

### Winter Wheat Is Second Crop of Nebraskans

#### Acres Is Greatly Increased—Conditions Favor Winter Variety—Bulk of Crop Milled in State.

Wheat acreage has increased from approximately 1,000,000 acres in 1899 to an average during the past five years of approximately 3,500,000 acres in Nebraska and ranks second to corn as the state's most important grain crop, says W. W. Burr of the University of Nebraska. A great deal of this increase in acreage occurred during the high war prices, with the western part of the state showing the greatest increase, where a large part of the native range land has been broken up for cropping purposes, according to Mr. Burr.

Nebraska, he says, is well adapted to the growing of winter wheat and it comprises 90 per cent of the state's wheat crop. This wheat ripens earlier than the spring wheat, thus escaping some of the danger of dry weather, insects and disease and also has a larger yield.

#### Cheyenne County Leads.

"The largest wheat producing area in the state," Mr. Burr says, "is the South Platte territory from Lancaster county west. During the recent years certain of the western counties have greatly increased their acreage and for the past few years Cheyenne county has been the banner county in wheat production."

Practically all of Nebraska's wheat is hard wheat. Of the winter wheat Turkey Red is by far the most common, according to Mr. Burr, although several new and promising strains have been introduced and are rapidly gaining acreage.

Spring wheat is grown extensively in the northern and northwestern counties of the state and two distinct types of this wheat are grown, he says, the common or ordinary spring wheat and the durum of macaroni.

#### Milled in State.

"A considerable portion of the wheat grown in Nebraska, is milled in the state," says Mr. Burr. "Where storage is available on the farms, most of the wheat is stored there at least for a brief period, or delivered to elevators or cars for shipment to markets at Omaha, Minneapolis or Kansas City."

Oats, barley and rye are grown in most all sections of the state. The average acreage of oats is approximately two and a quarter million acres with an average yield of about 30 bushels per acre. Three-fourths of the oats crop is used locally for feed, according to Mr. Burr.

The combined acreage of barley and rye is approximately 500,000 acres, with a combined yield of from 7,000 to 10,000 bushels annually, according to Mr. Burr says that these crops are grown almost entirely for feed.

#### Honey Producers Organize in North Platte Valley

Scottsbluff.—Organization of the North Platte Valley Honey Producers' association is expected to lend new interest to the keeping of bees. H. H. Spencer of Scottsbluff was elected president, and F. M. Atkinson of Mitchell was made secretary-treasurer. The association will disseminate educational information and hold educational tours to show correct methods of handling bees.

#### Beatrice Poland-Chinas Average \$69.40 at Sale

Beatrice.—G. A. Wiebe & Son, breeders of purebred Poland-China hogs, held a sale in the city, offering 42 head, which averaged \$69.40. "High Back Rose" state champion sow, sold for \$170, which was the top price at the sale.

#### Sale Averages \$70.

Gibson.—The A. B. Holmlund annual sale of Duroc bred sows was well attended by buyers from Nebraska and Iowa. The average price for the entire sale was \$70, with a top of \$160.

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### New Hog Remedy Is Shown at Syracuse

Syracuse.—A demonstration of methods of successfully treating worms in swine was filmed at the Warren Andrews farm here. The plan had been perfected by Dr. G. A. Young of this place, formerly president of the Nebraska Veterinarian association. It makes the treatment 100 per cent effective by the use of a stomach tube. Dr. C. H. Hays, federal animal industry representative for Nebraska, and A. E. Manderson, assistant to Dr. Condra of the University of Nebraska, were present and took photographs and moving pictures of the instruments, methods of preparation and administering of the medicine. These movies will be shown everywhere in the hog belt by the department in connection with other films and in a bulletin for the information of veterinarians and stockmen will be prepared by Dr. Van Es, animal pathologist of the state university, illustrated by the photos taken of Dr. Young's methods and the manner in which he administered this treatment.

### Farmers' Union Notes

At a meeting of representatives of the elevators holding stock in the National Co-operative company held in Lincoln on February 29 the articles of incorporation of the Farmers Union elevator company to permit the Nebraska Farmers union to hold the stock, and to make possible compliance with the rules of the grain exchange. The state union will now become the sole stockholder in the company. "As soon as the new articles are published and filed, we shall make application for a seat on the grain exchange," President Osborn has announced, "and hope soon to have a grain commission business in full swing on the Omaha market."

