

CROP REPORT FOR MAY OUT

GOOD GROWING WEATHER HAS BETTERED CONDITION FOR MOST CROPS IS REPORT.

Exceptionally good growing weather prevailed during the month of May, and the condition of all crops except spring wheat and sugar beets was above the ten-year average on June 1, and those two crops were only one point below their respective averages. The joint report, issued today by John A. Doelle, State Commissioner of Agriculture and Verne H. Church, Agricultural Statistician, U. S. Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates, also mentions an increased acreage of clover and alfalfa hay and a considerable decline in the area devoted to spring wheat and barley. The condition of winter wheat improved two per cent during the month, and now indicates a crop of 16,425,000 bushels. This is one per cent below last year's condition on the same date, but eight per cent above the ten-year average.

The acreage of spring wheat sown is 34,000 as compared with 40,000 last year and 109,000 in 1919. If the present condition of 90 per cent is maintained, a crop of 520,000 bushels will be harvested.

The oat acreage was increased but one per cent over last year, the total being estimated at 1,559,000. In a few counties some intended acreage was not sown because of wet weather at the proper seeding time. 91 per cent is the condition reported for the State, which represents a total production of 54,620,000 bushels, and which is three per cent above the ten-year average.

Owing to a large carry-over of corn from the abundant crop of last year, and to delays in seeding caused by wet weather, the acreage of barley was reduced eight per cent below that sown in 1921. Good growing weather prevailed during May and at the end of the month the crop showed a condition of 91 per cent. This represents a prospective crop of 5,602,000 bushels on the 216,000 acres sown.

The condition of rye remained unchanged from the 90 per cent reported one month ago. This is one per cent better than last year, and three points above the ten-year average. The crop is now estimated at 9,765,000 bushels.

Good rains during the first of May caused a marked improvement in the outlook for hay, raising the condition figure from 86 to 93 per cent. This is seven per cent better than the ten-year average and 17 per cent over last year's crop. The estimated production is 4,093,000 tons. If this quantity is attained, it will be the largest crop ever cut in Michigan except that of 1916 when 4,726,000 tons were harvested. Clover meadows are in excellent condition except in the few counties that suffered from drought last summer, and an increase of three per cent in the acreage to be cut is indicated. The condition is 95 per cent. An increase of 15 per cent in the acreage of alfalfa gives an area of 278,000 acres to be cut for hay this year. The large amount seeded this year is expected to give a much greater increase in the acreage for 1923. The present condition is 96 per cent.

The condition of pastures rose from 74 per cent during the month of May, being 10 per cent better than last year and seven per cent above the 10-year average for June 1.

The prospects for apples vary widely between different localities, ranging from about 50 per cent up to a full crop. Early varieties and some winter varieties have set good crops. Baldwins bloomed very little and will be a light crop in many orchards. Spies bloomed more freely but are reported as setting rather lightly. Present prospects indicate a crop of 80 per cent, although it is too early to determine what portion of the set will remain on the trees. If the present outlook were maintained, the crop would aggregate 10,078,000 bushels.

A condition of 78 per cent is the average for peaches of the several hundred reports received, and indicates an approximate production of 1,076,000 bushels. Leaf curl has been quite prevalent in portions of southwestern counties, and the buds were killed in some orchards by freezing during the winter.

A pear crop of 573,000 bushels is indicated from the present condition of 88 per cent. Barrien, the leading county in production, reports 87 per cent of a crop.

The cherry trees bloomed heavily but did not set as well as expected and the fruit in many orchards was dropping at the time of report. Many growers stated that the condition was uncertain at that date. The average condition reported is 72 per cent. Grand Traverse County's report is 10 per cent above the state average.

Plums show a condition of 82 per cent; grapes, 92 per cent; straw berries, 90 per cent; blackberries and raspberries, 90 per cent.

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Local Happenings Tensely Told

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Verne Rogers of Detroit, spent the week end in Alma visiting with his wife.

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Miss Belle Burgland is spending the week in St. Louis at the Park House.

