

DECEMBER FIRST COTTON REPORT

Reported by State-Federal Departments of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C.

North Carolina's cotton crop for the 1930 season is estimated at 795,000 bales on December 1st. The acreage is about 13 percent less than last year, while the yield per acre was about 23 percent more.

The seasons have been rather unfavorable for most crops in this State, however, it is well known that dry conditions are favorable for the production of cotton. This is well proven in the western part of the Piedmont belt where real drought conditions were experienced. The boll weevil damage would have been very severe early in the season, except for dry weather. As it was, the real damage from this pest was not

seriously effective until September. With the ginnings showing 723,000 bales to December 1st, it appears that about 88 percent of the crop is ginned to this date. The harvest season has been favorable for both the picking and ginning of the crop. There were no appreciable long rainy periods to interfere. As a result, the crop was picked about as rapidly as it was opened, and the lint was obtained in good condition—free from weather discoloration and foreign matter. It is reckoned that less than 1 percent of the acreage in cultivation July 1st has been abandoned.

The heavy ginning season begins about September 20th, extending through November 1st. As a rule the ginnings occur at approximately the same rate each year. The two principal exceptions to this rule are the crops of 1926 and 1930. The 1926 crop held a rapid ginning period until December 1st, when the crop was all picked out; the 1930 crop, on the other hand, showed high ginnings prior to November 18th, after which date the ginnings fell off appreciably. In other words, this year shows the greatest percent of the crop ginned to November 1st on record—since the boll weevil made its appearance in this State. This largely accounts for the overestimation of the crop early in the season. Also, the actual yield harvested is not as great as was expected earlier in the season.

The United States crop, estimated at 14,243,000 bales, is appreciably less than either of the two preceding crops. The yield per acre is given at 151 pounds as compared with 155 each of the two preceding years. About 91 percent of the crop was ginned prior to December 1st, while 2 percent of the acreage was abandoned after July 1st.

The world cotton crop shows the United States and India with 1.5 percent reduction in acreage, while the rest of the producing countries have rather appreciable increases. These two countries, however, have by all odds the most acreage. In production, the United States shows 4.6 percent decrease from last year, while India's production is not yet reckoned. The world crop, exclusive of India and China, shows 18,302,000 bales, which is practically the same as a year ago and about 4 percent above the 1928 crop. The world production is reckoned at about 26,000,000 bales, which has stood fairly still for the last three years.

THE SEALS SALE

The Christmas seals enterprise has numerous aspects. As always, there is a division with the National and State Tuberculosis Associations, of 10 and 15 per cent respectively, and on their fractions of the penny a tremendous work has been done and continues to be done. In our state the association, with its Christmas seals money, has pioneered in some of the most vitally necessary activities for public health related to the effort to minimize the tuberculosis menace, that have since been taken over by the state and federal governments. Everyone now recognizes the necessity of these things, as government functions; but we have no reason to suppose they would have been accepted as government responsibilities but for this leadership and demonstration of private individuals.

Again this year, there is to be a sale of the seals with 75 percent of the proceeds, of local application, used largely in correction of conditions of undernourishment. This meets, partially, a need in practically all, if not in every one, of the schools. But this, also, is perhaps of more significance in its reflection of a future development of the public consciousness than in its day-to-day results.

It will want all the enthusiasm of those aiding it, and this enthusiasm applied in the most effective ways, to make this sale of seals produce funds at all adequate to what is waiting to be accomplished. And it will require, as always, a sympathetic understanding on the part of the public, without which the success of any such undertaking can be but limited.

Farm Outlook Gloomy Say College Economists

Little improvement in the foreign or domestic demand for southern agricultural products; more difficult credit conditions; probable low prices for cotton and tobacco, and a general poor outlook for farming next year unless one lives at home and produces largely of food and feed supplies for family and local use, is contained in the preliminary agricultural outlook report issued last week by the Department of Agricultural Economics at State college.

The report was prepared by Dr. G. W. Forster and R. H. Rogers following the economic conference held recently in Atlanta, Georgia. However, another report will be issued early in the new year as soon as the intentions to plant reports are gathered at Washington.

The preliminary report says the price of cotton this fall was the lowest since 1915 and will likely be no better next season due to the large carry-over, the small consumption of American cottons, and other reasons such as reduced buying power. North Carolina will likely increase its acreage to tobacco next season because of the low cotton price. Other states producing flue-cured leaf will probably reduce but there is already an over-production and the consumption of cigarettes shows definite signs of slowing up for the present.

