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### The Leading Crops in North Carolina.

A bulletin of the Department of Commerce and Labor released for publication Tuesday, November 1th gives some very interesting statistics relative to the value of crops in North Carolina as collected by the census enumerators in 1910. From this bulletin we clip the following:

The leading crops of the state for 1909, ranked in the order of valuation, were: Cotton, \$12,000,000; corn, \$21,286,000; tobacco, \$13,818,000; peanuts, \$5,369,000; hay and forage, \$4,782,000; wheat, \$1,420,000; sweet potatoes and yams, \$4,331,000; potatoes, \$1,755,000; oats, \$1,142,000; dry peas, \$1,024,000.

It will no doubt be a surprise to many of our readers to learn that peanuts rank fourth in value of North Carolina crops and that both peanuts and hay out-rank wheat, and that sweet potatoes are very little below wheat in value.

The value of the different crops per acre were as follows: Tobacco, \$62.40; Irish potatoes, \$54.90; sweet potatoes, \$51.15; cotton, \$31; peanuts, \$27.50; hay and forage, \$12.70; corn, \$12.70; wheat, \$8.80; and oats, \$7.65.

The average yield per acre of cotton was a half a bale. The bulletin does not say so, but we are under the impression that North Carolina leads all the States in this respect. Our average yield of corn was only 14 and of wheat only 8 bushels per acre. This does not look well in print and shows that there is much room for improvement. We average 100 bushels of sweet potatoes and 74 bushels of Irish potatoes per acre.—Newton Enterprise.

### The Cards Stacked Against the Farmer.

From the time the crop is first picked the best-paid brains in the world turn microscopes on the Southern States. Spinners, gamblers, factors, middlemen unite in an organized effort to find out just how much of the staple the farmer is going to get from the soil. But what elements unite to search and see what are the dimensions of world consumption, so that the quantity planted can be regulated or so that the farmer can know when a certain figure is offered him, it represents the valuation or the undervaluation of the staple? As it is, the cards are against him. The world that must have cotton trades on his ignorance, his poverty, his immediate need, or his lack of organization.

It is true that we have records of consumption, but they are invariably brought out after the men who produced the staple have disposed of it. Logically, the work devolves on the government. It already has the framework of the machine. It maintains agents throughout civilization, in the manufacturing centres of the Old World, and the consuming districts of the Occident and the Orient. A reasonable appropriation and intelligent instructions would enable these men to annually fortify the South—and that means the country—against a potential loss of many millions.—Atlanta Constitution.

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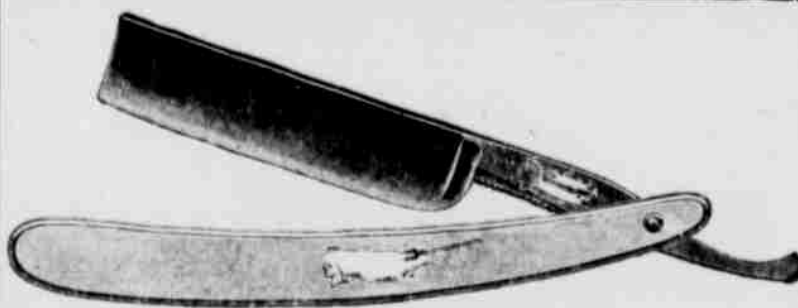
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