

# Farmers, Ranchers Turn Out Record Total Production of Crops, Livestock

Washington — (U.P.) — The nation's farmers and ranchers turned out a record total production of crops and livestock during 1956 despite weather damage and the smallest harvested acreage in 20 years.

The Agriculture Department's final crop production report for the year, issued Monday, showed 1956 crop output at 106 per cent of the 1947-49 base period. This equaled the 1948 record. Revised figures for last year's crop production, also included in Monday's report, showed that 1955 also tied the 1948 record.

Department officials said total livestock production for 1956 already has reached 123 per cent of the base period, up from last year's 121 per cent. This output, added to the record-equaling crop production, resulted in a total food, feed, and fiber production representing 114 per cent of the base period.

**Small Harvested Acreage**  
The previous record of 113 per cent for all three was set last year. Final figures on livestock production will be compiled in January.

The department said the record-equaling crop was achieved from the smallest total harvested acreage in 20 years and in a growing season beset by late cold spring weather and drought threats or damage to crops over large areas of the nation.

The harvested acreage of 59 principal crops declined largely as a result of government acreage controls, to 319 million acres, the smallest since the drought disaster year of 1936, and nearly 14 million acres under last year's total. The total planted acreage was about 346 million acres, two per cent less than in 1955. The soil bank enlisted about 12 million acres.

## 4-H BEEF CLUB

Phonetic 4-H Beef club held a meeting at the home of Allen Harris Wednesday, Dec. 12. Entry blanks pertaining to 4-H club work was explained by the leader and refreshments were served.

Scott Holmes, Reporter.

with consequent diversion from crop harvest. In all, about 28.5 million acres were abandoned or diverted before harvest.

The department said concern over rainfall, soil moisture and other water supplies bulked large among farmers' production worries during the growing season.

**Chronic Drought**  
Good moisture in Northeastern, Middle Atlantic, West Coast and some other sections con-

trasted with dry soils in a large area from Indiana west to the Rockies and from Iowa and South Dakota southward to the gulf. Drought was chronic in the central and southern great plains.

But all in all, the department said "fewer excesses of freeze, flood, and storm damage to crops occurred this year than in boisterous 1955."

Only one major field crop—soybeans—reached a new pro-

duction record in 1956. But several important crops made larger total production in 1955—corn, winter wheat, potatoes, and flaxseed. Larger crops also were harvested for sugar beets, dry beans, dry peas and popcorn.

Crops which fell below last year in output included cotton, hay, oats, barley, sorghum grains, rice, tobacco, peanuts, sugarcane, sweet potatoes, cowpeas, most legume and grass seeds and broom corn.

**Citrus Fruits Up**  
Citrus fruits as a group were slightly larger and for commercial processing were considerably larger.

New high yield per acre records were set by corn, spring wheat, barley, potatoes and tobacco. Sugar beets tied the 1955 yield record and rice fell only slightly below. Yields for cotton, soybeans, winter wheat, sorghum grain, dry beans, peanuts and

popcorn were at above average to near-record levels.

The corn crop, at 3,451,292,000 bushels, was the second largest year's

in history. The all wheat crop, at 997 million bushels, was nearly seven per cent above last year's.

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### Subject of Headaches Continues To Be Headache for Scientists

By DELOS SMITH  
United Press Science Editor

New York — (U.P.) — A year-end review of what science knows about headaches reveals that the subject still is a headache for science. You may call that a crying shame because, in the words of the scientific reviewers, "headaches is possibly the most frequent complaint of modern man."

Drs. Arnold P. Friedman and Theodore J. C. von Storch found that in the last five years science hadn't added greatly either to its understanding of basic causes or its abilities to cure. But that wasn't due to any lack of trying.

They studied the reports of 117 investigations into causes and how to find and treat causes, in behalf of the medical society of the state of New York. Fundamental in science's present knowledge is that the headache is always a symptom—it is never a disease.

#### Causes Obscure

But a symptom of what? Once you have eliminated the acute illnesses, the flaws in the body structure, and the shocks (such as a sharp knock on the head) which can and do cause headaches, you have left an assortment of headaches the causes of which are quite obscure.

These fall into two classifica-

tions—migraine and the tension headaches which are, by far, the most common kinds. The reviewers found the investigators in general agreement that "the vast majority" of tension headaches had their origins in the disturbed but hidden emotions of the victims rather than in their physical bodies.

As far as the migraines, they said: "Although it is difficult to verify that in many of these patients the primary etiology (cause) is psychogenic (originating in the mind) the importance of psychological factors in the headache problem cannot be minimized."

The trouble here is that those psychological factors can be different from patient to patient. The doctors remarked: "Not all patients with migraine are compulsive, perfectionistic, or rigidly repressed hostility is an extremely common factor among many persons who do not have migraine and may have hypertension, ulcers..."

#### Factors Largely Unconscious

In tension headaches, they found "the fundamental psychic factors were largely unconscious, although most patients were aware of their anxiety. As in migraine the most frequently observed conflicts in cases of tension headache were those over hostile impulses. These patients

demonstrated aggression, hostility, and an intense resentment against members of their families or persons who represent figures."

Although a number of drugs for the treatment of migraines have been tried, they found that most investigators still found ergotamine tartrate the "most useful." But mind - treatment "may be of great value in reducing the intensity and number of migraine attacks in most patients." That is even more true for tension headaches, they added.

