

CROP PRODUCTION EQUALS ALL-TIME RECORD OF 1942

Washington, Dec. 19.—(U.P.)—The agriculture department in a year-end roundup said today that "notwithstanding difficulties which at times seemed insurmountable," U. S. crop production in 1944 about equaled the all-time record of 1942 and surpassed last year's output by six per cent.

Production was 24 per cent above the 1923-32, or pre-drought, average, and 11 per cent above any season before 1942, the crop reporting board said. It added that yield per acre averaged higher than in any other year except 1942.

The record corn crop is now placed at 3,228,361,000 bushels compared with last month's record of 3,258,371,000 bushels and a 1943 production of 3,034,354,000 bushels.

The report said even greater production "would have been possible if still more machinery could have been made available."

Total harvested acreage for 52 major crops was 352,072,000 acres, compared with 348,614,000 acres last year and 339,070,000 acres in 1942.

Final yield estimates for 1944 with comparative figures for 1943:

- Wheat, 1,078,647,000 bushels this year and 841,023,000 last year.
- Oats, 1,169,392,000 and 1,137,804,000.
- Barley, 284,426,000 and 324,150,000.
- Rye, 25,872,000 and 30,452,000.
- Flaxseed, 23,527,000 and 51,846,000.
- Rice, 70,237,000 and 64,843,000.
- Grain Sorghums, 181,756,000 and 103,864,000.
- Cotton, 12,359,000 and 11,427,000 bales.
- Cottonseed, 4,941,000 and 4,889,000 tons.
- Hay, 97,990,000 and 99,573,000 tons.
- Dry beans, 16,128,000 and 20,92,000 hundred-pound bags.
- Dry peas, 8,873,000 and 10,870,000 hundred-pound bags.
- Soy beans, 192,863,000 and 193,125,000 bushels.
- Beans, 2,177,670,000 and 2,184,760,000 pounds.
- Potatoes, 479,436,000 and 464,999,000 bushels.
- Tobacco, 1,835,371,000 and 1,402,988,000 pounds.
- Sugar cane for sugar and seed, 6,148,000 and 6,485,000 tons.
- Sugar cane syrup, 21,508,000 and 21,575,000 gallons.
- Sugar Beets, 6,821,000 and 6,532,000 tons.
- Hops, 47,695,000 and 42,448,000 pounds.
- Apples, commercial crop—124,212,000 and 89,050,000 bushels.
- Peaches, 75,008,000 and 41,831,000 bushels.
- Pears, 50,821,000 and 24,585,000 bushels.
- Grapes, 2,580,000 and 2,973,000.
- Cherries, 201,000 and 117,000 tons.
- Oranges, 108,848,000 and 106,858,000 boxes.
- Grapefruit, 48,741,000 and 55,979,000 boxes.
- Lemons (California) 13,321,000 and 11,038,000 boxes.
- Cranberries, 377,000 and 681,000 barrels.

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HIRAM JOHNSON MAKES PLEA FOR GREEK SYMPATHY

Washington, Dec. 19.—(U.P.)—Sen. Hiram W. Johnson, R. Cal., enfeebled by illness and advanced age, rose in the senate Monday and called on his colleagues to declare this country's sympathy for the Greeks, who, he said, "are being shot down like dogs with the weapons we furnished."

Johnson, who in the days of his vigorous prime after the last war helped to kill American participation in the league of nations, interrupted debate on six state department nominations to utter his plea. He spoke in a voice so feeble that other members crowded close to his seat in order to catch his words.

It was Johnson's second speech since his serious illness more than a year ago. The other was in opposition to the Cunnally peace organization resolution, which was subsequently adopted.

Republican senators moved from their side of the hushed chamber to occupy democrats' seats before which Johnson stood. Visiting house members, who crossed the capital to hear the debate, also moved in a cluster behind the desks on the democratic side of the chamber. The gallery crowd listened silently to the quavering Californian whose voice in other days could rise to thunderous intensity.

"Let us hold out hope to all small nations that they can live their lives in peace" the 78-year-old Johnson said. "Let us not demand of them that they must, on pain of being shot down like dogs, surrender to superior force."



Olive Barber's Observations

"You're a darling and a tonic," I said to the elderly city bus driver and patting him on the shoulder as I got off at 3rd and University. A chuckle went through the car but I knew it was not at all with me. For the old chap is, I believe, the city's most popular conductor. He'd gone on duty just a few blocks back. The bus was filled with people hurrying to work. Some knew they were late and it showed in the unrelaxed way they sat; in the forward reaching of their eyes to the blocks ahead.

As the old gentleman entered the car he grinned at the passengers and said, "Now don't you worry; Grandpa will get you there in a few minutes." Many smiled their first smile of the day.

We came to a stop before a resplendently decorated block-long store. Many passengers rose and crowded to the door. "Don't push," the old chap cautioned. "That store's pretty all right but there ain't no bargain sale there today."

At each stop he'd call the street, then say something so ridiculous we forgot it was raining and that we were late, waiting for what the driver would say next. Stopping at the post office at 3rd and Union he called, "Same old postoffice; same old president."

"You're a darling and a tonic," I said and knew I voiced the feeling of every one on the bus.

There is enough human interest stuff on just that one daily trip down town to furnish material for half a dozen columns. It was raining this morning and water had collected in little pools on the sidewalk. A woman hurried by. She had on silk bedroom slippers of an elec-



(Army Telegraph) American invasion forces, pouring into at least three beachheads after a 600-mile amphibious jump from Leyte to within 130 miles of Manila, strike deep inland on the western Philippines island of Mindoro in developing offensive threatening two of the island's main airfields.

RIFLES USELESS AGAINST GERMAN TANK EQUIPMENT

By Jack Frankish
United Press War Correspondent

With the U. S. First Army, Belgian-Luxembourg Frontier, Dec. 7.—(U.P.)—"You can't do very much against a tank with a rifle, sir."

Pfc. Harry Garnett of Conshohocken, Pa., was explaining apologetically to his superior officer when he and his fellow engineers had just fallen back.

Tired, worn and muddy, they fell back before 30 panzers and troop carrying half tracks which overran our forward positions in the early stages of Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt's offensive into Belgium and Luxembourg.

I tried to go forward from a crossroads at a Belgian village south of Monschau, but the wet and dirty GI's warned:

"They (the Germans) are just to the south with tanks."

Just then a flight of eight rocket-firing German planes

258,124 CASUALTIES IN WESTERN EUROPE

Washington, Dec. 19.—(U.P.)—U. S. army ground forces in western Europe suffered 258,124 casualties up to Dec. 1, an increase of 57,775 during November, the war department announced today.

Of the grand total, 44,143 were killed, 189,118 wounded and 24,863 missing.

The report covered operations in France since D-day, in the low countries and in Germany.

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came skimming over, and we dived for safety. But the planes were looking for bigger game back among a concentration of trucks and artillery.

When they had passed, more men poured in from towns which had been overrun. "Ten German armored vehicles rolled into one town just after we finished chow," said Pvt. Ivy Wilson of Ocean Springs, Miss.

"If we had only had some bazookas—boy, what we could have done with bazookas," T/S Monroe Wenmedl of Hamilton, Tex., exclaimed.

Lt. Col. Carthur Sherwood, Jr., New York, who was sitting in a second division advance command post when two enemy tanks rolled into town, said:

"It was quite an experience having the battle come to us. They got within 100 yards of the command post, and went up in flames when tank destroyers registered direct hits."

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