

**APPLE CROP MAY BE SHORT**

A late report of the department of agriculture at Washington on the fruit crop shows:

New York—Apples promising, but some rot.

New Jersey—Fall and winter apples fair in places, some in others; heavy hail storm of 28th, blew much fruit from the trees in central section.

Pennsylvania—Yield and quality of apples better than expected.

Maryland and Delaware—Apples in market.

Virginia—Apples scarce.

North Carolina—Apples scarce.

Arkansas—Apples fair.

Tennessee—Fruit crops promising.

Missouri—Short crop of peaches; other fruit fair.

Illinois—Apples scarce.

Indiana—Apples suffering from blight.

West Virginia—Light crop of apples.

Ohio—Apples inferior.

Michigan—Apples generally promising.

Wisconsin—Apples fair crop.

Iowa—Apples doing well, except some local damage by heavy winds.

Kansas—Apples dropping.

Montana—High winds damaged apple crop in places.

At a recent meeting of the Apple Shippers' association in St. Louis, the press committee set out summary of crop conditions, which shows that a favorable balance is struck between those sections which will have a greater yield and those which will have a smaller yield of apples than 1903, showing on the whole a slightly larger crop than last year.

The European yield, it is stated, will be considerably greater than last year, leaving a much larger quantity to be disposed of at home. In fixing prices, this will doubtless be an important factor.

Woodall & Co., apple importers of Liverpool, furnish the Chicago packer with valuable information as follows:

"The apple crop in the United Kingdom is likely this season to exceed any since 1900. The quality also promises to be good."

The total imports from the United States and Canada into the United Kingdom during the past season were 3,063,000 barrels, as against 2,300,000 barrels in the preceding year, constituting a record, the previous largest import (in 1897) being 2,937,000 barrels. Of the above 3,063,000 barrels, 1,618,000 were received into Liverpool.

"It is necessary once more to refer to the decadence of the good old Hudson River Newtown Pippins, and although a considerable quantity arrived, few, if any, came up to the standard of a high class trade, which is so essentially necessary; falling in this they become of little value. Should the quality of the coming crop be the same it would be better to pack any fine apples in boxes and dispose of the remainder on the home market. By so doing, the few will return better results than if all were shipped."

"California Newtowns have again been in large supply as compared with former years, they were throughout wanting in appearance, which is their chief recommendation, besides which most of those stored with hopes of better markets did badly through the fruitfalling away in condition and, in consequence, a low range of prices resulted, final sales for larger lots being 25 to 30 cents, the larger proportion being disposed of at 15 to 20 cents slightly wet, four and one-half tons sound at 45 to 50 cents per box."

"Reports from the chief continental growing districts point to a large crop. The consumption of apples in this country is a steadily increasing one, and there is no reason for supposing that it should not continue to be so."

E. J. DeHart, reporting from Medford, says:

I think as near as I can judge at the present time the fruit crop of this locality is up to the standard of former seasons. Favorable conditions will produce a larger percentage of perfect four tier fruit, and careful spraying has lessened the damage by codling moth. A severe hail storm on July 10 caused a serious injury to three of our largest orchards, which will cut down our output to about 70 per cent of the regular crop. This is an unusual occurrence, being the second in fifteen years.

Under the caption of "The Uneven Apple Situation," Orange Judd Farmer has the following interesting remark of the 1904 outlook in this week's issue:

The early reports from orchards in 1904 were indicative of an unusually good promise in almost every section of the country. In June, however, it became apparent that in many important districts, especially west of the Allegheny mountains, the set of fruit was not in keeping with the profusion of bloom.

This failure to set fruit is general west of the Allegheny mountains, except in Michigan, and is met with on the Atlantic slope south of the valley of the Delaware river, and in parts of New England. In New York the set was about normal, but it was rather under average in Ontario.

As compared with last year, there is prospect of a considerably larger crop in northern New England and New York districts, and a somewhat larger yield in the western districts, so that in spite of a decrease in the total apple crop, when measured by volume only the prospect is fair for a somewhat larger volume of barreling apples.

