

# NOV. 1, 1930 CROP REPORT

Raleigh, Nov. 15.—Now that practically all of the 1930 crops are harvested, we have a first opportunity for looking at the situation from a preliminary standpoint. North Carolina was fortunate in experiencing relatively little of the drought situation. Even those counties of the Piedmont Belt that did suffer are in much better shape than most of Tennessee, Kentucky and Virginia. The Fall has been favorable for the harvesting of most crops and fairly favorable for the preparation of fields, looking to the seeding of small grains. The cotton crop is more nearly picked than usual at this season. Late pastures are fairly good, following late summer drought conditions in the livestock counties.

While farmers are severely handicapped by the low prices received for practically all of their products, considerable relief was experienced in North Carolina by increased acreages of food and feed crops, as advised by Commissioner Graham's "diversification" and Governor Gardner's "live-at-home" programs. A wide expansion in these programs is expected next year.

Corn, being the principal crop in acreage and distribution in North Carolina, shows a much better yield than was expected, particularly in the southeastern half of the State. Even in fairly dry counties, the yield has been fairly good. Together with the 10 percent increase in acreage, the corn crop is good this year. The drought conditions in the Mississippi Valley territory greatly reduced the yield of the country at large, resulting in 20 percent less production than last year and 22 percent less than the five-year average; in fact, the 1930 crop is the smallest since 1901. It has been noticeable in North Carolina that a greater proportion than ever before of the crop was harvested by cutting the entire stalk. This was done to provide increased forage for feeding purposes.

Legumes, including soy beans, cowpeas and velvet beans, have

shown variable conditions, particularly in North Carolina. The soy bean yield in this State is the lowest for many years. It appears that a type of rot is beginning to affect the crop in the commercial producing counties. Then, too, the weather conditions here have been considered unfavorable for the production of seed. The plant growth of Soy beans is fairly good. The acreage has been expanding rapidly for several years—usually at the expense of cowpeas. The soy bean acreage has been expanding on a large scale in the Mississippi and Ohio River Valleys, but the yield almost everywhere was relatively low.

The acreage of cowpeas gathered for the peas is this year estimated at 912,000 or 24 percent over last year for all of the States. The yield is lower, showing only half of the increase indicated by the acreage. The crop in North Carolina is produced largely in the southern Coastal and Piedmont counties. The year was rather favorable for the production of seed but not so good for plant development. Due to the rather haphazard method of harvesting the crop in this State, it is almost impossible to arrive at a dependable yield per acre. The present crop is reckoned at 7 bushels for that gathered.

The apple crop showed a slight improvement late in October over the previous report for North Carolina. The latest information indicates 2,555,000 bushels or about 3 percent less than last year or 42 percent below the five-year average. The commercial crop here is right much shorter than last year or the average, the production being reckoned at 128,000 barrels in North Carolina. The country at large shows an appreciable increase over last year and a 3 percent increase over the five-year average.

The after harvest reports of North Carolina crops show that all grains are of unusually good quality this year. For the first time in several years the grain is reported to be Sorghum cane for syrup is reckoned at 82 gallons per acre, which is somewhat below the average. The late Irish potato crop shows an av-

erage of 82 bushels per acre, while the early and late production shows 100 bushels. This is less than last year but is better than the ten-year average. The quality of the crop is less than either last year or the ten-year average. Sweet potatoes are indicated at 95 bushels per acre or 79 percent of last year and 6 bushels less than the usual yield. The quality is also much lower than usual. With favorable harvesting conditions, the keeping qualities of potatoes are expected to be good, as they should have been fairly free from surplus sap content.

The pecan crop is reckoned at 54 percent of a full crop or 600,000 pounds production. There has been a rapid increase in the number of bearing trees during the past few years. The last year's survey made in North Carolina indicated that the majority of bearing trees are found close to the farm homesteads and particularly in small towns.

## MOORESBORO R-1

Mooreboro, R-1, Nov. 17.—Rev. I. D. Harrill filled his regular appointment at Race Path, Sunday and as usual preached a very inspiring sermon. Due to the bad weather the crowd wasn't as large as usual.

Several from this community attended the singing at Trinity Sunday night.

Miss Belle Hawkins, who is principal of Mt. Pleasant school spent week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Hawkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Plato Champion and daughter, Effie, also Mr. G. E. Greene, attended a birthday dinner at Mountain View, Sunday in honor of Mrs. Betty Champion. This was her 93rd birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Jolley and guests, Mr. and Mrs. Ardery Earley, and little son, Joe, of Shelby, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Earley, Saturday at Dobbinville.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Green spent Saturday night at Floyd's Creek, with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McGinnis. in Sparks, of Cliffside, attended the teachers meeting at Shelby Saturday.

Messrs Owen Padgett, Boyd Hames

and Zon Robertson attended the debate at Boiling Springs college, Saturday night. They are all students there.

Dr. and Mrs. Zeno Wall, of Shel-

by, visited Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Robinson Thursday afternoon.

Miss Belle Hawkins and Mrs. Mar-

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were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Earley, at Dobbinville, Saturday.

Mr. Roy Wall of Marshall, spent Thursday night with his father, Mr. Sid Wall.



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