

North Carolina Has the Best Cotton Crop of Any State

This Year's Crop Placed At 800,000 Bales—December 1 Price Was 16.4 As Compared With 16.2 For Nation's Crop—73,000,000 Pounds Sold In November At Average of \$27.02.

(Special to Daily News.)
 Raleigh, Dec. 17.—The cotton crop for 1921 was like this year's weather. Everyone guessed at it and missed. The "Government" or bureau of markets and crop estimates, has been criticized because their estimates were too low this year. The October forecast was for 490,000 bales and the December estimate was 800,000. These estimates were based on the reports of the same 2,300 reporters who are farmers having above the average knowledge

of conditions. The "Government" therefore reflects the people's veracity and information, not that of any special official. Since all private agencies were quite as arrant, the co-operative crop reporting service at Raleigh has decided that everyone was just fooled about the acreage and yield, or else many just tried to fool others. Then, too, the yield improved wonderfully after the August extended drought. The terrible boll weevil did not do nearly the

damage expected in the counties adjacent to South Carolina. The bright side of this deceptive cotton crop is that North Carolina has the best crop of any state, having made a fine yield per acre, in view of the dry conditions, and it has helped in giving the state a possible rank of third, or in the class next to the California and Texas empires. Even Illinois and Iowa seem to be surpassed. If so, cotton and tobacco did it. The underestimation should have helped the farmers rather than otherwise. This year's crop seems to be about 800,000 bales for North Carolina or almost ten per cent of the south's 8,240,000 bale crop which gives us fifth rank among cotton states. The state's yield per acre was 25 pounds and the December 1st price 16.4 as compared with 16.2 cents for the national crop. Who would have thought this state would make more cotton than South Carolina or Oklahoma, and almost as much as Georgia? The south's crop made but 127 pounds or less than \$26.00 per acre. This state used a greatly decreased amount of

fertilizer and yet produced almost an average yield per acre, which argues that cotton is a dry weather crop—if you don't have boll weevils. The last four years have respectively shown for the entire belt yields per acre of 19.1, 16.2, 17.1, and 17.2 pounds averaging 17.9; 35.5; 14.0 and 14.2 cents or \$44.00, \$57.50, \$24.90 and \$30.50 per acre for 1918 to 1921 crops. Compare these with North Carolina's per acre values of \$76.00, \$27.70, \$41.40, and \$42.50; for the four crops beginning 1918. Most of the present crop is sold and ginning is completed the earliest in history. Even an eight million bale crop means but 62 per cent of last year's crop. Our unexpected large production is but indicative of the fact that North Carolina is about the most fortunate cotton state in the union. Our per acre value of crops is quite high and we are not burning corn because it is the cheapest fuel. We are behind and unprogressive in many respects but the Lord has favored us this year. The cotton yields per acre by counties are estimated to be as follows:

- Beaufort 259, Bertie 235, Bladen 215, Brunswick 140, Camden 218, Carteret 225, Chowan 245, Columbus 173, Craven 250, Cumberland 250, Currituck 247, Duplin 218, Edgecombe 223, Gates 247, Greene 275, Halifax 194, Harnett 287, Hertford 212, Hoke 270, Hyde 231, Johnston 238, Jones 235, Lenoir 232, Martin 302, Nash 281, New Hanover 260, Northampton 236, Onslow 240, Pamlico 270, Pasquotank 250, Pender 215, Perquimans 215, Pitt 234, Robeson 217, Sampson 236, Scotland 227, Tyrrell 230, Washington 236, Wayne 205, and Wilson 218 pounds per acre.
- Alamance 165, Alexander 220, Anson 183, Cabarrus 258, Catawba 224, Chatham 220, Cleveland 257, Davidson 120, Davie 190, Durham 145, Franklin 145, Gaston 218, Granville 128, Iredell 221, Lee 274, Lincoln 280, Mecklenburg 267, Montgomery 220, Moore 215, Orange 194, Polk 265, Randolph 202, Richmond 170, Rowan 261, Rutherford 240, Stokes 215, Union 224, Vance 216, Wake 237, and Warren 198 pounds per acre.

