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## Record Production Of Food Forecast For 1943

### Wickard Says It Is Most Gratifying News He Has Had

The United States department of agriculture has reported that prospects are good for a new record production of food this year as a result of larger crop acreage and increased livestock production.

Unless weather conditions are unfavorable, the crop reporting board said in its annual survey of farmers' planting intentions, "total food production probably will be somewhat larger than last year."

Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard hailed the report as "the most gratifying news the country has had in a long time." The indicated 3.5 per cent increase in crop acreage was all that could be asked," he said. Some government quarters had suggested that Wickard resign if the report indicated farmers would decline to co-operate in his increased production program.

Many of the crop acreages will be below the greatly expanded goals asked by Wickard.

Principal increases indicated are 6,000,000 acres more corn and 3,300,000 acres more of the principal oilseed crops—soybeans, peanuts and flaxseed. The indicated total acreage in all crops was 279,000,000, an increase of 10,000,000 acres over last year.

The board said farmers intended to plant 96,227,000 acres corn, compared with 100,000,000 acres last year.

Spring planting was indicated at 7,900 acres which, with 37,000 acres planted last fall, would give the nation 52,187,000 acres of wheat, a decrease of 356,000 from last year.

Planting intentions on other crops, compared with 1942 acreage and 1943 goals included oats, 42,638,000 compared with 42,662,000 acres last year and a goal of 37,300,000; barley, 19,306,000 compared with 19,448,000 acres last year and a goal of 18,000,000; flaxseed, 6,051,000 compared with 4,691,000 acres last year and a goal of 5,500,000 acres.

Wheat, 1,505,000, is the same as last year and compared with a goal of 1,380,000 acres; potatoes, 3,174,000, compared with 2,793,000 acres last year and a goal of 3,260,000 acres; sweet potatoes, 813,000 compared with 708,000 last year and a goal of 1,000,000 acres.

Tobacco, 1,402,000 acres compared with 1,380,000 acres last year and a goal of 1,394,000 acres; dry edible beans, 2,480,000 acres compared with 2,135,000 acres last year and a goal of 3,300,000 acres; dry peas, 677,000 compared with 501,000 last year and a goal of 725,000 acres this year.

Soybeans, 15,603,000 acres compared with 14,222,000 last year and a goal of approximately 16,000,000 acres; cow peas, 2,000,000 compared with 3,407,000 acres last year. No acreage goal was established this year on cow peas.

Farmers intend planting 5,230,000 acres in peanuts, compared with 4,674,000 acres last year and a 1943 goal of 5,500,000 acres. The indicated acreage of tame hay is 60,270,000 acres compared with 60,211,000 acres this year. No acreage goal was established for tame hay, but Wickard asked for 71,100,000 acres of all types.

### VACCINATION PREVENTS THE BANG'S DISEASE

Vaccination to prevent Bang's disease has proven highly satisfactory. Approximately 97 per cent of the calves of vaccinated animals, mingling with infected cattle, were normal.

### THE DIFFERENCE

Two small girls were having a tremendous argument.

"My daddy's a mounted policeman," said Betty. "He rides a horse all day."

"That's no better than being an ordinary policeman like my daddy," said Peggy, proudly.

"Oh, but it is," said Betty. "If there is any trouble, he can get away quicker."

### Kudzu Is A Great Soil Builder



The Soil Conservation Service has been promoting production of Kudzu as a soil building and soil conserving crop. The above picture, made on the farm of L. P. Somers in Somers township, by R. E. Dunn, head of the Wilkes unit of the Soil Conservation Service, shows a young crop of Kudzu among corn. Kudzu, in addition to being one of the best crops

known for holding the soil, also produces hay with high tonnage per acre, and is valuable to a certain extent for grazing. One of its main uses is for planting on eroded slopes and terrace ends to prevent erosion. Mr. Dunn or any of his staff will be glad to give any farmer interested full information about Kudzu and will help to get the crop started.

### COBLE DAIRY PLANNING TO GROW MOST OF OWN FEED

George S. Coble, well known dairy manufacturer, who during the past year built up a fairly large herd of registered Holsteins on his modernly equipped dairy farm adjacent to Lexington means to grow his own feed in so far as possible. So he has purchased two farm tracts aggregating over 300 acres in a fertile farming section about four miles southwest of Lexington. The purchases include some 217 acres of the former Hargrave lands from Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gordon of that city, and some 95 acres of the Peter Smith land adjoining, bought from the Smith heirs.

Mr. Coble has indicated his intention of using the open land on these tracts for the production of foodstuffs.

As an encouragement to farmers in piedmont counties supplying milk to his plants in Lexington and at Wilkesboro, Mr. Coble several months ago headed up a plan for buying dairy cattle in carload lots in other states and bringing them to this section for resale to farmers. Several carloads have already been placed, in addition to those he bought for his own dairy, and arrangements have been made for bringing in a number of additional carloads for this and nearby counties soon.

### Light For The Laying Hens

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Increased Production—Stimulation with lights has a direct bearing on egg production. This practice does not necessarily increase the total number of eggs laid per hen per year but it does increase production up to 4 or 5 eggs per hen per month during the winter season when eggs are higher in price, thereby increasing the net income per hen 15 per cent or more for the season. Lengthening the day artificially to give a total of 16 hours of light has proved most effective.

Installation—Equipment for furnishing artificial light is inexpensive and should pay for itself in a short time. Provide approximately one watt for each 5 square feet of floor space, or in a house 20x20 feet, provide two 40 watt bulbs, giving 80 watts of light. Place the lights high enough so that you can walk underneath them. It's best to provide a shallow reflector above the bulb to direct light light downward.

Automatic Control—An inexpensive homemade alarm clock switch may be used to turn lights on automatically, or commercial time switches may be had that work even better.

How To Use—Various systems have been used in lighting—using all-night lights, night and morning lights, and all-morning lights. All of these methods have proved very satis-

### Rough Ride



Adm. William H. Standley, retired U. S. naval chief, now ambassador to Russia, is shown behind the wheel of a jeep during a recent inspection tour of an ordnance repair depot somewhere in the Middle East. Picture was taken while Standley was en route to Moscow to return to his post, after important conferences.

ALREADY GRANTED  
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"Big Boy, you just had it."

factory. However, we have found that morning lights alone give as good results as any method and has some advantages. No dimmer system is required as when using lights both night and morning.  
Cost—Operating costs are surprisingly little. In case of 80 watts for 100 hens, if they burn three hours per day they use 7.2 kw. per 30 day period which, at the present price of eggs, would amount to less than one-fourth of an egg per day for light for 100 hens.

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