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SOUTH CAROLINA FARMING CONDITIONS.

A Decrease of About 10 Per Cent. in Cotton Acreage, and Unusually Poor Condition—Increase in Grain Crops, and Slight Increase in Tobacco—Labor Scarce and Crops Grassy.

The reports from one-fourth of the counties of South Carolina as given herewith indicate a reduction for these counties of probably not more than 10 per cent in cotton acreage, but with the condition of the crop unusually poor. There has been a slight increase in tobacco acreage, and a heavier increase in corn and grain crops. Labor is reported as scarce, in some sections demanding higher wages, and crops are very grassy. Other reports will follow next week.

10 Per Cent. Cotton Acreage in Grain Crops.

The condition of crops is very bad. Excessive rain and hot weather have caused all crops to get very grassy, and lots of cotton yet not chopped and in bad condition. Cotton decreased in acreage about 10 per cent, and grain increased about 10 per cent. Some tobacco grown here, but no great amount. Some more planted than last year—about 5 per cent I should say.

R. P. HAMER, JR.

Marion Co., S. C.

Badly in Grass.

Cotton is our principal crop. No tobacco. Cotton acreage slightly decreased. Continuous rains have damaged cotton some and farmers are badly in grass. Very late chopping.

A. J. MATHESON.

Marlboro Co., S. C.

60 Per Cent. of Cotton Expected.

Cotton acreage compared with 1904 80 per cent, corn 110, oats 120, wheat 80. Five per cent cotton unplanted. Crop grassy and ground baked from rains. Cotton dying on sandy land from cool nights. Present indications 60 per cent of crop. No tobacco.

J. B. STEPP.

Spartanburg Co., S. C.

Labor Scarce.

The farmers of this county are in very good condition owing to good prices for cotton and the raising of more home supplies. Owing to continued rains crops are grassy and labor is scarce, demanding a fifth to a fourth more than usual for hoeing, and the tendency of farm labor to move to the towns and work on railroads and other work of a public nature, is cutting down farm labor. There is a decrease of the acreage planted in cotton among the more intelligent class of farmers, say of 10 to 25 per cent, and an increase in grain crops. Those that have not reduced acreage are mostly the tenant class and those that are not well informed. Cotton still being held.

L. T. WILDS.

Richland Co., S. C.

Unfavorable Seasons.

The cotton acreage in this immediate section is fully 25 per cent reduced; guano more. From best information obtainable our candid belief is that owing to "movement" and recent bad weather the acreage will fall 20 per cent short all over the county; guano to cotton fully 30 per cent. Tobacco crop will be a slight increase, with poor prospect, owing to too much rain and cool nights, "buttoning" too low, etc. The cotton crop

is in the worst condition, owing to wet weather, grass and want of work, that we have ever known of. Prospect very poor and labor scarce.

F. RHEM & SONS.

Williamsburg Co., S. C.

Crop Grassy.

We plant cotton, and there is about 10 per cent reduction in acreage; about 10 per cent reduction in fertilizers. Crop is about eight days late. Condition about 70 per cent; crop is grassy.

L. W. YOUAMAMS.

Barnwell Co., S. C.

More Fertilizers.

The conditions of crops here are about as follows:

Crops about advanced as usual. There is no tobacco planted here; cotton is a little increased in acreage, but is badly in the grass. More fertilizers used than before, and with the wet weather so far, the grass in crops at present, the yield, especially of cotton, is already cut.

M. S. CONNOR.

Dorchester Co., S. C.

15 Per Cent. Less Cotton.

Good corn crops last season. Farmers in better condition financially than for years. Fifteen per cent less cotton planted than last season; 20 per cent less fertilizers for cotton. More corn planted than usual and fertilized better. Fine stands of cotton but being injured by excessive rains. Very grassy. Labor scarce. Raining at this writing. Outlook gloomy for killing grass and saving stands of cotton. Cotton is the only market crop in this county.

T. J. CUNNINGHAM.

Chester Co., S. C.

Less Cotton and Poor Condition.

Cotton acreage in Orangeburg County reduced about 12 to 15 per cent crop. It is very much in grass on account of rains, and outlook gloomy. Condition about 70 per cent.

J. E. WANNAMAKER.

Orangeburg Co., S. C.

10 Per Cent. More Cotton.

Rice decreased about 80 per cent. Tobacco very little planted; no increase. Cotton increased about 10 per cent. Corn same as last year. Too much rain. Cotton crop in bad fix.

J. B. MORRISON.

Berkeley Co., S. C.

\$1 Per Day for Hoe Hands.

There is at least 10 per cent decrease in cotton here; 20 per cent increase in corn; 25 per cent increase in hay. The present outlook is gloomy, as it has been too wet for farm work since planting, and the cotton not worked is swamped in the grass. It will be impossible for the cotton crop to be cleaned out with the labor on hand, for it is scarce. Farmers are offering \$1.00 per day for hoe hands, and can't get them. Oats are very promising; beginning to head; 18 to 20 inches high.

F. L. HADDON.

Abbeville Co., S. C.

More Truck Crops.

So far as my observation goes, our farmers have planted more truck and less cotton this year; I should say at least 10 per cent less. Truck has not done well, bringing little more than freight, commission, etc. Corn and oats unusually good.

W. R. EUE, M. D.

Beaufort Co., S. C.