

Crops and Livestock Set Record For Production During Past Year

Washington—(U.P.)—The nation's farms and ranches in 1955 produced a record total of crops and livestock.

Crop production alone was the second largest—just six-tenths of one per cent under the 1948 record when the crop index stood at 106 per cent of the 1947-49 average.

But Agriculture Department officials said when the 1955 livestock production is added to the field crop index, the overall figure will be at least 111 per cent of the base production index. This will be three percentage points above last year's record of 108 per cent.

The department's crop reporting board said yesterday that production in 1955 was "generally good, crop by crop and area by area, with some notable exceptions." The combined acreage of principal crops harvested was the smallest since 1940, but generally higher yields per acre more than offset acreage reductions.

Harvested Acreage Down
The 1955 harvested acreage of 333,000,000 acres was 5,400,000 acres less than in 1954. Largest acreage reductions from 1954 were in winter wheat, down 5,500,000 acres; spring wheat, down 1,600,000 acres; cotton, down 2,400,000 acres; oats, down 1,400,000 acres; and rice, down 700,000 acres.

Largest acreage increases from 1954 were in all sorghums, soybeans, hay and barley.

Record productions were attained for oats, soybeans, hay, alfalfa, seed, sorghum silage, and oranges. Second largest crops of record were produced for barley, sorghum grain, and rice. Many other crops had above average output, including corn, flaxseed, sorghum forage, cotton sugar beets, dry beans, rye, sweet clover seed, lespedeza seed, broomcorn, grapes, cherries, apricots, avocados, lemons, cranberries, and walnuts. Wheat, both winter and spring, fell nearly 20 per cent below average. Other crops much below average were dry peas, cowpeas, sweet potatoes, buckwheat, sugarcane syrup, peaches, pecans, and tung nuts.

Many crops attained record yield per acre averages.

Weather Favored Production
The weather favored overall crop production, but there was a sizable quota of freezes, drought, wind erosion, hurri-

canes, and torrential rains in various sections of the country. The unfavorable factors were crop varieties, increased fertilizer use, expansion of irrigated acreage, and advances in control of plant insects and diseases. Modern power equipment also increased farmers' capacity to get work done when it counts most.

The corn crop at 3,185,000,000 bushels was the sixth largest on record. But for a severe summer drought on the western fringes of the corn belt, the crop would have been millions of bushels higher. The corn yield this year was 39.8 bushels an acre. This compares with 37.5 bushels an acre in 1954 and a 10-year average of 36.4 bushels.

Wheat yields reached a record high of 19.9 bushels an acre. This compares with 18.1 bushels last year and 10-year average of 17.1 bushels.

On The Side

By E. V. Durling

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Each kiss of yours creates desire,
Your breath inflames love's fire,
And wakes the sleeping cool;
Such a kiss to be, I find,
The conversation of the mind
And whisper of the soul.

—COTTON.

To hand is an offer by a Californian to show me how to read the future. The offer is appreciated. However, I am not anxious to know too much about the future. I ask very little in that respect. All I would like to regularly know is what horses are going to win the first and second races the next day.

Horses and Women

What is the extent of your wife's style sense? Has she the taste, knowledge of fashion and discernment to achieve being classed one of the best dressed women in your block? A feminine subscriber of Boston expresses violent opposition to the following styles and says wearing of same indicates a distinct lack of style sense. 1—Backless shoes. 2—Halter neck dresses. 3—Bikini bathing suits. 4—Very low belted coats. 5—Dangling earrings. 6—The seven-eighths length coat. 7—Mannish hair styles. 8—Long colored beads worn knotted in front. 9—"Dior's flat look." 10—Glass heeled shoes. (Note—Saying she would like "a man's angle" the lady asks if I agree with her. I do with the exception of Bikini bathing suits. They are all right when worn by females having a shape to match the attire. As for a "seven eighths length coat," I don't know what it is.)

Asides

Why doesn't somebody invent a fireproof cigarette holder people can use for smoking in bed? Should be a good sale for something like that to hotels and fire

insurance companies. . . . That sauce known as Mayonnaise was originated by Cardinal Richelieu. Only sauce I really care for is tartar sauce as used on scallops.

Passing By

Tom Kelley, the amiable artistic photographer, Tom made that world famous calendar photograph of Marilyn Monroe. He paid Marilyn \$50 for posing. He sold the rights for \$500. John Baumgarten of Chicago is said to have sold over 8,000,000 copies of the Monroe calendar photo.