The peanut situation should be better except that the crop may easily be substituted for cotton. The crop of 1930 was the lowest in recent years and the tariff has slowed up importations of the large nuts.

The early Irish potato situation is bad. The acreage will likely be expanded 10 percent with resulting lower prices than last year. The outlook is good for peaches and strawberries and for feed and forage crops. Hogs, home dairying, and home poultry growing offer some encouragement also, say the economists.

P. L. Bryan of Garner, Wake county, made six bales of cotton on 18 acres in 1929 and 13 bales on the same 18 acres this year by using calcium arsenate to control the boll weevil, he reports to county agent John C. Anderson.

Several thousand pounds of vetch seed has been planted for winter cover crops in the peach orchards of Moore county this fall as the result of better prices for peaches this summer.

Twenty-two baby beeves were shipped from Halifax county last week and 44 more will be shipped as soon as the market advances, says J. B. Britt, county agent.

NOTICE OF AUTHORITY FOR BANKING BUSINESS

No. 13500. Treasury Department, Office of Comptroller of the Currency, Washington, D. C., November 8, 1930. Whereas, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that First National Bank in Forest City in the Town of Forest City, in the County of Rutherford and State of North Carolina, has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized the business of Banking.

Now Therefore, I, J. W. Pole, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that First National Bank in Forest City in the Town of Forest City in the County of Rutherford, and State of North Carolina, is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in Section Fifty-one hundred and sixty-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

In Testimony Whereof witness my hand and Seal of Office this Eighth day of November, 1930.

(S) J. W. POLE, 7-9t. Comptroller of the Currency

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF LAND

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust made by J. P. Bailey and wife, Elizabeth Bailey, to the undersigned Trustee, dated July 10, 1929, and duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Rutherford County, State of North Carolina, in the Record of Mortgages and Deeds of Trust No. A-8, page 94, to which reference is hereby made and default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, whereby the power of sale contained therein has become operative, said Trustee will on

MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 1931.

at 12:00 o'clock Noon, sell for cash to the highest bidder, at public auction, at the Court House door, in the town of Rutherfordton, North Carolina, a certain lot or parcel of land in the County of Rutherford, Township Union, and more particularly described as follows:

First tract: Being a part of the J. W. Sparks land and bounded as follows: Beginning on a stake in the Shiloh Spring branch, Culbreth's corner; thence south 32 1/2 east three chains to a dogwood, Morrow's corner; thence with Morrow's line North 20 East, 16 7/8 100 chains to a double chestnut oak; thence North 20 1/2 East 5.36 100 chains to a stake in the branch; thence down the branch 24 3-4 chains to the junction of the branches; thence south 60 east with the branch three chains; thence up the branch as it meanders 27-48 100 chains to the beginning, containing 27 1/2 acres more or less.

Second tract: Beginning on a stone in old line in small branch J. E. Morrow's corner; thence with old line South 85 1/2 East 5.6-10 chains to the beginning corner of the Champion tract; thence with the old line north 5 1-4 East 17.02 chains to a stone E. W. Wilson's corner, about 1 1/2 rods south of the branch; then South 71 1/2 west 9.28 chains to a stone about eight feet north of a branch; thence south 82 1/2 west 3.13 chains to a stone E. W. Wilson's corner about two rods south of a branch; thence north 28 west 8.03 chains to a stone and pointers, his corner; thence with old line south 60 1/2 west 12.49 chains to a popular duly chopped as old corner of the D. D. Culbreth tract; thence with the line of D. D. Culbreth tract 59 1/2 west 14.47 chains to a large branch; thence up said branch as it meanders to the mouth of a small branch; thence up the small branch as it meanders to the place of the beginning, containing forty-seven acres more or less.

This, the 8th day of December, 1930.

10-4t. M. W. HARRIS, Trustee.

Though Avery county farmers sold 1,000 fat turkeys for the Thanksgiving trade, they are holding the bulk of the birds for better prices and greater poundage.

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State of North Carolina, County of Rutherford.

In The Superior Court.
ELLEN WATTERS vs. WILLIE WATTERS

The above named defendant will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Rutherford County for the purpose of the plaintiff's obtaining a divorce absolute on statutory grounds; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of Superior Court for Rutherford County on or before the 1st day of February, 1931, and answer or demur to the complaint filed in said action, or the plaintiff will pray the court for the relief demanded in the pleadings.

This, the 1st day of December, 1930.

M. O. DICKERSON, Clerk Superior Court.

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