Dr. and Mrs. Kemp of St. Louis were Alma visitors for a short time Sunday.

Dr. E. G. Sluyter, osteopathic physician, State Savings Bank Building, Alma, both phones. 57-tf

Attorney Weddock of Saginaw is in the city on legal business Monday.

The Alma College library closed on June 14 for the remainder of the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Van Amster visited relatives and friends in Middleton Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Davis of Crystal and Mrs. Jack Pipp of Sandusky, called on friends Wednesday.

Gordon French of Coleman, who has been teaching this past year in Tecumseh, visited with Alma College friends the first of the week.

The large and modern Taitac Laboratories at Dayton, Ohio, occupy 60,000 square feet of floor space. Look-Paterson Drug Co.—adv.

Prosecuting Attorney Romaine Clark and Sheriff A. T. Willert of Itasca were in the city on business Saturday and again on Monday.

Friday, June 9, Mrs. Sylvia Gaffney entertained the Board of Directors of the Business Women's Association at a luncheon at the Wright House.

For Piano Lessons see Miss Nora Brader, graduate University School of music, Durkee's Piano Store, 561p

Dr. and Mrs. Dodge and daughter of Big Rapids, and Dr. and Mrs. Lynch, also of that city, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gerber last week.

The next regular meeting of St. Alma Shrine No. 23 W. S. of J. will be held Tuesday evening, June 20, after which the Shrine will adjourn until Sept. 19.

Fred Rolland, whose headquarters are in Grand Rapids, spent a few days here with his family last week. Mr. Rolland will move his family to Ann Arbor the last of this month.

Mrs. Idah Belmont of Saginaw, district representative of the Women's Benefit Association, was present at the regular meeting of the association held here Tuesday evening.

The next regular meeting of Royal Temple No. 16 Pythian Sisters, will be held Tuesday evening, June 20, at the K. of P. hall, after which the Temple will adjourn until Sept. 12.

Mr. and Mrs. E. McLean and Mrs. William McLean and little daughter visited at the home of the former's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McLean at Midland, Sunday.

Attorney and Mrs. John M. Dunham, and daughter, Barbara, of Grand Rapids visited at the home of the former's brother, Homer Dunham, and family the first of the week.

Mrs. Arthur Gais, Mrs. A. L. Smith, Mrs. Neva Anderson, Mrs. Frank Gilkn and Mrs. S. E. Dietz of the Alma W. B. A. lodge of this city visited the Saginaw lodge Friday afternoon.

Dr. and Mrs. A. A. McNabb of St. Louis were Alma visitors Sunday and while here attended the Alma College baccalaureate address given by President Crooks at the Presbyterian church.

Reed Ruggles, who has been attending college in Massachusetts during the past year, has returned home and will spend the summer vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Ruggles.

A large number of Alma baseball fans went to Shepherd yesterday to witness the play off between Mt. Pleasant and Alma high schools for the championship of the Central Michigan League.

Dr. and Mrs. Kirker of Detroit, spent the week end in Alma visiting with their sons, Oswald and James, at Alma College, and the first of the week attended the various commencement week activities.

Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Anderson accompanied by Mrs. W. N. Bingham of Traverse City and Miss Esther Zinn motored to Flint last week. They went there to attend the State meeting of Disciples of Christ.

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BACCALAUREATE DELIVERED BY H. M. CROOKS

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botanists are everywhere who can show you wonders of plant life you are not aware of. The best geologist in the town to which you go may be an outdoor man of little schooling. The best authority on radio may be a boy who left school in the eighth grade. The best Bible student like as not will be a father in Israel who declares that his greatest sorrow is that he isn't 'educated.'

The wisest men and women about human relations may never have studied sociology. The socialist laborer may know more about economics and may read more of economic literature than any other man in town. You will show your college training best if you can be friends with them all, understand them all, and above all, learn from them all. But no one of them, leader though he be, has a right to your unthinking adherence, no right to determine your action.

