

Rain Helps Wheat Prospect

BUMPER CROP FORECAST FOR COAST STATES

Wheat crop prospects jumped Wednesday as farmers prepared for the great golden harvest in the far west "bread basket."

Reports from grain dealers and farmers in Washington, Oregon and Idaho placed an average estimate of 77,000,000 bushels on the 1937 crop, about equal to last year's bumper harvest.

The forecasts were almost a complete reversal of those made a month ago.

Heavy rainfall during the past two weeks accounted for the current good outlook.

All crop experts reported production would be "substantial," some even forecast a better crop than last year.

The average winter wheat crop was estimated at 29,000,000 bushels, compared with 31,600,000 last year. The spring crop forecast was 48,000,000 bushels, an increase of nearly 20,000,000 over 1936.

Some buying quarters estimated the crop would reach 81,000,000 bushels, with a spring crop of 50,000,000. One dealer said winter wheat would be 30 per cent of normal and spring wheat 80 per cent of normal.

Gordon T. Shaw, one of the largest wheat dealers in the northwest, who made a complete circuit of the northwest wheat belt last week, placed an estimate of 77,000,000 bushels on the crop.

Shaw reported "a lot of winter wheat in district nine in southwestern Washington was frozen out, but spring wheat prospects are excellent."

He said the big Bend section would harvest its best crop in years, both spring and winter, and that it might set a record.

The Spokane district will harvest a top crop of winter wheat and an excellent spring crop," he said.

The Pacific Northwest Grain Dealers association predicted a crop totaling 75,000,000 bushels. The Farmers National Grain company forecast a crop between 78,000,000 and 80,000,000 bushels.

Acres production was placed at around 25 to 30 bushels.

Shaw said the wheat was "headed out" before the rain came, "but the moisture helped the sucker heads." More rain is not desired because it would give the wheat a low protein content.

The northwest probably will have the lowest wheat carryover in many years—between 10,000,000 and 12,000,000 bushels.

About 45,000,000 bushels of wheat will be shipped this year, dealers said.

One grain dealer said the northwest would be hit by a ship shortage and predicted a rate boost because of the mad scramble by European powers for scrap iron, now selling at the high price of around \$25 a ton.

A survey showed the greatest wheat production in Washington would come from Asotin, Columbia, Garfield, Walla Walla and Whitman counties, which will harvest about 21,000,000 bushels.

Benton, Chelan, Kittitas, Klickitat, Okanogan and Yakima counties, comprising the central Washington district, figure to harvest about 4,700,000 bushels.

Adams, Douglas, Franklin, Grant and Lincoln counties may produce around 19,000,000 bushels.

In Oregon, Baker, Umatilla, Union and Walla counties will harvest about 8,000,000 bushels, and Gilliam, Hood River, Morrow, Sherman and Wasco counties about 6,600,000 bushels.

We have churches enough in Germany; sometimes one thinks we have too many.—Nazi Propaganda Minister Hermann Goebbels.

Nature's hint to hill-billy troubadours: Coyotes never meet twice in the same place to yell their weird songs.

Muzzling of dogs during the summer months causes an almost immediate decline in the number of cases of rabies.

STOCK AVERAGES				
Compiled by The Associated Press				
	30	15	10	5
	Indus	Rails	Util's	Stks.
Wednesday	93.9	40.8	42.4	67.6
Previous day	93.4	40.0	41.8	68.9
Month ago	92.6	42.9	41.6	67.3
Year ago	84.6	34.6	49.5	63.1
1937 High	101.6	49.5	54.0	75.2
1937 Low	87.9	36.1	39.1	62.6
1936 High	99.3	43.5	53.7	72.5
1936 Low	73.4	30.2	43.4	55.7

BOND AVERAGES				
Compiled by The Associated Press				
	20	10	10	10
	Rails	Indus	Util's	For.
Wednesday	93.0	102.8	94.8	72.9
Previous day	92.7	102.8	94.6	72.7
Month ago	93.8	103.2	96.2	72.6
Year ago	92.0	103.0	102.2	69.0
1937 High	99.0	104.4	102.8	74.7
1937 Low	90.9	102.2	95.8	70.5
1936 High	98.2	104.4	103.1	73.0
1936 Low	86.9	101.8	99.3	67.6