The crop in the western commercial districts, the Ohio, Mississippi, and Missouri valleys, is a very poor one, both in quantity and quality, but the comparison is with a still poorer crop in 1903, so that the present unsatisfactory outlook means possibly more commercial fruit than last year.

As a rule the promise is better for fall than for winter fruit.

In Ontario quality is fairly good, but the quality of the crop in Nova Scotia is inferior to the usual experience.

In Michigan the crop promises larger than last year and of better quality.

Indiana and Illinois are exceptions in the western district, showing as they do a promise even smaller than the exceedingly deficient crop of last year. Not only is the crop largely a failure throughout a large part of both states, but such fruit as is grown will be marked by very inferior quality.

In Iowa there is a fair promise for fall fruit in the northern and northwestern counties, and somewhat more winter fruit in the southwestern counties than was the case last year. Taken as a whole, there is rather more barreling stock than a year ago, but the supply is still so limited as to be of little consequence.

This situation in Missouri is exceedingly mixed. In the southern and southwestern counties there is considerable increase over last year's crop, while in the central Missouri river counties the crop is very much short of last year. In no section of the state, however, is there a larger crop or even a crop of fair volume, and while the state as a whole has considerably more commercial fruit than a year ago, there

is not enough to cut any particular figure in the question of supply.

The crop in Kansas is considerably larger than that of a year ago, with the increase particularly marked in some of the northeastern counties. In the central eastern counties the crop is about as last year, while in the Arkansas valley it is considerably smaller. As in the case with all the fruit west of the Allegheny mountains, except Michigan, the quality in the Missouri valley is very poor.

Crop estimates for the several states at the opening of August was made as follows:

Maine.....	85
New Hampshire.....	90
Vermont.....	75
Massachusetts.....	82
New York.....	72
New Jersey.....	60
Pennsylvania.....	50
Maryland.....	30
Virginia.....	35
West Virginia.....	40
Tennessee.....	70
Kentucky.....	50
Ohio.....	50
Michigan.....	70
Indiana.....	40
Wisconsin.....	80
Iowa.....	65
Missouri.....	30
Arkansas.....	75
Kansas.....	60
Colorado.....	85
California.....	60
Oregon.....	85
Washington.....	88
Ontario.....	95
Nova Scotia.....	65

**Daily Strawberry Shipments.**

Following are daily shipments of strawberries from Hood River, as secured by the Glacier on the O.R. & N. in the first column is shown the shipments of 1903, while in the parallel column are the shipments for 1904:

