

### The Outlook For Truck Crops For Market For 1935

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The following statement is taken from the Agricultural Outlook for 1934-35, released for publication by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture, on Monday, November 5th, 1934:

The market outlook for commercial truck crops for fresh market shipment during 1935 appears to be a little more favorable to growers than it has been for any season since 1931. With the level of wholesale food prices averaging about 15 percent higher than in the spring of 1934 and with smaller supplies of such staple foods as meat, dairy and poultry products in prospect, it is probable that the demand for commercial truck crops will be somewhat improved, at least during the first half of 1935. During the latter half of 1935, unless there is an increase in consumer buying power, it is expected that the level of prices will be adjusted chiefly on the basis of changes in the supplies available for market, a larger production tending to lower the prices below the 1934 level and a smaller production favoring an improvement in prices.

Commercial supplies of late cabbage, onions, potatoes, and sweet potatoes are generally larger this season than in 1933, and the carry-over of these crops is expected to offer more competition to early 1935 spring-grown vegetables. However, the total production of vegetable crops in home and local gardens, particularly in the drought-stricken States, has been decreased and the quantity of home-canned and home-stored vegetables for winter and early spring consumption was less than during the last several years. While buying power is very limited for many whose home food supply is extremely low this year, the general shortage of locally-grown foodstuffs will result in some expansion of demand for shipped-in supplies until home and local gardens again come into production next summer. Hence, if the commercial production of early vegetables in 1935 is not expanded beyond that of recent years, it seems probable that improved prices will permit growers to market more nearly the entire early commercial supply than has been true to any of the last few seasons, when appreciable quantities of some crops were left in the field because growers could not afford to harvest them at prevailing market prices.

The reports so far received from Florida, Texas, Arizona, California, and a few other early sections, indicate that the combined acreage of 11 vegetables for harvest in the late fall and winter of 1934-35 in these States will be larger than the early acreage of 1933-34 season by more than 10 percent and will exceed the average of the 5 previous seasons by 25 percent. The acreage of nearly every one of these vegetables will be above average. Although these fall and winter acreages represent only a small proportion of the total early acreage, they do indicate that the supplies from the early acres probably will be ample.

During the 1934 season the total production of 17 important truck crops for fresh-market shipment increased about 9 percent from the relatively small production in 1933. Production in 1934 was slightly below the record high production in 1932. In terms of the 1924-29 average production of these 17 vegetables is estimated at 117 percent compared with 107 percent in 1933, 118 percent in 1932, 117 percent in 1931, 118 percent in 1930, and 114 percent in 1929. It appears that the steady expansion in the production of these crops, which was interrupted in 1933, has been resumed.

The increase in production of these vegetables in 1934 was due both to an increase in acreage and to larger yields per acre. Most of the important producing centers of these commercial vegetables were not encompassed in the 1934 drought area but several important western areas were handicapped by a shortage of irrigation water. Total acreage planted to these crops was 6 percent larger in 1934 than in 1933, which was about 10 percent below the record high acreage of 1932. During the last 15 years the trend of acreage of these commercial vegetables has been sharply upward, with the only major reversal occurring in 1933 when the acreage was decreased 10 percent. From 1923 to 1932 the average rate of increase was about 7 percent per year. In 1934 the acreage of 17 truck crops for fresh market shipment totaled 1,380,000 acres compared with 1,300,000 acres in 1933 and 1,430,000 in 1932, the record high for these vegetables. The only major acreage decreases in 1934 occurred in cauliflower, eggplant, peas, peppers, spinach, and cantaloupes; there were substantial acreage increases in nearly all of the others.

Yields per acre of commercial truck crops for fresh market shipment in 1934 were about 4 percent higher

than in 1933. The trend of per-acre yields of these vegetables has been downward for the last 15 years reaching a record low in 1933. Average yields per acre declined about 20 percent during the decade ending in 1931 but since 1931 the rate of the decline has been much slower. Since the average yield per acre in 1934 was somewhat higher than for the previous 3 years and almost as high as in 1930, it seems probable that the rapid downward trend has been checked.

