Agriculture Department's Harvest Information Shows Most Crops Far Below Last Year's Yields

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The agriculture department, in a harvest-time report, yesterday estimated this year's corn crop at 3,104,988,000 (B) bushels and wheat 993,598,000 (M) bushels.

The corn figure is 25,787,000 bushels less than 3,130,775,000 forecast a month ago. It compares with a government production goal of 3,750,000,000 bushels, last year's crop of 3,131,009,000, and the ten-year (1940-49) average of 2,980,777,000.

The wheat estimate is 5,551,000 bushels less than 999,149,000 forecast a month ago. It compares with a production goal of 1,150,000,000, last year's crop of 1,026,755,000 and the 10-year average of 1,071,310,000.

UNCHANGED

The winter wheat forecast was unchanged from a month ago — 650,738,000 bushels compared with 750,666,000 last year and 791,764,000 for the 10-year average.

Spring wheat was indicated at 342,660,000 bushels, which is 5,551,000 less than 348,411,000 predicted a month ago. Spring wheat production was 276,089,000 last year and 278,546,000 for the 10-year average.

The spring wheat estimate included 36,369,000 bushels of durum compared with 36,536,000 forecast last month and 306,491,000 bushels of spring wheat other than durum compared with 311,875,000 last month. Last year production of durum was 36,064,000 compared with 37,386,000 for the 10-year average, while production of other spring wheat was 240,025,000 compared with 242,160,000 for the average.

OTHER CROPS

The indicated production of other crops compared with a month ago, last year, and the 10-year average, respectively, included

Oats 1,372,248,000 bushels; 1,377,965,000 last month, 1,465,134,000 last year and 1,311,651,000 for the 10-year average.

Barley 254,409,000 bushels; 257,585,000; 301,009,000 and 396,523,000.

Hay, all, 113,859,000 tons; 112,922,000; 106,819,000 and 101,644,000.

Potatoes 337,122,00 bushels; 346,840,000; 339,500,000 and 410,200,000

Stocks of wheat on farms October 1 were reported at 481,775,000 bushels or 48.5 percent of this year's crop. This compares with last year and 523,739,000 bushels or 49.6 percent for the 10-year average.

The indicated yield per acre and production, respectively, of important crops by major producing states included:

All wheat: South Dakota 14.8 55,487,000 bushels; Kansas 12 and 126,732,000; Montana 16.6 and 93,517,000; Idaho 26.8 and 38,503,000; Washington 25.5 and 70,902,000; Oregon 27.6 and 28,878,000; California 17 and 9,962,000.

Spring wheat and other durum: South Dakota 14.5 bushels per acre and production 44,500,000 bushels; Montana 15 and 65,775,000; Idaho 30 and 21,630,000; Washington 24 and 17,472,000; Oregon 23 and 6,900,000.

Potatoes: Nebraska 190 bushels per acre and production 7,410,000 bushels; Idaho 280 and 37,520,000; Washington 300 and 8,700,000; Oregon 315 and 11,655,000; California (late crop) 375 and 13,125,000.

Grandmothers Get Together

CINCINNATI, (AP) — A Michigan woman whose grandparents died before she was born started an organization that is lifting many a grandmother out of the rocking chair.

Mrs. Marie K. Brown, 64, Central Lake, Mich., recalled how it began as she sat down with more than 400 women today for the annual convention of the national federation of grandmother clubs of America.

"I always envied people with grandmothers," she said in an interview.

START

In 1934, a year after Mrs. Brown's first grandchild was born, she went to the Michigan convention of the business and professional women's clubs. "I threw out my chest and said I was a grandmother," Mrs. Brown said. "Then I asked if there were any others present, and a lot of them stuck up their hands and yelled."

So a group of grandmothers began meeting for breakfast at the B&PW conventions.

"In 1937 the Associated Press took a picture of us. Hundreds of grandmothers saw it and wrote us about it."

That did it.

The national federation, founded in 1938 with 20 clubs, now has 129, with more than 10,000 grandmothers enrolled.

Members wear pins with a metal bar for each grandchild. Mrs. Brown said one member at the convention had 33.

"Look over there," she said, pointing across a downtown hotel lobby. "Don't they look happy."

Chatting briskly were 38 Indianapolis grandmothers attired in gray costumes and little gray bonnets tied under their chins with blue ribbons.

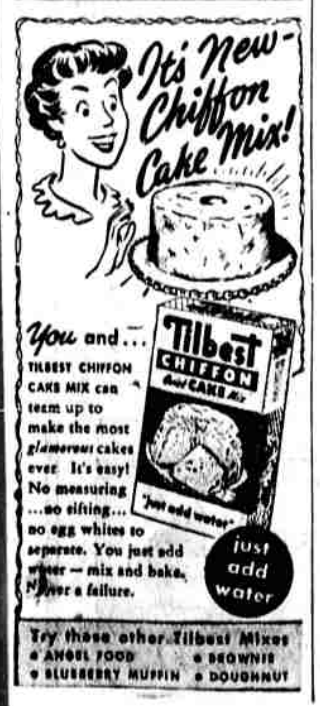
"These grandmother clubs have given all of us something to do besides sit in a rocking chair and sew," she said.

HAVEN

Establishing a haven for needy grandmothers is the organization's main goal. Another is to get the second Sunday in October set aside as national grandmothers day.

Mrs. Brown summed it up vigorously when she was asked if any of the delegates ever resented being called grandmother.

"Certainly not!" she said. "We're proud of it. Being a grandmother is the crowning experience in life."



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