"Relations of men have changed. The Jews would have had no dealings with Samaritans, but in a day of highly organized commerce whether or not we choose to deal with many we might superiorly list as Samaritans, a typhoon in the Indies, a famine in China, a silk crop failure in Japan, a coffee laborers strike in Brazil, a revolution in Nicaragua, and our living may be greatly affected, our lives inconvenienced. When pioneer homes were self-supporting it mattered little what the far-away peoples and even the nearby city dwellers did and thought. Today the murrers of discontent in India, a program of non-resistance and boycott may cause failures in China and London, bring down the value of the British pound, cause the French and English to be unable to buy, cause the American factories to close, American workmen to be hungry, American retailers to suffer, American churches to languish in poverty, education to decline; unthinking discontent in American politics may bring a change in political parties: there is no end to the chain.

"In a state of barbarism the individual was a unit; in a state of civilization, the individual of his own volition becomes bound up with many individuals. In a more advanced state of civilization, he becomes bound up with many groups. He gains from his association with each individual, he gains from his association with group, but he has lost something of his own independence. He has paid in terms of independence and self-sufficiency for that which is of greater value. But individuals whom he does not know, and groups of which he is not aware, have effect upon his life. He becomes more and more conscious that this world is so arranged that he cannot disregard the groups and organizations and movements all about him.

"Indeed rigid rules of living are necessary. Those of us who want the spirit of Christianity to prevail must needs see to it that the letter of

the law be observed for other's benefit if not our own. I speak for ideals of the highest sort. The follower of Christ is not swayed by every wind but has many ways he will not walk in or turn foot toward; he has many things he will not do even in experiment.

"In matters of political thought you must do your own thinking. Your neighbors think or accept without thinking, many contradicting things.

"Perhaps nowhere is there more fog just now than in the economic world. Economists said that a world war could not last three months, yet it lasted four years and three months. Economists said that Soviet Russia could not endure six months; the end has been prophesied over and over, and the Soviet Russia still troubles the rights of statesmen and baffles us all. Labor is at war with capital in the coal districts and in the railroad circle; friends of labor say that Henry Ford has so operated his coal mine and his railroad as to prove capitalists wrong in all main contentions, and economists in error once more. The end of the dispute is not yet. Has any one the right to be followed blindly?

"In the study of social problems you must come to your own conclusions. This man says 'Lo! here is a solution'; or again, 'Lo! there is the cure for the earth's ill'. You cannot have lived long enough to have time for many theories yet. Solution for earth's maladjustments, an ideal arrangement and classification of all the humans on earth is not yet arrived nor is it likely in your time.

"What does this man think? This man thinks yes and this man thinks no; this man cries 'here' and this man cries 'there'—and the stream of life goes on, now in perilous waterfalls, again with placid surface and broad bosom; now in eddies and tumultuous rapids, and then with broad, smooth flow into the infinite. You proper relations with men and women can only be learned from the One who was both human and divine.

In religion even what 'this man' shall do must not determine your course. If a man shall cloud your mind in economic thinking, shall befog your vision of social relations, shall lead you astray in political theory it is serious but not fatal. What shall it be if listening to 'this man' you shall miss the voice of God; if you shall follow 'this man' and find no thoroughfare to Christ. It's possible for religious leaders to cut off your view of Christ. He must be seen by your own soul's eyes, be heard by your own soul's ears, be felt by your feel of your spirit. All that 'this man' can do, can feel, can think, can say, cannot discover Christ to you.

"The world's need is for men to follow Christ. And each has his own way to him, his own aisle, his own path.

"Does it seem a dismal prospect? Does it seem a lonely road? Far from it; it is supreme adventure. It should cause hearts to sing, 'I go to prove my soul.' 'This man's destiny way not help our own but it cannot hinder. Our course is not shaped by

another, our goal is not determined by this man or that man. The road has the luminous presence of Him who bade us to follow, the goal is glorious satisfaction in this life and an eternal continuance to all that part of us worth while.

"Above the clamor of humanity at strife, and above the cries of them that have no leader but would lead each other, those who follow Him will hear His voice and shall ever find the way."

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