

EXCELLENT PRICES FOR POTATOES IN BOX BUTTE
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with farmers receiving \$1.50 @ 1.70 from the wagons.

Idaho Crop Shows Decrease.
Pocatello, Idaho.—The potato crop in Idaho this year will be considerably less than last year. The acreage in Southern Idaho, comprising the Twin Falls district from Rupert to Buhl and in the Idaho Falls territory from Blackfoot to Rigby is about the same as last year, taking the whole district as a whole.

However, the yield will be much smaller per acre. This is due to the fact that the season has been too hot and dry and the potatoes did not get a good start. Estimates as to the probable crop as compared with last year vary from 50 per cent to 75 per cent, but the consensus of opinion seems that 65 per cent of last year is a good estimate on this year's crop.

The first cars have commenced to move. The Rurals and Russets are the principal varieties grown.

The Caldwell district which raises early potatoes, has about 1,500 cars of which around half have been moved so far. This was a large increase for them. The car shortage put a crimp in the deal and as a result there is still half of this early stock to move which ordinarily should have been out of way. It is said that a large part of this stock will never be moved as the late crop is now ready.

The car shortage in this district played havoc with the early potato crop deal as it was very difficult to get refrigerator cars, and this stock had to move under ice. Now that the late crop is ready this car shortage shows no improvement. At this time of the year the late crop moves under ventilation, but it is impossible to get the cars, so stock is now going forward in box cars, that is a large part of it. There are some ventilated cars available but they are few. Shippers have no definite information as to when the situation will improve.

New York Crop Green.
Rochester, N. Y.—A few potatoes are moving from Western New York. However, the crop is quite green with tops still growing or gradually dying down. In any event, the tubers peel and are not fit to dig, except for immediate use. Prices have eased off materially within the last few days, but the market is rather grasping in the dark and there is nothing very stable as yet to indicate what will happen when the main crop begins to go to market. Just now dealers are shipping out in a limited way at \$1.40 a bushel for No. 1 stock, paying growers around \$1.25.

Car Shortage in Maine.
New York City.—With no relief in sight for the Aroostook country potato shippers, who have been almost marooned by a car shortage, the movement of Maine potatoes to this

market this week was light and local receivers saw very little chance of a heavier movement next week. There are plenty of potatoes in Maine, as indicated by both the government report and reports from shippers, and as soon as cars can be obtained, the movement will be free. One large shipper reported that he had placed an urgent order for cars ten days ago and had not received a single car. Other reports are almost as bad as that and while there is a good demand for Maine potatoes at practically all points, the market is demoralized in the growing sections. Farmers are anxious to haul their stock and yet they must stand a discount of 45c to 50c in order to clear the shipper of the chance of deterioration while waiting for a car. The best they were able to get this week was \$2.75 per 165-pound barrel. All applications to railway officials for relief get the old answer that they are meeting the situation as best they can. While early shipments from Aroostook county have far surpassed any previous year, the movement the last two weeks has been far below normal.

The market, as far as prices are concerned at the outside points, is a little better than last week. Shipments going to Boston are said to have been made this week at \$2.35 per cwt. delivered in bulk. That price was about \$2.45 delivered at Harlem River here but that seems a little out of line, as the very best stock sold here Wednesday at \$2.35 @ 2.40 per cwt. delivered Harlem River. Extreme sales were made in the yards at \$4.75 per 180 pound bulk but the general average has been around \$4.50.

Large Crop in Kentucky.
Louisville, Ky.—The second crop of potatoes in Kentucky covers an unusually large acreage, it being estimated at one-fourth larger than that of last year, which was not a small one, by any means, and at least one half larger than the spring crop of this year. However, a bad drought has been experienced in Jefferson county and nearly all through the state and unless good rains are experienced shortly, and frost is late, the crop doesn't promise much. It is reported that much of the stock is showing few potatoes, or very small ones. Some potatoes which were

planted early in July did nicely, and late July and early August held back planting, and the crop will be late. With rain within the next few days potatoes should fill out well, as the plants are hearty and strong. Digging should start in a large way between October 15 and 31, with the crop out of the ground in November. With proper weather, Kentucky's famous Jefferson county district should produce one of the largest crops on record.

Ohio Crop Short.
Archbold, O.—There will be no potatoes, onions nor cabbage for shipment from this point this season, the potato crop being about 15 per cent of normal, onions and cabbage about 30 per cent normal. Weather conditions too wet in the spring and crop suffered later from drought.

Wisconsin Potatoes Short.
Iola, Wis.—With a normal acreage of potatoes the total shipments will fall short of last year on account of the light yield of early stock, which is going about 120 bushels to the acre. The late crop is expected to be better and a good yield is in prospect if the weather remains favorable and the frost holds off. The potatoes being brought in now are of good size and quality.

Scandinavia, Wis.—The potato acreage is about up to normal this year and the harvest is being carried on vigorously, with the fields now being dug going from 75 to 150 bushels to the acre. The stock is of good size and the small yield is principally due to a poor set rather than to small potatoes. The late crop is still growing and the size of the yield will depend upon the weather conditions and the length of time that the frost holds off. The vines are in fine condition and a good yield is in prospect.

Stevens Point, Wis.—The crop of potatoes at this point is short as the soil in this vicinity is generally light and the dry weather has cut the yield considerably so that stock now being brought in is not going over about 75 bushels to the acre. The stand is spotted and the vines are small and spindling in the late fields and although the late potatoes will still grow until the frost stops them the yield will not be a large one. A few have been marketed. However, a long spell of dry weather in

last year. Most of the potato operators at this point do not depend upon this vicinity solely for their stock but have shipping stations in some of the more productive points where bigger yields of larger potatoes are produced.

Light Yield in Michigan.
Grand Rapids, Mich.—The dry weather during the summer has been hard on the early potato crop and only a very light yield has been produced ranging from 30 to 70 bushels in the Southern counties to 50 to 75 bushels to the acre in the Northern counties. A few points that had timely showers this summer have had yields as high as 100 bushels. The late potato crop is still a matter of weather conditions. In fields that were planted during the hot wave prevailing early in June the stand is poor, sometimes as poor as 65 per cent, but more generally 85 while in later planted fields the stands are very good. In the Northern counties and the Central section around Greenville and Hart the vines are in a thrifty condition and show every indication of a good yield with favorable weather conditions for another few weeks. In the sections South of Grand Rapids and South of Lansing where potatoes form a less important part of the farmers' crops the vines are not as large and the yield is not expected to be as good as farther North. The acreage for the state is about 2,000 acres less than

be a few days before any great increase in the shipments is to be expected. Southern Michigan points have been liberal buyers of Wisconsin and Minnesota potatoes during the past few weeks as the movement from within the state was not heavy enough to supply them.

Very few potatoes are being shipped from Michigan so far and it will

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