

FIELD CROPS WORTH SIX BILLION DOLLARS

Department of Agriculture Makes Its Final Estimate of Values on Year's Output.

INCREASE IS OVER A BILLION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—This year's principal farm crops were worth \$6,270,465,000 at December 1 farm prices, the Department of Agriculture announced today in its final estimate and review of crop production and values. That compares with \$4,973,527,000 last year, \$4,966,497,000 in 1913 and \$4,757,458,000 in 1912.

With the wheat crop passing the billion-bushel mark for the first time in the nation's history, corn production reaching a 2,031,000,000-bushel total for the second time and record crops of oats, barley, rye, sweet potatoes, hay and rice, the year has been an extraordinary one for farming. Prices paid farmers for some crops have been higher than in other years because of the European war and as a result the value of some of the crops is the largest ever recorded.

The value this year of each crop, based on its farm price on December 1, with last year's value, the record value of each crop and the year it was produced is announced as follows: (In thousands, i. e., 000 omitted).

Table with 4 columns: Crop, 1915, 1914, Rec. val. Crops listed include Winter wheat, Spring wheat, Oats, Barley, Buckwheat, Flaxseed, Rice, Sweet potatoes, Hay, Tobacco, and Sugar beets.

In addition to these crops other farm products, such as minor crops and animal and animal products, will bring the year's total to about \$10,000,000,000.

Yield Per Acre

Other details of the report show Corn—Production, 4,064,330,000 bushels, against 3,671,994,000 last year. Acre yield, 28 bushels, against 25.5 last year.

Winter Wheat—Production, 655,045,000 bushels, against 594,900,000 last year. Acre yield, 16.2 bushels, against 15 last year.

Spring Wheat—Production, 309,498,000 bushels, against 266,077,000 last year. Acre yield, 15.3 bushels, against 14.8 last year.

Oats—Production, 1,540,302,000 bushels, against 1,141,950,000 last year. Acre yield, 27 bushels, against 25.7 last year.

Barley—Production, 227,000,000 bushels, against 194,923,000 last year. Acre yield, 32 bushels, against 29.3 last year.

Rye—Production, 49,190,000 bushels, against 42,770,000 last year. Acre yield, 17.2 bushels, against 16.8 last year.

Buckwheat—Production, 13,796,000 bushels, against 12,892,000 last year. Acre yield, 19.6 bushels, against 19.3 last year.

Flaxseed—Production, 12,185,000 bushels, against 12,892,000 last year. Acre yield, 16.1 bushels, against 15.8 last year.

Rice—Production, 26,947,000 bushels, against 25,450,000 last year. Acre yield, 50.1 bushels, against 48.1 last year.

Potatoes—Production, 308,103,000 bushels, against 265,921,000 last year. Acre yield, 55.3 bushels, against 52.5 last year.

Sweet potatoes—Production, 14,360,000 bushels, against 12,714,000 last year. Acre yield, 102.3 bushels, against 92.8 last year.

Hay—Production, 86,225,000 tons, against 76,671,000 last year. Acre yield, 1.63 tons, against 1.43 last year.

Tobacco—Production, 1,990,877,000 pounds, against 1,844,670,000 last year. Acre yield, 775.1 pounds, against 687.7 pounds last year.

Cotton—Production, 11,161,000 bales of 500 pounds gross, excluding lint, against 12,135,000 last year. Acre yield, 172.5 pounds, against 162.3 last year.

Sugar Beets—Production, 4,842,000 tons, against 4,662,000 last year. Acre yield, 10.4 tons, against 10.4 last year.

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FARMERS' EQUITY UNION IN SESSION

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on their investment. No, we are not organized to pay big dividends, but in the year 1915 we saved the union members \$1,000,000 that would otherwise have gone to unnecessary middlemen.

To pay big dividends one must have a system of forcing down the price of produce you buy, and forcing up the price of what you sell. We are not organized for this purpose. We are organized to co-operate.

The president expressed the belief that 7,000 new members could be added to the membership throughout the United States in the coming year.

Talks of Creameries. During the afternoon P. L. Betts of Aberdeen, S. D., read a paper on "Equity Union Centralized Creameries." He asserted that "it takes money to get them started. Then, too, it takes men with push and energy and enthusiasm behind such a creation. For I never saw anything cut itself unless it was running down-hill."

Mr. Betts gave some of the salient points necessary in the organization and maintenance of creameries, and reviewed some of the results the best of them have achieved.

President Drayton told the members of the convention there would be lots of work to do, and little time for entertainment.