Stock Market Quotations

NEW YORK, July 7 (AP)—Stock buyers concentrated on rails, utilities and specialties in today's market.	
But profit selling, evident from the start, slowed the rallying momentum which swept prices into a sharp upswing Tuesday.	
There was little change either in the steel labor imbroglio, although brokers thought tension had lessened appreciably as independent steel companies announced large numbers of workers were returning without hindrance from pickets.	
At the same time, the marked price recovery of Tuesday was said to have inspired some stock traders to cash in part of their gains.	
Activity in the first hour was pronounced, with blocks of several thousand shares changing hands. Offerings were insistent, however, and steel and other wide movers in the preceding session inclined to back water. The pace slowed later. Advances of fractions to two or more points were plentiful at the close. Transfers approximated 1,400,000 shares.	
Today's closing quotations:	
Air Reduction	72
Allied Chemical & Dye	229
Allied Stores	154
American Can	101 1/2
American & Foreign Power	8 1/2
A. T. & T.	169 1/2
American Tob. B.	79 1/2
American Water Works	15 1/2
Anacosta Copper	58
Armour Illinois	11 1/2
Armour T. & S. F.	18 1/2
Aviation Corp.	7 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	30
Barnsdall	27 1/2
Bendix Aviation	90 1/2
Bechtel Steel	31 1/2
Boring Air	42
Briggs Mfg.	9 1/2
Budd Mfg.	37
California Packing	37
Callahan Z-L	3 1/2
Calumet & Hecla	14 1/2
Canadian Pacific	12 1/2
Case, J. I.	167
Caterpillar Tractor	92 1/2
Celanese	39 1/2
Certain-Teed	54
Chesapeake & Ohio	16 1/2
Chrysler Motor	106 1/2
Columbia Gas & Electric	12 1/2
Commercial Investment Tr.	63 1/2
Commercial Solvents	14 1/2
Commonwealth & Southern	2 1/2
Consolidated Edison	16 1/2
Consolidated Oil	8 1/2
Corn Products	63
Curtis Wright	63
Du Pont & De N.	158 1/2
Electric Auto Light	39 1/2
General Electric	55 1/2
General Foods	37 1/2
General Motors	50 1/2
Goodyear Tires	49 1/2
Great Northern pfd.	52
Hudson Motor	25 1/2
Illinois Central	25 1/2
Insp. Copper	25 1/2
International Harvester	109 1/2
International Nickel	61 1/2
International P. & P. pfd.	105
I. T. & T.	12
Johns Manville	128 1/2
Kennecott Con. Copper	60 1/2
Libbey-O-Pond	61 1/2
Liggett & Myers B.	85 1/2
Loew's	60 1/2
Monty Ward	25
National Biscuit	25
National Distillers	30 1/2
National Power & Light	19
New York Central	40 1/2
North American	26 1/2
Northern Pacific	30 1/2
Packard Motor	9 1/2
Penn. R. R.	93 1/2
Phillips Petroleum	40 1/2
Pressed Steel Car	59 1/2
Public Service New Jersey	42 1/2
Pullman Co.	67 1/2
Radio Corp.	9 1/2
Remington Rand	25 1/2
Republic Steel	38 1/2
Reynolds Tob. B.	50
Sears Roebuck	12 1/2
Shell Union	28 1/2
Southern Calif. Edison	47 1/2
Southern Pacific	12 1/2
Standard Brands	12 1/2
Standard Oil California	43
Standard Oil New Jersey	68 1/2

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WHEAT TOUCHED BY BEARISH INFLUENCE

CHICAGO, July 7 (AP)—Late setback of wheat prices today carried the Chicago wheat market down in some cases nearly two cents a bushel.

The late downturns of wheat values here were influenced by bearish action of the Winnipeg market, where export demand was negligible. Cables said buyers overseas were inclined to believe that crop damage to date this side of the Atlantic had been more than discounted.

At the close wheat was 1c to 1 1/2c under Tuesday's finish, July 12.3c to 12.3 1/2c, September 12.24c to 12.25c, corn 2 1/2c off to 1 1/2c, July 11.25c, September 11.13c to 11.18c, and oats 1c to 1 1/2c down.

South S. F. Livestock

SO. SAN FRANCISCO, July 7 (AP)—Hogs 75c. Butchers mostly 25c higher, top and bulk good-choice 165-230 lb. weights \$2.25, straight and lightly sorted at \$1.75; few 235-285 lb. butchers \$1.75; packing sows 25-35c higher, \$9.25-9.75. Late Tuesday: Half-load local butchers \$11.50.

Cattle 25c. Slow, very few steady, package Mexicans \$6.50; grass-fat steers quoted up to \$9.00 or slightly above; fat she-stock steady, lower-grades weak to 25c lower, short-load 45 lb. short-fed heifers \$7.75, good grass cows \$6.25, medium range cows \$4.75 to \$5.50, low-cutters \$2.75 to \$3.75; good weighty bulls quoted up to \$6.00. Late Tuesday: All classes closed fairly active, steady to strong at last week's dull close, instances 25c higher, grass steers \$8.50-8.75. Calves: 50, practically all direct. Nominal, few medium-choice vealers \$7.00 to \$9.00.

