

# Nebraska Seed Potato Output Is Tripled in Year

## Inspection Work by State College of Agriculture Self-Supporting and Helps Growers.

Lipoon, Nov. 4.—Nebraska has tripled its output of certified seed potatoes this year, according to Prof. H. O. Werner of the state college of agriculture, who has just returned from the western part of the state. He estimates that the crop of potatoes that have passed three rigid field tests from the college of agriculture will total 250,000 bushels, or approximately 400 carloads.

For several years seed potato authorities have been working to build up Nebraska's crop, which can find a ready market in the south if it can be labeled "tested and certified seed potatoes." Under the plan now in force, field agents of the college of agriculture are sent to every grower of seed potatoes who applies for inspection. The first inspection is made in July, a second in August and a final field inspection in September. After the potatoes are in the bins there is a last inspection, when they are looked over for scab, insect injuries, cuts and knobs.

The inspectors are instructed to reject potatoes that do not come up to grade one of the federal standards, the only exception being made in the matter of size. When the last test is completed the owner of the accepted potatoes is given a certificate and a tag which he fastens on the bag in which the potatoes are placed for shipment. The bag is sealed and purchasers of seed potatoes in Louisiana and Texas are assured that they are receiving only "Nebraska certified seed potatoes."

Before potatoes were planted this season the college of agriculture received requests for inspection from 315 fields. As the season wore on the inspectors rejected acre after acre that did not meet requirements, until the final field inspection was made on 2,800 acres, or 125 fields. In the field, according to Prof. Werner, tests can be made that are impossible after the potatoes have been put in the bins, and certain tests are necessary at certain periods in the development of the potatoes.

The inspection is self-supporting, each grower paying a specified fee per acre. The college has found that a minimum fee of 25 cents per acre, an additional charge of 50 cents an acre is made for every acre over 10, and 25 cents is paid for every acre over 50. If the field is rejected after the first inspection half of the fee is remitted, a quarter is returned if it falls on the second inspection, and no money is returned if the potatoes fail to meet the bin tests. On potatoes that have been passed a charge of 3 cents a bushel is imposed before the certificate is given.

Last year the greater part of Nebraska's seed potato crop went to Louisiana, it having been highly recommended by the Louisiana college of agriculture, which has been conducting an educational campaign on the value of certified potatoes to the grower. The remainder of the crop is taken up by Oklahoma and Texas. It has been found that these southern states cannot produce their own seed potatoes with the same facility as the more northern ones, as potato diseases and insects thrive more readily in the warmer climates and the stock deteriorates more rapidly.

The seed potatoes that Nebraska sells to the extreme southern tip of Texas will be planted between Christmas and New Year's day and will be marketed in April. Louisiana and Oklahoma will plant in February and their crop will be gathered in May.

# Egg Show Special Poultry Feature

## Exhibit at Auditorium, November 26 Will Include New Department.

The Omaha Poultry association is planning to include an egg show as a special feature of its 10th annual poultry exhibit to be held at the Municipal Auditorium November 26 to December 1.

The announcement comes as a step in the "better egg" movement which is finding favor with poultrymen's associations throughout Nebraska. Co-operative marketing organizations have included the standardization of the egg as one of their numerous activities. In some places the white egg, which is laid by such chickens as the White Leghorn, is popular, and all other fowls are being sent to market. In other sections of the country, the brown egg is in great demand.

At the Omaha egg show, a silver cup will be awarded for the best display of white eggs. A similar trophy will be given for the best display of brown eggs. Besides these prizes, the association is offering several cash specials.

Farmer Has Elevator and Dump for Handling Grain

Fairbury, Neb., Nov. 4.—Carl Bohmeyer, a farmer living in Gibson precinct, built a storage granary on his farm a year ago with a capacity of 7,000 bushels. He has just completed putting a dump and modern elevator system to conduct the farm products to the storage bins.

When he threshes wheat, he empties it in the dump. It is carried from the pit in revolving cups and is deposited in the bin, requiring about three minutes to carry a 50-bushel load. He is now shucking corn in the bins, the best display of ear corn in the bin that is carried to the corn bin in less than five minutes. This storage house is not a large one but was constructed at a cost of \$2,000, and the dump and elevator at an additional \$400.

# The Business Barometer

## This Week's Outlook in Commerce, Finance, Agriculture and Industry Based on Current Developments.

**By THEODORE E. PRICE,**  
Editor Commerce and Finance, New York.

This is written on a trip through the south and midwest. Thus far I have seen the cotton crop in Georgia and Alabama, the rice crop in Louisiana, the sugar crop in Louisiana, the tobacco crop in North Carolina, and the pecan crop in Texas. Many more of these crops have been seen, but not all of them. The outlook for the year is generally optimistic, but with some reservations. The cotton crop is expected to be a record, but the price is likely to be low. The rice crop is expected to be a record, but the price is likely to be low. The sugar crop is expected to be a record, but the price is likely to be low. The tobacco crop is expected to be a record, but the price is likely to be low. The pecan crop is expected to be a record, but the price is likely to be low.

# Omaha Livestock

## Furnished by Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture.

Receipts of cattle this week have totaled approximately 40,000 head, as compared with an actual supply of 39,249 head last week and 40,995 head this week last year.

The local market situation has been governed to a large extent by the smallness of the receipts, and in face of a declining price for the week. The market was fairly steady, but with a slight downward trend. The price of live cattle was 12.50 per hundred weight, and the price of dressed beef was 13.00 per hundred weight.

# Financial

## By Associated Press.

New York, Nov. 4.—With the United States Steel corporation's announcement of excellent third quarter earnings and an extra dividend furnishing the starting point for a vigorous and successful drive against the bear party in securities, unusual interest was displayed last week in business and financial circles in the position of the steel trade.

Latest reports indicated that the somewhat better buying which developed in October had almost checked the decline in production, which started last summer. Pig iron prices still show a disposition to decline, but steel prices remain steady around the high levels reached during the year.

# New York Bonds

## By Associated Press.

New York, Nov. 4.—While the United States government bonds declined slightly and the volume of new offerings fell considerably in Washington, the decline in the market was particularly sluggish in the medium scores, the supply of which was particularly abundant.

The decline in new offerings was attributed largely to the fact that the government had a surplus of securities on hand, and it was expected that the volume of offerings would be reduced.

# Chicago Butter

## By Associated Press.

Chicago, Nov. 3.—The tone of the butter market here became easier today although prices remained practically unchanged. The market was particularly sluggish in the medium scores, the supply of which was particularly abundant.

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Omaha, Nov. 4.—The state college of agriculture has completed plans for its annual poultry short course, which will be held this year from January 14-18, inclusive. A registration fee of \$1, to be paid on arrival at the college, will be charged. Prof. F. E. Muesel, of the college poultry department will be in charge.

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