

SEMI-MONTHLY CROP REPORT, DEC. 8, 1923

(By Frank Parker)

General—Conditions have been favorable for the harvesting of most crops. More corn is perhaps housed than for several years. Cotton is practically all out of the fields. Soil conditions have been such as to permit fall plowing. The temperature has been mild with only one real serious freeze, which occurred early in the month. Cotton stalks are too green and soggy for chopping, consequently the plowing needed for eradicating the boll weevil and preparation for seeding is prohibited.

Corn—The corn crop is one of the best that has been produced in North Carolina for several years. Many regard it the best we have ever had. Many think it will go over the official estimate of 22 1-2 bushels per acre. The harvesting has proceeded more rapidly than usual. About 87 per cent of the acreage has been harvested for forage in the form of top and leaf fodder, according to extensive field counts.

Wheat—Considerable reduction in the acreage of wheat has been made this fall due to the low price and to the adverse weather conditions. Shortage of labor and requirements for harvesting other crops had serious influence.

Oats—Some increase in the acreage is contemplated. A large percentage of the acreage is being utilized for feed without being threshed.

Rye—The fall acreage of rye is about as usual, as the farmers do not depend on it for sale.

Cotton—The cotton is more nearly out of the field than has perhaps ever been experienced. Only 2 to 4 per cent is still in the field. Ginning is much ahead of previous years. The quality is good because of the early picking and freedom from leaves and trash. The cotton leaf worm cleaned the plants of leaves and hastened the opening of bolls.

Hay—A large acreage and yield of hay was made in North Carolina.

Tobacco—More than one-half of the crop is marketed and the price is good considering the quality. There seems to be no doubt that the Co-operative Marketing agencies have influenced more advantageous prices for farmers.

Livestock—The livestock in North Carolina is in unusually good condition. Fall pasturage was unusually good and the attention to producing more feeds has been observed.

Farm Labor—There is a very distinct shortage of farm labor. Most of the work has had to be done by those remaining on the farms which included the owner's and tenant's families. Cash labor is almost unknown, since the farmer cannot compete with urban and public work prices. It is not uncommon to see small children, many under 10 years of age, at work in the fields before and after school hours. During recent field travel many farmers, especially those having tractors, were found to be at work after dark.

Miscellaneous—It is generally recognized that the farmer is spending money more carefully than he did in 1919. This has particular reference to the fact that this year is comparable with the prosperous 1919 year. Most of the North Carolina farmers are well pleased with the year's results.

Fertilizers—A large factor in the increased production of crops this year is due to the increased amount of fertilizers put under most crops.

specialty cotton and tobacco.

General Livestock—The condition of livestock in North Carolina is reported as extra good at present. There is an increased interest in livestock, especially in dairy cattle.

Weather—Good rains have occurred generally all over the state during the past week and the temperature has been unusually warm for the season. The progress of fall planting is about normal.

Hogs—The condition of hogs is slightly below a normal. Cholera is reported from Cherokee County and Rowan County reports an undersupply for market.

Cattle—Farmers are showing lots of interest in dairying. The fine production of feed crops this year has helped in keeping cattle in a healthy condition. The marketing of dairy products is very satisfactory.

Chickens—Reports indicate that chicken and poultry products are plentiful and increasing interest in poultry is shown in all parts of the State.

Feed—Improved pastures and feed crops are increasing in North Carolina and the supply of feed on hand is plentiful. There was an increased acreage planted to hays and legume crops this year. The actual production of grass and feed is much larger than is generally known.

Market Conditions—The marketing of farm products is reported as extra good. The price of cotton has made optimistic farmers in the eastern part of North Carolina and the rest of the State is profiting. It seems that the price of cotton is a good thermometer for the temperature of prosperity.

Sound Principles For Every Citizen

The International Farm Congress held its seventeenth annual session recently in Kansas City. It is a most influential and enlightened organization and has delegates from all other farm organizations. Particularly worthy of note is its "Declaration of Principles." For 1924 they are:

1. Undivided loyalty to country, first and always, with no conflicting obligations; protection of its institutions and preservation of its traditions.
2. The increase and dissemination of scientific and practical agricultural education and knowledge.
3. Pledging adequate production on farms, and demanding it in factories.
4. The right of every man to sell his services without interference, and to increase his earning power by improving his skill or increasing his capacity.
5. A reasonable tariff for the protection of American agriculture.
6. A sharply restrictive immigration policy, and careful selective process.
7. Recognition of the futility of efforts to correct natural economic arrangements by statutory measures.
8. Clear legal establishment of right of co-operative buying and selling.
9. Recognition and performance of the duty of every individual to society, regardless of class or vocational affiliation.
10. Basing right of any business practice to exist upon service it renders society.
11. Rigid economy in Governmental expenses, and restriction of Governmental activities to their legitimate functions.
12. No special favors to any section or industry; equal opportunity to all.

13. The best possible transportation system, including the development and correlation of waterways, railroads and public highways.