Sheep 160c, direct \$30. Few

Chicago Livestock

CHICAGO, July 7 (AP)—USDA: Hogs, receipts 13,000 head; market for good and choice hogs, 25c lb., down, steady to shade lower; heavy butchers and packing sows mostly 10c to 15c off after few early sales, top, \$12.75; bulk good and choice 200 to 250 lb., \$12.50 to \$12.70; 250 to 300 lb., \$12.25 to \$12.60; 150 to 190 lb., \$12.00 to \$12.60; good packing sows, 300 to 350 lb., \$10.40 to \$11.15; few heavy sows, down to \$10.25 and below.

Cattle, receipts 9,000 head; calves, receipts 1,500 head; almost a runaway market on fed steers and yearlings, all representative weights selling at a new high on crop; very active at 25c advance, top, \$16.00 on weighty fed steers; numerous loads, \$16.00 to \$16.35; long yearlings, \$16.00 and heifer yearlings, \$14.65; grassy native steers, \$12.00 down to \$3.50; all she stock, both fed and grass of various ages, to 25c higher; about 400 head Texas bred calves and yearlings sold to country Tuesday at \$8.75 to \$9.85; stocker trade remains firm.

Sheep, receipts 7,000 head; native spring lambs active, strong to 25c higher; bulk good to choice upwards to \$11.50 to \$11.75 to large interests, top, \$12.00 to small hillers and yard traders. Sheep firm; slaughter ewes \$3.00 to \$4.50.

BOSTON WOOL

BOSTON, July 7 (AP)—USDA: Domestic wool quotations were firm today though trade was extremely limited. Fine Ohio delaine was quoted 40c to 42c in the grease and scattered small lots were sold through Boston houses at prices within this range.

Western grown wools were mostly quiet but firmly quoted. Mill buyers showed little interest and the occasional inquiries were for wool that could be bought in the country. Bids made by these inquiries were under spot quotations in Boston and order buyers reported the requests difficult to fill.

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GRANGE COUNCIL MEETS THURSDAY

For the meeting of the grange county council, Thursday, July 8, at 8 p. m., a special effort has been made to limit the time of each item on the program so as to enable adjournment at about 10:30 p. m.

This arrangement was planned by the program committee with the idea that the program should be short and snappy as most of the farmers are busy at this season. Every effort will be made so that attending grangers may get home as early as possible.

President of the council, Amos Slack, says the committee's schedule will be strictly followed.

At 8 p. m. the council will be opened in the fourth degree by the officers of the Shasta View grange, after which reports and recommendations of officers will be received.

At 8:30 there will be a meeting of lecturers, home economics, masters and round table groups. At 9 p. m. a short program by Shasta View grange is scheduled, after which there will be a demonstration of grange rules of order.

Demonstration of opening and closing of grange by officers of Midland grange who will be seated with an officers' seating drill. Also a ball drill demonstration by the same grange.

At 9:45 there will be a discussion of preliminary work for entertainment of the state grange.

At 10:30 the session will be closed in the fourth degree by officers of the Shasta View grange.

The session will be followed by a potluck luncheon, and all who attend are urged to contribute one item.

Meerschaum, used in making fine pipes, is a mineral dug in Asia Minor. It is cheese-like in consistency when first mined, but hardens rapidly when exposed to air.

Recreation Notes

News About Personalities and Events

Just about every softball fan in town was expected out Wednesday night to see the scheduled playoff between the Smoke and Knights of Columbus teams. These two groups of warriors were tied for first place honors in the first half schedule. Rest assured both expected to fight for that crown which might mean so much when the team is chosen to represent Klamath county in the state tournament.

Incidentally this state tournament which will be held in Salem this year is dated August 23-28. The state is divided into 15 districts which will put at least that many teams into the tournament. Klamath county is in district 14 which also includes Curry, Josephine, Jackson and Lake counties. A district tournament must be played prior to August 18 to decide just who will represent the district in the state tournament.

It is time to begin thinking of our representation in the district and state finals. There is a good brand of softball being played in our league, and we should see that the lads have a chance to show themselves. How about a fund-raising drive to send them along?

We suggest you take a stroll or a drive up North Third and take a look at the work being done on the playground at the corner of McKinley, Nelson Reed was on hand bright and early Tuesday with a bulldozer and you should have seen the dirt fly. We don't even know the name of the man Reed had operating that machine, but we do know he is an artist. What that fellow can do with a bulldozer is plenty. He even puts Paul Bunyan to shame.

This new ground doesn't look so hot just now. The dirt is all stirred up, and it looks as little like a playground as anything you could imagine. But wait. You won't know the place in a week or so. Reed figures the heavy part of the dirt moving will be done Wednesday. After that comes the grading and the erection of equipment. It really will not be so long until we'll have a brand new playground right in our own back (or front) yard.

Registration began at the Fremont playground Tuesday. The center there will officially open at 10 a. m. Thursday. Plans are being developed for at least one elementary leader and special classes in shop work for both boys and girls, tap-dancing and perhaps camp cookery for which there seems such a demand. Kelly Robinette, of course, will handle the shop program. Mr. Spiera and Miss Goodfellow will supervise this as well as the other city programs.

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