The average value per acre of commercial truck crops, although estimated to be larger than during the 1933 season, maintains the low level that has existed since 1931. The average gross return to growers of these commercial truck crops was approximately \$106 per harvested acre in 1934 compared with less than \$101 in 1933 and \$96 in 1932, the low point of recent years. The decline in value per acre from \$175 in 1929, to \$142 in 1930, to \$118 in 1931 and to the low figures of recent years parallels largely the general sharp decline in prices resulting from greatly reduced consumer purchasing power. During the early 1920's the value per acre of the 17 commercial truck crops for shipment was about 125 percent of the 1924-29 average but with a general lowering of both yields and prices it has declined to only 65 percent of the early 1930's. The net returns to growers were probably less in 1934 than in 1933 because of increases in costs of production and marketing.

#### Two-thirds Vote Needed For Continuance Of Cotton Measure

The fate of the Bankhead Act will be put squarely up to the southern cotton growers in the referendum to be conducted in December, says Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College.

If two-thirds of the growers vote for the act, it will be continued in 1935 on an improved and more flexible basis Schaub says. Otherwise, it will be discarded.

Since some form of crop control will be necessary to save cotton growers from a return of ruinous prices, he says, the adjustment contracts, which were signed on a two-year basis for 1934 and 1935, will be continued in force regardless of the vote on the Bankhead measure.

Experience gained during the first year of the act's administration will enable the AAA to prepare a more efficient and flexible method of administering the act another year, Schaub adds. Changes in the policy of administering the act are now being planned.

The allotments under the act, if it is continued, will be somewhat larger than this year. The contract allotments will be around 25 per cent larger next year, as the maximum reduction that can be called for under the contracts is 25 per cent below the base average.

In voting on the act, Schaub says, the grower will not be voting for a certain allotment or tax rate, but on the question as to whether the secretary of agriculture shall have the power to make allotments and levy a tax on excess cotton.

The act does not set a fixed allotment for each grower or the amount of tax to be paid on excess production, but empowers the secretary of agriculture to determine the allotments and the tax by the needs of the market.

#### Dates Set For Civil Service Examinations

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations as follows:

Senior social economist, \$4,600, social economist, \$3,200, associate social economist, \$3,200; assistant social economist, \$2,600 a year, children's bureau, Department of Labor. Closing date, December 13, 1934.

The salaries named are subject to a deduction of not to exceed five per cent during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1935, as a measure of economy, and also to a deduction of 3-12 per cent toward a retirement annuity.

All states except Iowa, Vermont, Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia have received less than their quota of appointments in the apportioned departmental service in Washington, D. C.

Full information may be obtained from the secretary of the United States Civil Service Board of Examiners or the post office in this city.

#### PIECE TIME



Tommy Fish—My, I'm hungry. Ma, Ma Fish—All right, I'll fix you some bread and jelly fish.

#### JOKE ON WIFIE



Barber—So your wife is away taking her vacation—when do you take yours?  
Victim—I'm taking it now, only she doesn't know it.

#### BETHEL NEWS

Sallie B. Wood, of New Hope, spent the week-end with Maude Keaton. Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Stallings and children, of Camden, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Phillips. Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Dail of Hertford Road, called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Broughton Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Mansfield, of Edenton, and Mrs. M. C. West, of Maryland, called on Mr. and Mrs. Tom Chappell Thursday night. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Reed and son, Charlie Ford, from near Hertford, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Thach from near Yeopim Station, and Mr. R. A. Mansfield, of Edenton, called at the home of Mr. J. H. Mansfield Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sutton and Elizabeth White, of Great Hope, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ward Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Proctor, of Hertford Road visited his mother, Mrs. J. E. Proctor, Sunday. Mrs. Joe Phillips, of Camden, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Phillips on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Thach, of Yeopim Station, visited Mr. Henry Mansfield Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lane, of the