Red Bank, N.J. — (U.P.) — A gunman added insult to injury when he robbed a dry cleaning store of \$250. Police said the gunman fled in the proprietor's car— with the store's watchdog in the back seat.

### Bond Sales Higher Here for November

Sale of U. S. Savings bonds in Jackson county during November totaled \$93,291, it was reported this week.

This figure is \$13,997 more than the November, 1955, sales total, which was \$79,294. Sales through November, 1956, totaled \$1,111,311.

Oregonians bought \$2,937,310 worth of bonds in November and have purchased \$38,433,816 worth so far this year. This is a higher total in 11 months than the state has had in any other full year since the war, except for 1955.

The state savings bonds office reports that Umatilla and Wheeler counties completed their 1956 sales quotas at the end of November, joining Curry and Jefferson counties, which had made their earlier. Umatilla was the first of the state's 12 largest counties to accomplish this.

### 89 Korea War Orphans Head for New Homes

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Eighty-nine Korean war orphans headed for their new home in the United States today in time to spend their first Christmas with their new fathers and mothers.

The orphans arrived here Monday aboard a Pan American DC7C chartered by Oregon farmer Harry Holt, whose hobby is to find new parents for Korean orphans. He has adopted eight himself.

Washington — (U.P.) — The Supreme Court has rejected a new appeal from Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, Cleveland osteopath serving a life sentence for the 1954 bludgeon murder of his wife.

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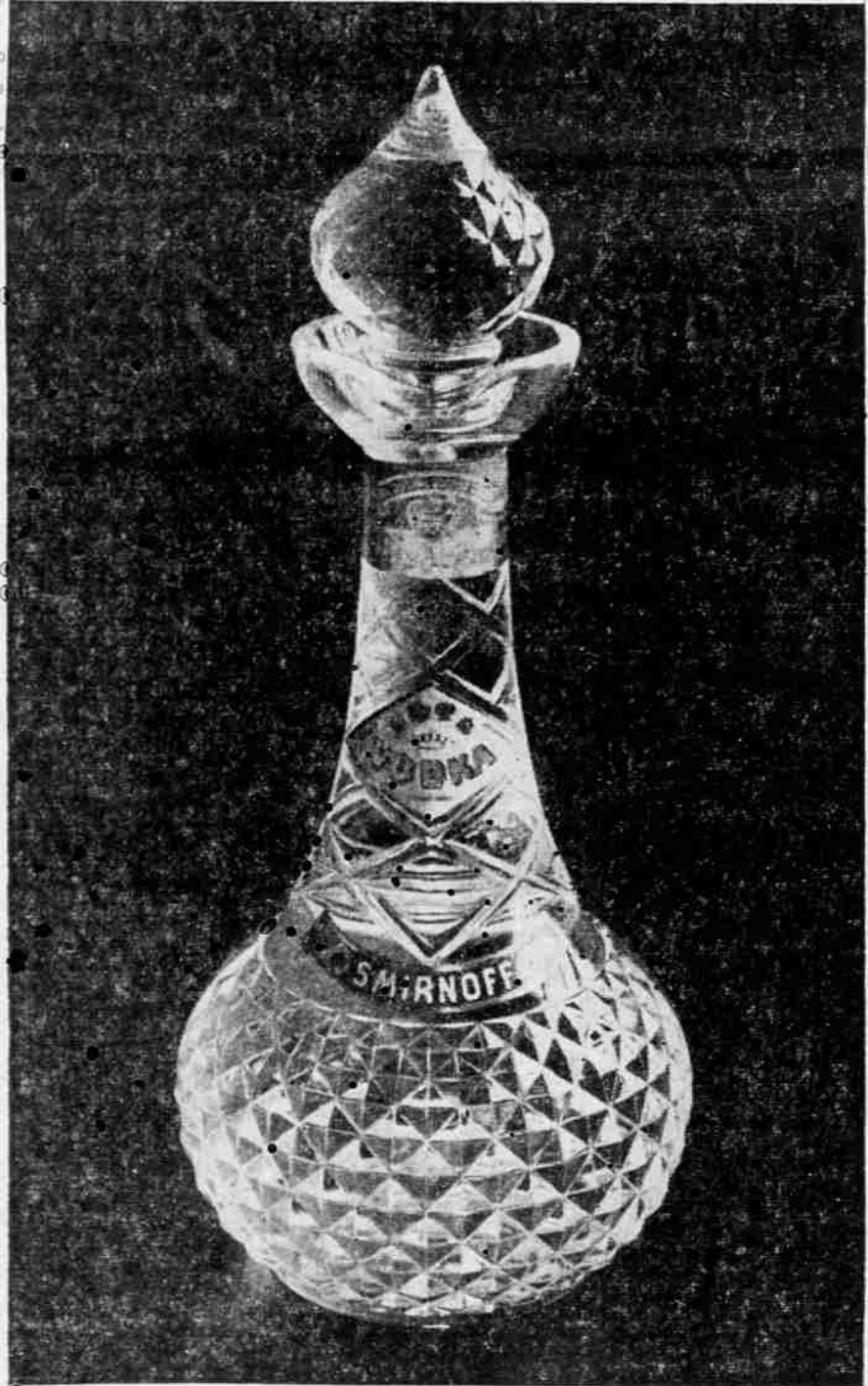
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