#### Oppose Country Buying.

"Farmers should be doing some hard thinking about the packers' practice of country buying, which is increasing constantly and steadily," says C. H. Withey, manager of the Omaha house of the Farmers Union Livestock commission. "If this increase continues, the public livestock markets, where there is competitive bidding and where government supervision is exercised, will be destroyed. Then, by dividing up the territory, as they are already doing, and entering into a 'gentlemen's agreement,' the packers would have large power to fix livestock prices. Country buying is beginning to look like a real menace, and farmers should consider checking it by buying their livestock to the public markets."

#### Profit at Barnston.

Barnston.—The store of the Farmers Union Co-operative association here showed a profit of \$111.87 for the year just closed, while the elevator was on the "right side" to the extent of \$210.87. The store profit is the result of the fact that the store is more profitable than farmers' stores. The store would have shown a much larger profit but for the loss of about \$1,500 worth of goods by theft. A gross profit of \$123.22 was made from shipping live stock, besides a dividend check of \$100.24 from the Farmers Union Livestock commission, representing savings on commissions.

#### Dividends Exceed Capital.

Mount Clear.—Stockholders in the Farmers Union Elevator company of this place have received a total of \$2,503.82 in cash dividends since the company was organized, or \$2,024.82 more than they invested in the capital stock in the beginning. In addition, the stockholders received a stock dividend amounting to \$430, representing profits kept in the business. More of the profits should have been retained in this way during the flush times, the auditor says, to furnish working capital. On a turnover of \$104,212 in 1922, the company made a net profit of \$1,122.22, but a considerable part of this was absorbed in bad accounts, and no dividend is being paid.

#### Revival at Hastings.

Hastings.—A "revival" meeting of Kelly took place here, addressed by W. F. Dale of University Place, an organizer of the state union. He stressed the importance of farmers being united for co-operation in business and watchfulness against legislation. Members of the local union dropped out because of hard times and the confusion arising by a multiplicity of organizations, are now coming back, William Prante, secretary, reports. William Reis is president and C. Grothen vice president.

#### Elevator Makes Profit.

Garley.—The Farmers Union Co-operative association here made a net profit of \$2,232.92 in the seven months from June 30, 1922, to January 31, 1923, on a turnover of \$110,074.90, consisting largely of wheat. Besides operating the elevator, the association ships livestock and handles coal, tires, oil and twine. The business is in excellent financial condition, having a net worth of \$15,194.64 on a paid-up capital of only \$1,500. Most of the 1922 crop of wheat has been shipped out. G. E. Burke is president of the association and J. S. Cunningham is secretary.

## With the County Agents

#### DOUGLAS COUNTY.

Farmers in Douglas county are organizing and taking steps to protect themselves against thieving, according to E. G. Maxwell, county extension agent. The fact of the working hand in hand with the Douglas County Protective association, organized years ago to curb horse stealing. This organization is determined to protect farmers against thieving of all kinds.

The two-day poultry schools held in the county last week were well attended despite the severe cold weather. Charles T. Gorman, staff extension agent in poultry husbandry, was in charge of the schools. The first day was taken up with the scoring of birds of the classes common to this locality. Work in the accredited flock project in the county and in Nebraska was also taken up.

#### FILLMORE COUNTY.

Geneva.—Accredited flock work has stimulated an amount of interest in improving the quality of the farm poultry in Fillmore county, says C. W. Thompson, county extension agent. During the last two months there has been a demand for mating demonstrations from farmers who are not registered in accredited flock work. Last year the first accredited flock work was done in this county and assistance was given all the co-operators in selecting their breeding pens. This winter the second year co-operators were asked to select their own pens as far as possible without assistance so more time could be given to the new co-operators.

#### WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Blair.—The two swine sanitation programs given in Washington county attracted full houses. Dr. C. H. Hays and Mr. Posson were the main speakers. They brought out the fact that an average of about eight pigs are fattened to the sow, while only four are raised. This increases the cost of each weaning pig enormously. The speakers brought out the fact that most of these losses are due to roundworms and disease. The combined club achievement program was a great success, witnessed by an interested crowd, according to the county agent. The members of the Bowling Club, Topsy Girls Sewing club and only a Blue Ribbon Pig club gave a splendid program. Club yell, club songs, recitations and musical numbers were given.

#### WEBSTER COUNTY.

Red Cloud.—Ten women's clubs have sent delegates to the dress construction school held in Webster county by Miss Gladys Loge, extension specialist. Two loving cups are offered by the Bank of Guide Rock to Guide Rock pig club members for the heaviest litter at 30 days old. Several breeders in the county are also offering prizes for club work.