14. Broadly comprehensive and constructive Reclamation and Conservation policy, enlisting co-operation of National, State and private interests and resources.

15. The sacred protection of personal liberty and property rights, and rejection of everything favoring of State socialism, paternalism or syndicalism.

16. A better agriculture, better organized, informed, financed; better balanced, better fortified against calamitous market changes and economic disturbances.

17. A better country to live in, with better homes, schools, roads, citizenship, and free opportunity for the exercise of individual initiative.

Mother: "Do you think my son Ted will ever learn to draw?"
Teacher: "Well, he might, if you harnessed him to a wagon."—The Leatherneck.

LEGAL ADVERTISING

NORTH CAROLINA
HARNETT COUNTY
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
D. H. TRUELOVE,
Plaintiff,
vs.
SALLIE HAMILTON,
Defendant.

NOTICE OF EXECUTION SALE
By virtue of an execution directed to the undersigned Sheriff from the Superior Court of Harnett County in the above entitled action, I will, on Monday the 14th day of January 1924, at 12 o'clock M., at the court house door in Lillington, sell to the highest bidder, for cash, to satisfy said execution, all the right, title and interest which the said Sallie Hamilton, the defendant has in the following described real estate, to-wit: The same being 25 acres known as the B. F. Hamilton place in Duke Township, Harnett County, adjoining the lands of D. H. Truelove, et al. E. Pope estate, H. W. Fries, W. J. Godwin and others, save and except from the said 25 acres, the homestead allotted to the said Sallie Hamilton, containing 6 acres last of, by metes and bounds upon which is located the dwelling house and out-buildings known as the home place of B. F. Hamilton. For a full description of the above described land see Will of B. F. Hamilton, duly admitted to probate and recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Harnett County, North Carolina. This the 12th day of December 1923.
J. W. McARTAIN, Sheriff.
Dec. 14 21 28 Jan. 4 11.

NOTICE
Under the power of sale contained in a mortgage deed executed on the 7th day of October 1919 by E. F. Ammons and wife, Annie Ammons to the undersigned J. F. Morris, now recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Harnett County in Book 115, page 443 and default having been made in the payment of the bonds secured thereby, the undersigned will expose for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door in Lillington, Harnett County, N. C., on the 28th day of December, 1923 at 12:00 o'clock M., the following described lands:

Two certain pieces or tracts of land lying and being in Averasboro Township, Harnett County, State of North Carolina and described and defined as follows:
FIRST TRACT: Being tract No. 1 mentioned in deed from Mrs. A. J. Ammons and W. C. Ammons to E. F. Ammons, dated February 1, 1906, and registered in Book V No. 7, page 19, Records of Cumberland County, N. C., said tract No. 1 as above mentioned contained 15 acres more or less, but eight acres of original tract has been conveyed to W. E. Jackson, and this mortgage deed conveys the remaining seven acres: Beginning at a stake and pointers on the public road not far from W. E. Warren's

and runs as R. E. Lee's line N. 44 1-2 E. 7 chains and 55 links to a stake in said line, with one black-jack, 1 red-jack, 1 post oak and one pine, all as pointers; thence S. 70 1-2 W. 49 1-2 E. 23 chains and 80 links to a stake with 1 pine, 1 red oak and 1 post-oak as that line S. 64 1-2 W. 6 chains and 75 links to a stake by the above road;

thence as the road N. 55 3-4 S. 80 chains and 94 links to the beginning, containing 15 1-8 acres, more or less.
SECOND TRACT: Beginning on the A. C. L. R. where Moses Ivey and Mack McKay lines cross said railroad and runs as their line S. 15 1-4 E. 23.95 chains to a stake with a stump and sweet gum pointers near the corner and one black-jack and

two pine pointers, 30 or 40 links from the corner, one of Smith's corners; thence as Smith's and Ivey's line N. 85 1-2 W. 44 chains to a stake with one pine pointer; thence N. 4 1-2 E. 1 chain to a stake; thence N. 84 3-4 W. 6.80 chains to the A. C. L. R. thence as said railroad to the beginning, containing twenty-two and one-fourth acres, more or less.

This tract No. 2 being the same land conveyed by deed from Moses Ivey and wife, Jennette Ivey to Young E. Ivey and Troy E. Ivey, deed dated January 30, 1911, and registered in Book M. No. 7, page 219, Records of Cumberland County.
This November 27, 1923.
E. J. NORRIS, Mortgagee.
November 30 December 7 14 21.



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WISHING YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

J. P. Cooper, Manager
SOUTHERN MARBLE WORKS
NORTH CAROLINA

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The Dunn Package House,
East Cumberland Street. Dunn, N. C.

The Next Interest Period

in the Savings Department of The Commercial Bank of Dunn will begin on January 1st. All deposits made in this department during the week ending January 5th will begin drawing interest at four per cent, compounded quarterly, on January 1st. If you have not yet started the savings habit begin the New Year by opening a Savings Account with this Bank where your money will be safe and at the same time will be earning interest for you.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New year.

THE COMMERCIAL BANK
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