May 10	1904	1903
10	10	10
11	15	12
12	20	18
13	25	22
14	30	28
15	35	32
16	40	38
17	45	42
18	50	48
19	55	52
20	60	58
21	65	62
22	70	68
23	75	72
24	80	78
25	85	82
26	90	88
27	95	92
28	100	98
29	105	102
30	110	108
31	115	112
June 1	120	118
2	125	122
3	130	128
4	135	132
5	140	138
6	145	142
7	150	148
8	155	152
9	160	158
10	165	162
11	170	168
12	175	172
13	180	178
14	185	182
15	190	188
16	195	192
17	200	198
18	205	202
19	210	208
20	215	212
21	220	218
22	225	222
23	230	228
24	235	232
25	240	238
26	245	242
27	250	248
28	255	252
29	260	258
30	265	262
31	270	268
July 1	275	272
2	280	278
3	285	282
4	290	288
5	295	292
6	300	298
7	305	302
8	310	308
9	315	312
10	320	318
11	325	322
12	330	328
13	335	332
14	340	338
15	345	342
16	350	348
17	355	352
18	360	358
19	365	362
20	370	368
21	375	372
22	380	378
23	385	382
24	390	388
25	395	392
26	400	398
27	405	402
28	410	408
29	415	412
30	420	418
31	425	422
August 1	430	428
2	435	432
3	440	438
4	445	442
5	450	448
6	455	452
7	460	458
8	465	462
9	470	468
10	475	472
11	480	478
12	485	482
13	490	488
14	495	492
15	500	498
16	505	502
17	510	508
18	515	512
19	520	518
20	525	522
21	530	528
22	535	532
23	540	538
24	545	542
25	550	548
26	555	552
27	560	558
28	565	562
29	570	568
30	575	572
31	580	578
September 1	585	582
2	590	588
3	595	592
4	600	598
5	605	602
6	610	608
7	615	612
8	620	618
9	625	622
10	630	628
11	635	632
12	640	638
13	645	642
14	650	648
15	655	652
16	660	658
17	665	662
18	670	668
19	675	672
20	680	678
21	685	682
22	690	688
23	695	692
24	700	698
25	705	702
26	710	708
27	715	712
28	720	718
29	725	722
30	730	728
31	735	732
October 1	740	738
2	745	742
3	750	748
4	755	752
5	760	758
6	765	762
7	770	768
8	775	772
9	780	778
10	785	782
11	790	788
12	795	792
13	800	798
14	805	802
15	810	808
16	815	812
17	820	818
18	825	822
19	830	828
20	835	832
21	840	838
22	845	842
23	850	848
24	855	852
25	860	858
26	865	862
27	870	868
28	875	872
29	880	878
30	885	882
31	890	888
November 1	895	892
2	900	898
3	905	902
4	910	908
5	915	912
6	920	918
7	925	922
8	930	928
9	935	932
10	940	938
11	945	942
12	950	948
13	955	952
14	960	958
15	965	962
16	970	968
17	975	972
18	980	978
19	985	982
20	990	988
21	995	992
22	1000	998
23	1005	1002
24	1010	1008
25	1015	1012
26	1020	1018
27	1025	1022
28	1030	1028
29	1035	1032
30	1040	1038
31	1045	1042
December 1	1050	1048
2	1055	1052
3	1060	1058
4	1065	1062
5	1070	1068
6	1075	1072
7	1080	1078
8	1085	1082
9	1090	1088
10	1095	1092
11	1100	1098
12	1105	1102
13	1110	1108
14	1115	1112
15	1120	1118
16	1125	1122
17	1130	1128
18	1135	1132
19	1140	1138
20	1145	1142
21	1150	1148
22	1155	1152
23	1160	1158
24	1165	1162
25	1170	1168
26	1175	1172
27	1180	1178
28	1185	1182
29	1190	1188
30	1195	1192
31	1200	1198
January 1	1205	1202
2	1210	1208
3	1215	1212
4	1220	1218
5	1225	1222
6	1230	1228
7	1235	1232
8	1240	1238
9	1245	1242
10	1250	1248
11	1255	1252
12	1260	1258
13	1265	1262
14	1270	1268
15	1275	1272
16	1280	1278
17	1285	1282
18	1290	1288
19	1295	1292
20	1300	1298
21	1305	1302
22	1310	1308
23	1315	1312
24	1320	1318
25	1325	1322
26	1330	1328
27	1335	1332
28	1340	1338
29	1345	1342
30	1350	1348
31	1355	1352
February 1	1360	1358
2	1365	1362
3	1370	1368
4	1375	1372
5	1380	1378
6	1385	1382
7	1390	1388
8	1395	1392
9	1400	1398
10	1405	1402
11	1410	1408
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16	1435	1432
17	1440	1438
18	1445	1442
19	1450	1448
20	1455	1452
21	1460	1458
22	1465	1462
23	1470	1458
24	1475	1464
25	1480	1470
26	1485	1476
27	1490	1482
28	1495	1488
29	1500	1494
30	1505	1500
31	1510	1506
March 1	1515	1512
2	1520	1518
3	1525	1524
4	1530	1530
5	1535	1536
6	1540	1542
7	1545	1548
8	1550	1554
9	1555	1560
10	1560	1566
11	1565	1572
12	1570	1578
13	1575	1584
14	1580	1590
15	1585	1596
16	1590	1602
17	1595	1608
18	1600	1614
19	1605	1620
20	1610	1626
21	1615	1632
22	1620	1638
23	1625	1644
24	1630	1650
25	1635	1656
26	1640	1662
27	1645	1668
28	1650	1674
29	1655	1680
30	1660	1686
31	1665	1692
April 1	1670	1698
2	1675	1704
3	1680	1710
4	1685	