Asking

Queries from clients. Q. When did the French psychiatrist, Prof. Emil Coue visit the United States? A. Coue was neither a professor nor a psychiatrist. He was a pharmacist, hypnotist and auto-suggestionist. He visited this country in 1923. At that time he voiced the belief that it was an aid to the cure of physical ailments to repeat over and over: "Every day I am getting better and better." Q. What became of Shirley Temple? A. Shirley, now Mrs. George Black, is living in San Francisco keeping busy and happy caring for a loving husband and three fine children.

So They Say

An Aquarius (Jan. 22-Feb. 20) woman seldom makes the same mistake twice. If she gets the wrong man in a first marriage she almost invariably gets the right man on her second trip to the altar. Aquarian women are smart dressers, lively and affectionate. They cannot be dominated. Their lucky numbers are three and four. They are most happily married when wed to a man born under Pisces, or so say the stargazers.



REMOTE CONTROL — President Dwight D. Eisenhower lights the National Christmas Tree in Washington by remote control from his farm in Gettysburg, Pa., as Mrs. Eisenhower watches.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE

St. Nick, Minus Sleigh, Finds Hitchhiking Tough

Walsenburg, Colo. — (U.P.) — Even Santa Claus has a hard time hitchhiking a ride these days, Henry Summers found out Monday.

Summers put on a beard and Santa Claus suit and awaited his scheduled ride to town for a children's Christmas party put on by the Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber officials forgot to pick him up, however, and Summers began thumbing for a ride. Forty cars passed before he finally got a lift.

Airman Accidentally Slain by Pilot Friend

Travis AFB, Calif. — (U.P.) — Air Force authorities said today that Houston Donald O. Simpson, of Houston, Tex., was "accidentally" shot to death by a friend here last Saturday.

Base authorities said they got the details yesterday from Airman Arthur D. Justice, of Long Beach, Calif. Justice had been in a state of shock since the shooting.

Witnesses said the two men were removing their flying togs after returning from a training flight in a B36 bomber. They said Justice's .38 revolver discharged as he was removing it from a shoulder holster.

Westinghouse Rejects Proposals

Pittsburgh — (U.P.) — Westinghouse Electric Corp., rejecting proposals by two governors to submit strike issues to arbitration, stepped up its gigantic Christmas loan operations today.

First day distribution of \$100 interest-free loans to striking or furloughed workers neared the quarter-million dollar mark Monday.

Company paymasters anticipated a rushing loan business when disbursements begin today at the huge East Pittsburgh plant and at Fairmont, W. Va.

Of a total of 13,000 employed at East Pittsburgh, 10,000 are eligible for loans to tide them over for the holiday season. The potential one million dollar loan at East Pittsburgh is one-seventh of the 7-million dollar total the company is prepared to disburse to \$5,000 striking employees.

Workers crossed their own picket lines in five states Monday when the "big payoff" began.

The International Union of Electrical Workers, which represents 44,000 members out of 30 plants, quickly approved pleas by Pennsylvania Gov. George M. Leader and New York Gov. Averell Harriman to submit the strike to arbitration.

But Westinghouse President and Chairman Gwilym A. Price fired off telegrams to the governors rejecting the proposal.

Price said he did not wish the company to "abdicate its responsibility" by accepting the proposal.

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4 Buildings Levelled In Wisconsin Blaze

Appleton, Wis. — (U.P.) — A fire burned down four buildings on the main street of Appleton early today, routing tenants into five degrees below zero weather.

Fire Chief Paul Neumann estimated damage of at least \$200,000.

The blaze broke out last night in the Trudell Music company building. It spread quickly through a drug store, a carpet shop and a tavern.

The four two-story buildings saved tenants living on the second floors were evacuated in time. There were not injuries reported.

Buenos Aires — (U.P.) — Dr. Alberto Gainza Paz will resume control of the principal properties of the newspaper La Prensa in a ceremony here tomorrow, it was announced today.

New Zealand Hurt By US Surplus Items

Washington — (U.P.) — New Zealand has accused the United States of dumping surplus dairy products abroad and hurting New Zealand's large export market.

Sir Leslie Munro, New Zealand ambassador to this country, aired the protest in a note delivered yesterday to the State Department.

The note urged the United States to revise its dairy products disposal program to prevent what it termed "dumping or subsidization of exports, or currency concessions."

SANTA TO VISIT ANIMALS
New York — (U.P.) — The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals said Santa Claus would visit the ASPCA's five shelters in New York today and distribute goodies to the stray animals.

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