"You'll not have time to go to the picture shows," he said, "not while this convention lasts."

OMAHA COUPLE MARRIED IN WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS

Waukegan, Ill., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Fred Mitchell and Miss Lena Smith, both of Omaha, were married here today.

Read The Bee Want Ads—It Pays.

HUGE EARTH SLIDE BLOCKING PANAMA CANAL—A picture taken on November 27, showing a section of the Panama canal completely closed by a slide of millions of tons of earth. The photograph is the only one of the canal ever taken from the top of the famous Gold hill, from which most of the slide came.



CANAL CLOSED BY SLIDE AT GOLD HILL. (INTL. FILM SERVICE)

LABOR LEADER IS INVOLVED IN PLOT

High Official of International Union to Be Implicated in Rintelen Conspiracy.

SUBPOENA ISSUED FOR GOMPEERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—It was learned authoritatively today that a high official of one of the largest international unions in America is seriously involved in the investigation United States Attorney Marshall is making into the Franz Von Rintelen conspiracy to foment strikes in munitions factories.

This man is of German descent. He was prominent in the prolonged strikes in Bridgeport, Conn., factories last spring, and also took a leading part in the strike of 12,000 workers last summer at the General Electric company's plant at Schenectady, N. Y.

The investigation into the strike conspiracy has been halted for some days pending word as to when Samuel Gomper could appear before the grand jury. Mr. Marshall learned today that Mr. Gomper had arrived in Washington and sent word to the capital to have the labor leader subpoenaed.

Republicans Are Reserving Rooms in Chicago Hotels

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—The selection of Chicago as the republican national convention city was followed today by a flood of inquiries for hotel reservations. The convention will be held June 1.

Headquarters have been engaged by Senator Burton of Ohio, Senator Smith of Michigan, Senator Weeks of Massachusetts and Charles W. Fairbanks of Indiana, former vice president. Henry D. Estabrook of New York also has engaged several rooms.

Most of the far western states and eight eastern and middle western states have made tentative reservations.

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VOTES TO CONTINUE EMERGENCY TAXES

House Ways and Means Committee Makes Favorable Report on Bill to Continue "War" Taxes.

LIQUOR TAX LESS PRODUCTIVE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Treasury estimates that receipts in 1916 will fall by \$81,525,500 to meet disbursements, including a \$10,000,000 postal deficit, are cited by the house ways and means majority report on the emergency revenue law extension filed today as evidence of necessity for additional taxation.

It is estimated that extension of the law (11 December 31, 1915) would provide \$8,000,000 a month.

Revenue from distilled spirits, fermented liquors and tobacco decreased \$25,000,000 in the last fiscal year, the report says. Treasury estimates of ordinary internal revenue receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1916, are \$272,000,000 compared with \$282,286,700 last year, "thus indicating a further anticipated revenue reduction from this source of more than \$10,000,000."

A Big Toy Department

At the Central Furniture Store

More space is being devoted to the exclusive display of toys, dolls and games than any previous season. The children will be delighted when they visit the Central's big toyland. They will be delighted with the immense display of beautiful dolls, character dolls, dolls with kid bodies and dressed dolls, automobiles, express wagons, toy pianos, toy trunks, doll go-carts, doll dishes, and doll furniture, blocks, games, iron and mechanical toys, etc., and all at a price which will mean an absolute saving to you of from 10 to 50 per cent, made so on account of an inexpensive building and location and a small operating expense.

England Grants Safe Conduct to German Attaches

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Safe conduct for Captains Heyerd and Captain Von Papen, recalled German naval and military attaches, will be forthcoming soon from the allies, it was learned today. The recalled emissaries will not be required to give assurances that they will not participate in the war upon reaching Germany, it is said.

BELL-ANS Absolutely Removes Indigestion. One package proves it. 25c at all druggists.

Advertisement for Armour's Star ham. Features a large image of a ham in a decorative wrapper. Text includes 'Armour's STAR THE HAM WHAT AM', 'In the Stockinet Covering', and 'ARMOUR COMPANY'.

Large advertisement for LOFTIS THE NATIONAL CREDIT JEWELERS. Features a large diamond ring and various jewelry items. Text includes 'World's Lowest Prices', 'THE BEST CHRISTMAS GIFT OF ALL', and 'LOFTIS Perfection Diamond Ring No. 659 Special Price \$50'.

Advertisement for Willow Springs Beer. Text includes 'FOR Willow Springs Beer' and 'Phone Doug. 1306 or 2108'.