

**State's Corn Crop Nearly Million Bushels Short.**

Raleigh, Dec. 6.—In his report for the year to the State Board of Agriculture today, Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham estimated that the corn crop in this State the past year was 56,000,000 bushels, nearly a million bushels short of the previous crop. The oat crop was the poorest ever harvested; Irish and sweet potatoes were very fine. The state is for the seventh year first in the production of cotton per acre and in the amount of sweet potatoes, peanuts and soja beans. The wheat crop is sufficient to feed the population and have several thousand barrels to export. The corn is sufficient for the needs of the State and the production of animals for beef and pork is considerable.

There are twelve creameries and nine cheese factories in the State. North Carolina apples are becoming known in the markets of the country with prospect for advantageous markets for all the yield in the near future. The Commissioner recorded constant and most beneficial progress in the work among the farm women of the State.

The Commissioner complains that in the survey work the districts are too large and often for this reason important deposits of lime and other soil characteristics are poorly represented. He urges maintaining a separate division of soils.

The Commissioner in his treatment of progress and conditions in State test farm work recommended abandonment of commercial farming on these farms so long as they are maintained and more attention at a number of them to raising mules and other stock. He said results of experiments showed that maintaining orchards in the mountain sides of western Carolina were not practical and that these lands were best adapted to pasture, according to the experiments at the Blantire farms.

In the work among farm women, especially the canning club work, there were 3,731 girls enrolled in canning work and 2,864 women. The output was 407,614 tin cans and 194,399 glass jars and 4,171 bottles of ketchup and grape juice, the whole valued at \$117,816, a net profit of \$38,383. Fine progress is shown in extension work and in the development of the effort for supplying agricultural lime to farmers at cost and in the growth and utilization of the soja beans in eastern Carolina.

**Christmas Holiday Round Trip Fares Via Southern Railway.**

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This, the 13th day of December,  
 JOE PARKER,  
 HARVE PRESTLEY,  
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