Blanding, Fla. (AP) — Nearly 1,400 soldiers, who in civilian life had followed a variety of occupations, have been trained as army chefs since the school

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Corn, No. 303 can 2 for 25c
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Kraft American Cheese 2 lb. box 63c
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Kraft Limburger 1 lb. for 49c
(Spreads—Makes)
Old English Paste Wax 1 lb. can 54c

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Quick Cooking Tapioca 1 lb. pkg. 18c
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Albers Corn Flakes 6 oz. pkg. 2 for 11c
Pillsbury Wheat Bran pkg. 19c
H. O. Oats large pkg. 27c
Cross & Blackwell Orange Marmalade 1 lb. jar 25c
(Sweet or Bitter)
Victory Dog Food 10 lb. bag 98c
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(Ready to Fry—Generous Two Portions)
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