The recently revised reports from the department of agriculture show the 1919 crop of tobacco as 233,404,454 pounds from 528,460 acres. These were actual sales during that year when the census was made and which showed a production of 280,163,432 pounds, from 459,811 acres. The actual sales were 16 per cent more than shown by the census. The high prices paid for tobacco during the 1919 season which averaged 51 cents, occasioned an over-production in 1920 when farmers sales amounted to 431,498,000 pounds from 625,394 acres. Prices for 1920 averaged \$21.28, or less than half of the 1919 average, and less than the actual cost of production. The result is shown in the 1921 crop, it being 32 per cent less than the 1920 production. During November there were 74,400, 817 pounds of farmers' tobacco sold (including estimates for missing reports). The price averaged \$27.02 as compared with \$24.71 for November last year. This amount is one-fourth of the total crop produced, and the season's sales of 180,321,218 pounds leaves 114,000,000 pounds to be marketed during the remainder of the season. The markets bringing highest prices during November were Fuquay Springs \$38.25, Aberdeen \$34.50, and Farmville \$34.54. The Wilson market has sold 25,339,818 pounds during the season and Winston-Salem 14,710,513 pounds. These two being the largest markets in the state. Remarks from warehousemen were as follows: Old Belt—"Most of the best tobacco is sold. Quality is largely common." Offerings are mostly tips. "Over 65 per cent of crop marketed." "Dry weather crop made very poor quality." "Good quality brings high price and common very low." "Mostly green tips and burnt lugs." "Cutters of good quality selling well." "Quality deteriorating as season advances." "No scrap sold." "Farmers should plan less and give more attention to quality."

New Belt—"Tobacco very common toward end of month." "Tobacco offered for sale did not mature in field due to insufficient rain." "About an average grade but not as good as last month." "Supply becoming scarce." "Quality not so good as in October." "November carried large quantity of common grades." "Poor grades showing up. Large per cent of tobacco sold." "Poor to average grades." "Crop remaining in hands of farmers is of poor quality."

Tobacco Sales And Prices.
 November, 1921 tobacco sales and prices paid follows: November Producers' 1921 1920 Sales Price Price
 Aberdeen 315,847 \$34.90 \$21.72
 Ahsokle 447,854 20.50 16.59
 Apex 573,208 23.33 18.26
 Benson 1,104,733 19.54 29.15
 Burlington 498,584 30.67 21.09
 Durham 2,235,254 25.00 29.84
 Elkin 389,832 21.18 23.38
 Enfield 821,948 24.05 21.44
 Farmville 2,113,350 24.54 27.00
 Fuquay Springs 1,161,460 38.25 24.60
 Goldsboro 1,112,600 17.63 18.23
 Greensboro 447,854 21.11 19.52
 Greenville 4,988,926 21.25 21.25
 Henderson 2,779,059 26.58 22.01
 Kinston 4,135,473 25.10 22.49
 La Grange 188,044 17.71 12.48
 Lenoir 879,074 20.13 20.16
 Madison 684,224 22.70 11.85
 Mebane 816,929 18.70 24.49
 Mt. Airy 1,082,369 27.70 24.38
 New Bern 588,140 21.61 19.88
 Oxford 2,544,212 25.70 27.03
 Pilot Mountain 1,025,542 23.46 24.72
 Raleigh 1,127,142 22.89 21.89
 Reidsville 1,078,258 22.97 22.56
 Richlands 328,159 23.30 17.95
 Robertsonville 1,052,112 29.60 22.47
 Rocky Mount 478,855 25.80 22.23
 Roxboro 3,322,019 19.88 24.61
 Sanford 451,848 27.95 22.54
 Smithfield 514,874 23.46 18.16
 Snow Hill 651,210 21.46 24.02
 Spring Hope 422,480 28.25 22.13
 Statesville 684,224 22.70 11.85
 Stoneville 382,543 21.68 21.00
 Tarboro 1,012 22.50 20.89
 Vanceboro 628,452 25.50 22.84
 Wallace 429,652 23.35 16.13
 Warrenton 1,526,116 22.75 18.28
 Warsaw 827,846 25.14 17.92
 Washington 821,687 25.65 19.90
 Wendell 4,368,786 24.50 23.13
 Williamston 814,059 29.70 21.05
 Wilson 10,320,160 29.40 25.00
 Yadlow 827,846 25.14 17.92
 Winston-Salem 8,065,785 27.08 26.74
 Youngsville 1,289,182 25.15 22.47
 Zebulon 1,138,073 23.23 22.37

Total 72,206,917 \$27.05 \$24.71
GERMAN FILM MAKERS TRY TO TAKE AMERICAN TRADE
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 Berlin, Nov. 21.—German motion picture film manufacturers have perfected a co-operative organization one of the prime purposes of which is to capture the European trade held by American producers. In the effort to compete with the American film the Germans are endeavoring to develop a "green humor" which heretofore has been lacking in their production. Virtually all Teuton films, until recently, have dealt only with historical, legendary and romantic subjects. Irish Trouble Costly.
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 London, Nov. 15.—The Irish compensation awarded under the criminal injuries Ireland act during the period from June 1, 1920, to September 30, 1921, was approximately \$8,000,000. The figures were given by Sir Hamar Greenwood, chief secretary for Ireland, to a questioner in the house of commons.

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