

The Cotton Situation.

An exaggerated crop estimate seems to have taken possession of the speculating public and prices for cotton have sunk below value.

Cotton is worth on a basis of silver bullion 10 1-2 cents to-day. The mills have sold goods for export into the silver countries, within the last few weeks, on account of cotton being on a parity with silver bullion, something that has not been possible since 1907. Since 1907 silver bullion was worth in this country 72 cents an ounce, cotton was worth 14 1-2 cents per pound and the mills had more orders than their spindles could supply.

To-day silver bullion is worth 52 1-2 cents an ounce. Divide 52 1-2 cents an ounce by 5 pounds of cotton and you have 10 1-2 cents per pound for cotton. The mills can pay this price and make normal profits.

If the farmer will refuse to sacrifice his cotton at present prices, he can easily get 10 1-2 on the intrinsic worth of his cotton to the manufacturer.

This year the July crop was about all that was made. Consequently it has all opened and much more than usual has been brought in sight.

As long as the farmers continue to rush the staple on the market, causing the receipts to run far ahead of previous years, the world's opinion will be crystallized into a crop of unheard of magnitude.

If we were to form an opinion based on the crop in this section we would not think a crop of 10,000,000 bales possible.

Just because Georgia has a good crop, it does not necessarily follow

that every other State has.

From all we can learn of the crop we are going on record with the following estimate, by States:

North Carolina, 700,000; South Carolina, 1,200,000; Georgia, 2,300,000; Alabama, 1,200,000; Mississippi, 1,200,000; Florida 65,000; Louisiana, 400,000; Arkansas, 900,000; Tennessee, 450,000; Missouri and Kentucky, 50,000; Texas, 3,700,000; Oklahoma, 1,000,000; Virginia and California, 20,000; total, 13,185,000; minus cotton ginned during July and August, and reported in last year's crop, 771,000; total, 12,414,000; plus an expected average ginning for July and August, which will be reported in the crop of 1911-12, 400,000; total, 12,814,000.

We think it worse than folly for the farmers to sell at present prices.

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The care of Irish potatoes by those who want to grow them and save them for seed at home is not of the same kind as that usually given to the commercial article. The Irish potato, for seed, should not be allowed to fully ripen. They grow much more vigorously if dug before ripening than if the plants stand until the time of decay in autumn.

Use of Fertilizers.

Nitrogen (or "ammonia") encourages strong leaf, vine and bush growth.

Potash makes firm tuber, bulb and fiber.

Phosphoric acid makes blooms "set," and seed and seed pods form abundantly.

If the wild growth on your farm

is profuse and your tomatoes and melon vines run to leaf, your soil is rich in nitrogen.

If trees do not thrive, onions seem soggy and tomato vines sturdiness of stalk, the soil needs potash.

If your tomatoes, melons and grain fail to "set" plenty of seed and fruit, phosphoric acid as called for.

If you expect to take from your land a crop rich in leaf, as lettuce, increase the proportion of nitrogen in your fertilizer.

If potatoes or onions are desired, provide plenty of potash.

If abundant corn, wheat, melons, peaches, strawberries or tomatoes are wanted, see to the phosphoric acid.—Home and Farm.

Cotton Culture in Africa.

Discussing the scientific methods of the African farmer, a correspondent of the London Times, writing from Northern Nigeria, says of cotton culture: "It is a revelation to see the cotton fields, the plants in raised rows three feet apart, the land having in many cases been precedently enriched by a catch crop of beans, whose withering stems (where not removed for fodder, or hoed in as manure) are observable between the healthy shrubs, often four and five feet in height, thickly covered with yellow flowers or snowy balls of white bursting from the split pod. The fields themselves are protected from incursions of sheep and goats by tall neat fencing of guinea corn-stalks, or reeds, kept in place by native rope of uncommon strength.

Type Ear for Seed Corn.

In the choice of corn for seed, selects the ears that he believes will give him the largest yield of good corn the following year. It is a good plan to choose an ear of corn that is as near the type wanted as possible; then keep this ear from year to year, or until you get a better one. At any rate, have a sample ear that you can look at occasionally to help you in following one type. Keep this type ear handy when selecting corn in the fall; and in the spring, when the final selection is made, it is well to compare all ears carefully with the type-ear.—C. P. Bull, Minnesota College.

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