

Important Crops Show Losses in Federal Forecast

Adverse Weather Conditions Cause Estimate of Wheat 52,000,000 Bushels Less Than Week Ago

Washington, Aug. 9.—Practically every important farm crop showed a loss in prospective production as a result of adverse conditions during July. The Department of Agriculture's monthly report today forecast 52,000,000 bushels less wheat than estimated a month ago, 91,000,000 bushels less corn, 192,000,000 bushels less oats and 61,000,000 bushels less potatoes.

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Spring wheat: Production forecast 213,000,000 bushels. Condition, 66.5 per cent of normal. A production of 235,482,000 bushels was forecast last month, while last year's crop was 209,365,000 bushels, and the average production for the five years, 1915-19, was 238,495,000 bushels. The condition of the crop on July 1 was 80.8 per cent of a normal, while on August 1 last year it was 73.4 and the 10-year August 1 average is 73.2. This year's acreage is 18,023,000, or 7.2 per cent less than last year's.

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Oats, production, 1,137,000,000 bushels; condition, 64.5. A production of 1,328,937,000 bushels was forecast last month, while last year's crop was 1,526,055,000 bushels, and the average production for the five years, 1915-19, was 1,432,697,000 bushels. The condition of the crop on July 1 was 77.6 per cent of a normal, while on August 1 last year it was 87.2, and the 10-year August 1 average is 81.6. This year's acreage is 44,829,000 acres, or 3.5 per cent more than last year's.

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White Potatoes—Production, 516,000,000 bushels; condition, 65.3. A forecast of 574,272,000 bushels was made last month, while last year's production was 429,438,000 bushels and the average production for the five years, 1915-19, was 371,355,000 bushels. The condition of the crop on July 1 was 81.4 per cent of a normal, while on August 1 last year it was 87.0 and the 10-year August 1 average is 81.6. This year's acreage is 2,872,000, or 1.6 per cent more than last year's.

Sweet Potatoes—Production, 114,000,000 bushels; condition, 84.6. A forecast of 112,023,000 bushels was made last month, while last year's production was 112,582,000 bushels and the average production for the five years, 1915-19, was 117,700,000 bushels. The condition of the crop on July 1 was 81.4 per cent of a normal, while on August 1 last year it was 84.1 and the 10-year August 1 average is 75.1. This year's acreage is 1,227,000, or 2.4 per cent less than last year's.

Flax—Production, 3,000,000 bushels; condition, 70 per cent. A production of 3,821,000 bushels was forecast last month, while last year's production was 10,290,000 bushels and the average production for the five years, 1915-19, was 11,794,000 bushels. The condition of the crop on July 1 was 82.7 per cent of a normal, while on August 1 last year it was 84.1 and the 10-year August 1 average is 75.7. This year's acreage is 1,242,000, or 20.4 per cent less than last year's.

Rye—A production of 12,562,000 bushels was forecast last month, while last year's production was 12,110,000 bushels and the average production for the five years, 1915-19, was 27,159,000 bushels. The condition of the crop on July 1 was 84.0 per cent of a normal, while on August 1 last year it was 88.2 and the 10-year August 1 average is 84.1. This year's acreage is 84,000, or 25.4 per cent less than last year's.

Sugar Beets—Production, 8,000,000 tons; condition, 89.5. A production of 8,012,000 tons was forecast last month, while last year's production was 8,540,000 tons and the average production for the five years, 1915-19, was 6,118,000 tons. The condition of the crop on July 1 was 80.3 per cent of a normal, while on August 1 last year it was 81.8 and the 10-year August 1 average is 84.4. This year's acreage is 882,000, or 9.8 per cent less than last year's.

Hay—A production of 81,836,000 tons was forecast last month, while last year's production was 91,192,000 tons and the average production for the five years, 1915-19, was 85,192,000 tons. The condition of the crop on July 1 was 78.5 per cent of a normal, while on August 1 last year it was 90.8 and the 10-year August 1 average is 84.1. This year's acreage is 72,542,000, or 0.9 per cent more than last year's.

