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CENSUS SHOWS FEWER BEARING APPLE TREES

A preliminary statement of the general results of the thirteenth census relative to the number of farms report in apple trees of bearing age and those not yet of bearing age, together with the number of trees in each class as of April 15, 1910, and giving the number of bushels of apples produced in 1909 and the value of the crop, has been issued by Director Durand, of the bureau of the census, department of commerce and labor. Comparable data are given for 1900 wherever possible. The report was prepared under the direction of Le Grand Powers, chief statistician, and John Lee Coulter, expert special agent, for agriculture. Further analysis of the report may result in slight modifications of the totals here presented before final publication, but it is not expected that they will affect materially the figures given herein.

At the census of 1900, taken as of June 1, there were reported 201,794,000 apple trees of bearing age, against 151,323,000 trees in 1910 (census taken as of April 15), a decrease of 50,471,000 trees or 31.4 per cent.

In 1910 there were 2,980,358 farms reporting the growing of apple trees, 46.8 per cent of the total number of farms in the United States. The average number of trees per farm reporting is given as 51. No report was received in 1900 showing the number of farms reporting.

The returns of the 1900 census, likewise, did not secure the number of trees under bearing age. In 1910, however, 1,498,746 farms, or 25.6 per cent of the total, had 45,792,000 trees not of bearing age, an average of 44 per farm.

The present census shows that in 1909 there were produced in the United States 147,222,000 bushels of apples, having a total value of \$83,221,000. The production at that time was somewhat less than it was 10 years previously, when 175,397,000 bushels were gathered. The report of the 1900 census gives no information as to the value of apples.

Among the several states, Missouri, New York and Illinois, together contained in 1910, almost 25 per cent of all apple trees of bearing age in the United States.

The number of trees of bearing age in Missouri at the census of 1910 was 14,360,000, this being a decrease since 1900 of 5,680,000 trees. The production of apples in 1909 amounted to 9,969,000 bushels, while in 1900 it was 6,496,000 bushels, a gain of 3,473,000 bushels. The value of the 1909 crop was \$4,886,000.

New York reported 11,248,000 trees of bearing age in 1910, against 15,055,000 trees in 1900. This state alone produced more apples in 1909 than the entire east more central division, 25,490,000 bushels valued at \$13,343,000. In 1899, a crop of 24,111,000 bushels was gathered.

In 1910, there were 9,901,000 trees of bearing age in the state of Illinois, while in 1900 the number was 13,430,000 trees. Over 3,093,000 bushels of apples were produced in 1909, against 9,178,000 bushels in 1900, a falling off of over 6,000,000 bushels. The value of the 1909 crop was \$2,112,000.

While the states of Pennsylvania and Michigan did not report as large a number of trees in 1910 as the above named states, they each produced a considerably greater quantity of apples than Missouri or Illinois.

Apples Lead Fruit Exports

So much is said at one time or another with regard to the necessity of fruit culture that the progress made in this particular and in other quarters is lost sight of. Throughout broad areas, it is true, fruit culture has been neglected; there is a marked almost every year for certain kinds of fruit away beyond the possibilities of supply. Still the constant reiteration of the fact that fruit culture is profitable wherever carried on intelligently has contributed to the increasing toward the annual increase of the acreage planted. Especially is this the case in the southwest, the Pacific northwest and in California and Florida.

Some idea of the magnitude of the fruit and nut business of the United States will be obtained from the fact that the exports of these articles from this country have reached a total of \$29,153,123 yearly. The exports of January of this year were 50 per cent greater than those for the same month of 1911. The increase of annual exports of this character in ten years has been nearly \$20,000,000.

Strives to say, while the United States is sending away fruit and nuts to the value of \$29,000,000 and over, annually, it is paying \$44,000,000 for foreign products of the same kind, and the imports have increased almost exactly the same amount as the exports within a decade. The movement outward is mainly in apples, canned fruit, raisins and other dried grapes, peaches and pomegranates. The movement inward is, of course, mainly in tropical products, oranges, bananas, lemons, dates and figs.

At present the apple exports figure up to \$9,000,000. This, according to the American consuls and commercial agents, could be greatly increased. The American apple is a great favorite throughout Europe, and so long as its price can be kept at a reasonable stage all that this country has to offer is quickly taken. The foreign fruit trade of the United States a quarter of a century ago, was insignificant, comparatively speaking; it is now rapidly rising toward the dignity of a principal item, and in this fact there should be inspiration as well as encouragement for the American fruit grower. - Wenatchee World.

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