#### DODGE COUNTY.

Fremont.—The first egg engine schools in Dodge county will be held in Logan community March 1-3. The course will run two days of six hours each and will

### Culls

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### Supplemental Irrigation to Be Topic at Hastings

Hastings, Neb., Feb. 25.—The first annual meeting of the Central Nebraska Supplemental Water association, composed of members from Adams, Kearney and Phelps counties, will be held here February 27. The association has prompted the government survey of the supplemental water project that looks to the irrigation of these counties from the Platte river.

F. E. Smith, federal engineer in charge, is now at Minden completing the report which is to go to the Department of the Interior and which will cover the cost of construction and the price at which the government can deliver water to the farmers. The present officers of the association are: C. W. McConoughy of Holdrege, president; George P. Kingsley, Minden, vice president; Kirk Criggs, Hastings, treasurer.

### Farm Buildings Are Saved by Pawnee City Firemen

Pawnee City.—While burning hedge on his farm, Virgil Taylor was unable to stop a fire that caught in the dry grass of a pasture and started towards his hay barn and other farm buildings. Seeing that it was beyond his control, he ran to the house and called the Pawnee City fire department. The crew made the run of five miles with the chemical truck and reached the fire in time to stop it before it got to any buildings.

### Ex-Governor Neville Plans 400-Acre Pure Bred Farm

North Platte.—Ex-Governor Keith Neville, who owns a 400-acre farm just outside the city, is erecting modern improvements and, with a competent foreman in charge, will stock up with purebred cattle and hogs. Eventually, he plans to run a herd of 1,000 hogs and will make the farm one of the show places of western Nebraska.

### Buffalo County Farm Bureau Given Funds for Year's Work

Kearney.—An appropriation of \$4,000 for carrying on work of the Buffalo County Farm Bureau for another year was allowed by the county board of supervisors. No opposition to the bureau developed. Last year a well-organized fight was made in this county against use of any tax funds for sustaining the farmer's organization.

### Davis Poland-Chinas Bring Good Prices at Beaver City

Beaver City.—B. M. Davis & Sons sold 50 head of Poland Chinas here. Forty-two sows and gilts mated with Black Raven, grand champion at the National Western Show at Denver, averaged \$50 per head. Ten tried sows averaged \$120. The top of the sale went to S. L. Dunkin of Arapahoe at \$410.

### Sugar Company Head Discusses Contract

Scottsbluff.—The visit of W. D. Lippitt, vice president and general manager of the Great Western Sugar company, and Albert Dakin, attorney for the Mountain States Beet Growers' association, increased the tension over the 1923 beet crop and contract in the North Platte valley. The Bankers' association, the Co-operative Beet Growers' association, and the newspaper men of the valley, all held meetings during the week, and Mr. Lippitt was asked innumerable questions about the company policy and the contract, which farmers to say is not liberal enough. The sugar company contends that the contract it offers, by giving the farmers a share in the proceeds from the sale of sugar made from the Steffens process, is superior to contracts offered in other sugar districts, in which farmer and manufacturers share 50-50 in the selling price of sugar, but in which—the Steffens process for reclaiming sugar from the molasses is not used.

### Hamilton County Fair to Raise Admission Price

Aurora.—The Hamilton County Agricultural association has decided to hold its annual meeting and the reports of secretary and treasurer indicate that there must be more receipts in the future. The association now has outstanding an indebtedness of \$4,700, which has accumulated during the last few years.

### Western Nebraska Hog Breeders Buying Pure-Breds

Columbus.—Indications are that a good many farmers in western Nebraska are going in heavier on purebred hog raising than ever before. The Union Pacific's express trains, according to express messengers, are carrying more individual shipments of purebred stock consigned from eastern Nebraska and Iowa breeders this winter than any other year.

### First Sale of Knox County Breeder Is Successful

Bloomfield.—The Henry Kracht sale of Hampshire bred sows and gilts held at the Knox county fair sale pavilion, was well attended and the entire offering sold at satisfactory prices. The animals averaged \$35 and the sale totaled \$1,935. It was Mr. Kracht's first sale.

### Pure-Bred Hog Sale Record Is Broken by Gordon Man

Gordon.—Records for purebred hog sales of northwest Nebraska were broken here, when Poland China hogs of William Kayton of Gordon sold at an average of a few cents less than \$60 per head. The top was \$107.50, with \$96 the top on spring gilts.

### Duroc Jersey Sales.

Randolph.—Hogs at the E. W. Bloiz & Sons Duroc Jersey sale brought an average of \$69. Top price paid was \$100. Durocs at the B. F. Farnam & Son sale averaged \$35.

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