Apples—Production, 109,000,000 bushels. A production of 102,180,000 bushels was forecast last month, while last year's production was 240,442,000 bushels, and the average production for the five years, 1915-19, was 147,040,000 bushels. A production of 21,500,000 bushels was forecast last month, while last year's production was 35,840,000 bushels, and the average production for the five years, 1915-19, was 47,118,000 bushels. Grain sorghums, production, 120,000,000 bushels. A production of 124,725,000 bushels was forecast last month, while last year's production was 143,829,000 bushels, and the average production for the five years, 1915-19, was 151,125,000 bushels. The condition of the crop on July 1 was 80.8 per cent of a normal, while on August 1 last year it was 73.4 and the 10-year August 1 average is 73.2. This year's acreage is 18,023,000, or 7.2 per cent less than last year's.

Bride of Few Weeks Shot; Husband Held

Pueblo, Colo., Aug. 9.—Mrs. Frank Bibby, bride of a few weeks, was shot and probably fatally wounded here yesterday. Her husband, accompanied by a young woman from Pueblo, was arrested at Fountain, near Colorado Springs, last night.

Bibby is alleged to have shot his wife while they were motoring. Bibby was married July 19 to Charlotte Clark of this city at Colorado Springs. They lived at a hotel there until Sunday.

The girl who accompanied Bibby, Edna Stark, also was held by the police. She said Bibby had asked her to ride to Colorado Springs with him and she denied knowledge of the shooting.

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The preliminary estimate of production of winter wheat by principal producing states follows:

Minnesota, 22,728,000 bushels; condition, 60 and production, 27,174,000 bushels. North Dakota, 62 and 68,242,000 bushels. South Dakota, 62 and 28,426,000 bushels. Montana, 61 and 18,125,000 bushels. Washington, 75 and 20,992,000 bushels. The condition and forecast of production of corn by principal producing states follows:

Illinois, condition, 62, and production, 122,947,000 bushels. Wisconsin, 58 and 65,127,000 bushels. Minnesota, 62 and 65,856,000 bushels. Iowa, 62 and 145,501,000 bushels. Nebraska, 78 and 71,847,000 bushels. Oats remaining on farms August 1 is estimated at 181,199,000 bushels, or 10.6 per cent of last year's crop, compared with 56,128,000 bushels on August 1 last year.

The condition and forecast of production of oats by principal producing states follows:

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Reed Letter Saved "Wildcat" Outfit, Rail Board Says

Former Attorney General Gave Opinion in Personal Communication Firm Was Within Law

Lincoln, Aug. 9.—(Special).—His memory freshened, H. G. Taylor, present member of the state railway commission and member prior to 1919 when Willis E. Reed was state attorney general, stated today that an opinion believed to have been written by Reed exempting the Gulf Coast Development company from the "blue sky law," and believed to be a personal letter written by Reed to the officers of the company in Omaha saying he believed they were outside the law.

"I searched for 24 hours for the opinion and then remembered that it was a personal letter," explained Taylor.

The members of the state railway commission, which at that time had charge of the issuance of stock permits, planned to prosecute the officers of the Gulf Coast Development company and he sent an attorney to Omaha to investigate.

Met By Letter.

"He no sooner popped his head inside the offices of the company than he was shown a letter from Reed in which the attorney general offered the opinion the company was operating outside the blue sky law in existence then.

"Needless to say that with an opinion of that kind from the attorney general of the state we dropped our plans for prosecution."

"Today I found in our files an opinion written by George W. Ayers, assistant attorney general, and Reed, in which Reed is quoted as believing the blue sky law then in existence was unconstitutional.

We stated that opinion in the face every time promoters came before us with stock selling schemes."

"They never neglected to tell us that our own attorney general had no faith in the constitutionality of the law under which we were operating."

Taylor also found today a copy of the opinion of former Attorney General Reed in which he held that the defunct Bankers Realty and Investment company was exempt from the law then in existence and did not need to receive a permit for selling stock.

Old Political Fight

"This is just opening up an old political fight I had years ago with

the state railway commission when I whipped them in the Western-Vance case," declared Willis E. Reed, vice president of the Gulf Coast Development company and former attorney general, when informed yesterday of the statement of Commissioner Taylor in Lincoln.

