



SUMMARY OF CROP IN THE CORN BELT STATES

Nebraska Pastures in Good Condition
—Plenty of Roughage from Large Crop Small Grain.

Omaha, Nebr., July 17.—The government report on the corn shows a condition somewhat higher than last year in the face of late frosts and drought conditions from various sections.

In 1917 the acreage of corn grown was the largest in the history of the country, 119,755,000 acres, compared with 105,672,000 acres, the average for 1911-1915. The production in 1917 was 3,159,000,000 bushels, the greatest yield ever recorded, but a large part of the crop was soft and the net feeding value was much less than appears from mere statement of the quantity produced in terms of bushels. The crop during 1911-1915 averaged 2,754,000,000 bushels annually.

The acreage this year is approximately 5,000,000 less than last year or 114,755,000 acres and this is by no means a bad showing considering the difficulty experienced by the farmers in securing seed corn, which was extremely scarce this season in consequence of the combination of a late crop, with early frosts or freezes, an extremely low winter temperatures, causing a condition unprecedented in degree and extent during recent years. Notwithstanding the fact that the acreage is less than last year it is still 9,000,000 acres more than any other year in history and the government July returns should show a prospective yield exceeding 3,098,385,000 bushels compared with 3,159,494,000 bushels harvested last year, based on last year's average yield per acre which is very conservative considering the condition of corn as compared with last year.

While there are still some sections of western Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma that are in need of rain, the

greater part of the corn producing area has received rain in the past few days.

The outlook in Iowa and northern Missouri has never been better, this section having had ample rain fall at proper intervals, pastures being in excellent condition and bumper crops practically assured, which will result in even larger demand than usual for feeder cattle and sheep in this territory.

Contrary to the general belief, pastures in Nebraska are in fairly good condition and while there is a shortage of alfalfa, the outlook for an abundant crop of prairie hay and the fact that a good share of last year's prairie hay is still on hand, owing to the fact that all carriers have an embargo on hay, will easily offset the shortage of alfalfa. Also with the great amount of roughage from the large crop of small grain and the large corn crop which is evident there will be an unprecedented demand for live stock feeders in this territory for cattle and sheep this fall.

Naturally, it is expected the greatest amount of feeder stock will be marketed within the district that is producing a vast amount of grain and roughage and commission men, as well as all interested at the South Omaha yards, feel confident that the fact that this market is located in the center of the corn belt and the increase in freight rates to the other large markets and limited train service east and south of the Missouri river will cause a demand at the South Omaha market during the entire shipping season for all classes of feeder live stock that has never been equalled.

It is the desire of the government that live stock be marketed at its nearest market, thus relieving traffic conditions and to this end federal authorities have established zones from which live stock may be shipped to markets east of the Missouri river and south of Omaha.

In view of the increased production of cattle and sheep, and resultant heavy receipts from the range country, this season the Union Stock Yards company, has spared no expense in improving the facilities at

this market, by building new pens, adding new scales and changing the entire arrangement of the fat cattle and feeder cattle divisions of the yards.

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NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE LAW SUIT COMES TO END

The Legal Battle Between Nonpartisan League and State Council of Defense Called Off.

All is serene now between the Nebraska state council of defense and the Nonpartisan league of this state. The legal tilt in the district court of Lancaster county has been dismissed by mutual agreement as to terms under which the league is to continue work in Nebraska without being interfered with by the council.

As is often the case, it was not difficult for the two contending parties to agree upon a course to be pursued when representatives of both got together and talked matters over. Hereafter the Nonpartisan league of Nebraska and the state council of defense will put together for what each believes to be for the good of the country and to help lick the Kaiser as quickly as possible.

Attorney Manahan, representing the league, and R. L. Metcalfe, member of the council, went into conference over the matters at issue with the result that the law suit was dismissed last Saturday with the consent and advice of both parties.

Statement of Mr. Manahan.

"We are very well satisfied with the agreement we made in open court with Mr. Metcalfe, of the council of defense. While there was no basis for the objection to our organizers from outside of the state and the council had no legal right to stop them from working for the farmers' league, nevertheless we are glad to

yield the point for the sake of harmony.

"The same is true regarding the objection to our circulation of the pamphlet of our war aims, so called. The supreme court yesterday handed down an opinion in St. Paul holding that there was nothing antagonistic to our government or seditious in that pamphlet. Nevertheless we will not use it for any purpose over the objection of the Nebraska council of defense. We will co-operate gladly in this matter and take the suggestion of Mr. Metcalfe as to having some good local man in charge of the organization in Nebraska. We all want harmony and unity in everything during these hard days of war.

"The nonpartisan league is absolutely loyal and honest. It yields its right to employ outside men from North Dakota and elsewhere solely for the purpose of harmony and without conceding that any or its organizers have been doing anything wrong in Nebraska. Furthermore, it will keep its agreement. Local men of unassailable character and patriotism will be put in charge and carry on the work of the league in full co-operation with the council of defense in all patriotic work. I have no doubt that the council of defense will also keep its part of the compact and permit the organization to advocate and carry out economic reforms.

"It will go forward and grow strong here as in North Dakota simply because its platform of principles on marketing, transportation and taxation are sound."

Mr. Metcalfe's Statement.

Richard L. Metcalfe, member of the state council of defense, gave to the press the following statement:

"The dismissal of the suit brought by the nonpartisan league against the Nebraska state council of defense is, I am sure, very gratifying to every member of the council. The result is a complete vindication of the council's protest against the circulation by the league of certain literature and the employment in Nebraska of paid and imported organizers.

"Mr. Manahan, attorney for the league, in his dismissal of the case stated that the league would com-

pletely withdraw from circulation its so-called 'war program and statement of principles' and that it would also withdraw from circulation the extracts from Woodrow Wilson's 'New Freedom,' which extracts presented, the council thought, tended to mislead the reader. On behalf of the league Mr. Manahan also stated that the league would withdraw the present state organizer, Mr. Evans, and all other paid organizers.

"It was a great victory for the Nebraska state council of defense and I speak for every member of that organization when I express the state council's thanks to Messrs. E. C. Strode and M. V. Beghtol for the splendid legal services they rendered free of all charges and for their hard work and intelligent efforts to bring about this successful conclusion."

A RECORD BREAKING YEAR

Announcement of record breaking months and years have been common at the Omaha market since it was established, but it looks now as though the present year will be the biggest record breaker yet. There are several things that conspire to make this a big year. The regular growth of the business without any extraordinary circumstances would probably put 1918 ahead of all previous years in the amount of live stock handled. In addition to this it is expected that the increased freight rates will have a strong tendency to stop in this market some stock that would otherwise be shipped to Chicago.

The Stock Yards company is making arrangements by enlarging the yards and rearranging, to some extent, to handle a larger number of cattle than ever before, and the commission men anticipate the biggest run this summer and the coming fall than they have ever had.

Daily Thought.

We reap what we sow; but nature has love over and above that justice, and gives us shadow and blossom and fruit that spring from no planting of ours.—George Elliot.

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