Bear Swamp section, visited at the home of Mr. J. H. Mansfield Thursday. Mrs. Fannie Corpew has returned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Chappell after visiting relatives at Jamesville and Plymouth. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Mansfield from near Woodville, visited his father, Mr. Henry Mansfield, Wednesday. Miss Lucille Long, of the Winfall school faculty, spent the week-end as the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Long. Twenty rural FCX organizations have been formed in Catawba County, with an average of 10 members



## THANKSGIVING FOOD VALUES

Brookfield Roll Butter, lb.	35c	Old Time New England Mince Meat, lb.	18c	Hershey's Chocolate Syrup, 5 1/2 oz. can	5c
Seeded or Seedless Raisins, 3 pkgs.	25c	Fancy Shredded Coconut, lb.	18c	14 oz. Fruit Cake, Cake plate free, both	29c
Jello and Royal Quick Setting Gelatin, 2 pkgs.	15c	Luxury Macaroni and Spaghetti Per pkg.	5c	Wesson Oil Per pint	21c
Chalmers Gelatin Per pkg.	15c	Borden's Tall Evaporated Milk 3 cans	19c	Fluffo Salad Oil Pint	18c
Unicorn Small Peas Per can	20c	Libby's Sauer Kraut No. 2 1/2 can	10c	Carolina Maid Pickles, 8 oz. 10c; pints 15c; quarts	25c
Ocean Spray Cranberry Sauce Per can	15c	Premier Whole Beets No. 2 1/2 can	15c	Libby's Sliced or Crushed Pineapple No. 2 cans	17c
Libby's Tiny Kernel Corn 2 cans	25c	Libby's Tomato Juice 3 cans	25c	Heinz Soups 2 large cans	27c
Sunbeam Grape Juice Pint	15c			No. 1 Large Asparagus Per can	17c
				No. 1 Fruit Salad Per can	15c
				5 oz. bottle Worcestershire Sauce Per bottle	10c
<b>CANDIES</b>		<b>Dry Pack OYSTERS</b>		<b>Brazil Nuts Per lb.</b>	
Choice Mixed Chocolates, lb.	19c	Per Quart		English Walnuts Per lb.	25c
Hard Mix Per lb.	12 1/2c	35c		Almonds Per lb.	21c
Chocolate Covered Peanuts, lb.	20c			Black Walnuts 3 lbs.	10c
Holly Wreath Yellow Cling Peaches Halves or Sliced, 2 large cans	29c	Fancy Whole Grain Rice 3 lbs.			14c

#### FRUIT CAKE INGREDIENTS

Fancy Citron, lb.	30c
Lemon and Orange Peel, Per lb.	30c
Glace Pineapple, lb.	42c
Cherries, lb.	42c
Pitted Dates, 10 oz.	17c
Pitted Dates, 3 3-4 oz.	10c
Figs, 8 oz. pkg.	10c
Currants, pkg.	15c
xxxx Sugar, lb.	9c
Brown Sugar, lb.	7c
Ground Spices, pkg.	10c
Swansdown Cake Flour, per pkg.	32c

#### FRUITS - VEGETABLES

Fancy Celery, stalk	10c
Hard Head Lettuce	10c
Tangerines, doz.	15c
Winesap Apples, lb.	5c
Oranges, doz.	15c
CRANBERRIES - CARROTS PARSNIPS - TOMATOES	
Bananas, 4 lbs.	19c

#### MEAT DEPARTMENT

CHOICE DRESSED GEESE, DUCKS AND CHICKENS AT LOWEST PRICES	
New Corned Hams, lb.	25c
Corned Shoulders, lb.	22c
Lean Loin Pork Roast, per lb.	19c
Hamburger, lb.	15c
Choice Forequarter Beef Roast, lb.	15c

#### SEASONAL BARGAINS

Angel Food Cakes, each	25c
Crispo Fig Bars, 2 lbs.	25c
Mustard, qt. jar	15c
Miracle Whip Salad Dressing, qt.	31c
Kraft Mayonnaise, pt.	25c
Cherries, 5 oz. bottle	15c
After Dinner Mints, pkg.	5c
Old Fashioned Apple Sauce, 2 No. 2 cans	25c

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