Reed made enemies of the commission during that fight, he said. "Any opinion I made with regard to the blue sky law while attorney general is there in Lincoln on record," he declared. "The commission now is only seeking some one on whom to lay the blame for all these failures. Just give them enough rope and they'll hang themselves."

The letter, which Taylor declared Reed wrote to officers of the development company and which kept the commission from proceeding with blue sky prosecutions, was a personal letter, Reed explained, and was written by him to Ben Hayden at Castle hotel in answer to a letter from Hayden asking his personal opinion if the company complied with state laws.

Reed merely answered, after an investigation, that the company had complied with Nebraska laws, he said.

The real investigation of the Gulf Coast Development company was made by Dr. G. E. Condra, then executive secretary of the geological survey of the Nebraska conservation and welfare commission, Reed stated, and Condra pronounced the concern sound geologically.

Sells No Stock.

The company, Reed explained, did not sell stock or bonds and therefore did not come under the existing blue sky law.

Land was sold, represented as prospect oil land, he further explained, and with every tract sold was given a warranty deed containing a clause permitting the company to erect oil equipment, should the purchaser in the benefits.

"The railway commission must be in a tight place now," added Reed. "They're just scrambling around trying to find some one on whom to blame all these recent failures."

Road Conditions

(Furnished by Omaha Auto Club.)

Lincoln Highway, East—Roads fine to Denison.

Lincoln Highway, West—Detour Elkhorn to Valley, rough Fremont to Columbus, Columbus west roads are fine.

"Trick" Answers Given on Bee's Questionnaires

"Condensed Milk Is the Milk You Make," Contributes Country Boy; Others Amuse

Unwittingly some who have answered The Bee's intelligence questionnaire have furnished a little levity for those who scan the answers. There has been so much interest in this questionnaire that it is not surprising that there should be some mistakes in the answers, nor is it surprising that some of these errors should be funny.

In reply to the question, "What is a cross-cut saw?" some one has replied, "Two men, one at each end of a log saw." "Country Girl" wrote that the seven colors of the spectrum are "Red, green, pink, purple, blue, yellow and lavender."

Most Common Fruit.

"Grape fruit" is the most common fruit, according to another contestant.

Question No. 95 asks, "What is condensed milk?" "It is the milk you make," replied a country boy.

Another replied that De Sota reigned the longest of English sovereigns. The Pacific ocean is referred to as the largest inland body of water having no outlet.

"What are the five senses?" is question 62. "They are part of the body," was one reply.

Other Answers.

Other answers to a few of the questions follow:

A. It is a wheel on a steam engine.

Q. What is a diagraph?

A. A machine that does better work than a phonograph.

Q. Who in the United States invented the submarine?

A. Henry Ford.

Q. Who is the governor of Nebraska?

A. Mr. McConkie.

"White Ribbon Special To Visit Omaha Thursday

The "White Ribbon Special," carrying delegates to the 49th annual convention of the W. C. T. U. at San Francisco, will arrive in Omaha for a short stay Thursday afternoon over the Union Pacific.

While in Omaha the special will take on a car carrying Iowa and Nebraska delegates. There will be about 125 delegates on the train.

From here the special goes to Denver over the Union Pacific for a short stop and from there to San Francisco.

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The entire delegation attended the council meeting and engaged in open debate with the members, urging them that peace at any price with the traction company was preferable to being thrown out of work. The council would not concede from its position that it could not deal with the 60 car owners until they were ready to come half way in negotiations for a new franchise.

In the meantime bus service is being augmented as rapidly as possible. The records of Sunday's business showed 75,000 people landed by the buses. This comes within 25,000 of being the total average number of daily car riders.

L.W.W.'s Start 11 Fires At Benkelman, Charge

Lincoln, Aug. 9.—Alleged agents of the Industrial Workers of the World are held responsible for a series of 11 incendiary fires near Benkelman, during the last two months at a property loss estimated at \$50,000, in a report made here by State Fire Inspector Harry Hauser of his investigations conducted in that vicinity.

County Attorney David Hines of Dundy county in a letter addressed jointly to Attorney General Davis and State Fire Marshal Hartford requests that some one be sent immediately by the state to conduct a secret inquiry into the origin of the fires to discover the guilty parties.

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