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THE OUTLOOK FOR NORTH CAROLINA FARMING.

Reports from Each County as to Changes in Crop Acreage, Condition of Crops, Improvement in Farm Methods and Legislation Needed by Farmers.

The following note was sent last week to each one of the ninety-seven County Vice Presidents of the North Carolina Farmers' Convention:

"My Dear Sir:—We wish to publish at an early date a full report of general farming conditions in the Carolinas and Virginia, and as one of its leading farmers, I am writing to ask that you give us a statement as to the general outlook in your county. Please indicate (1) any increase or decrease in acreage of your principal crops, (2) favorable seasons, (3) any improvement in farm methods, and your views on farm prospects generally. I shall be glad if you will also indicate (4) what legislation of especial interest to farmers should be asked of the next Legislature. Please let us have your reply on the prepaid card herewith, or by letter as you may prefer, and greatly oblige.

"Yours sincerely,

"CLARENCE H. POE, Editor."

The replies received so far are published herewith, and in a week or two we shall send out similar requests for information as to conditions in South Carolina, Virginia, and Tennessee, publishing the replies in The Progressive Farmer.

Better Horses.

The remarkably open winter and spring has given splendid prospects for an abundant crop year. Winter wheat is heading up well, and the area seeded to corn is much larger than usual. There is a steady growth of the idea that improved machinery, better preparation of the soil, and better seed, will bring more at harvest time than the old system of skimming over a larger number of acres. The best thing for our farmers was the introduction of a splendid registered Percheron stallion, bought by the Western Carolina Live Stock Association. We will soon have some fine horses for sale.

W. W. FINLEY.

Wilkes Co., N. C.

Plenty of Laws.

Our corn crop same as last year; poor stand. Wheat, good crop. Rye, more sown and looking fine. More oats sown, but dry weather has kept them back. Young grass is doing poorly. Some of our farmers are improving their farms; others are not. We have plenty of laws if they were enforced.

L. DENT.

Ashe Co., N. C.

More Clover, the Land's Salvaton.

1. Only good average crops.
 2. Fovorable, except for setting tobacco.
 - 3 More clover being sowed—the salvation of the lands and crops.
 4. Economical administration of the government, County, State and Nation.
- J. M. PHILLIPS.
Yadkin Co., N. C.

More Power for Corporation Commission.

Slight increase. Oats especially short. Some improvement in farm methods and implements. Wheat looks very well. Corn, a fair stand. General farm conditions are below par because of frost and drought. We want a State temperance law en-

acted; also railroad legislation—more power to Railroad Commission, if present Board are doing their duty.

J. E. COULTER.

Rutherford Co., N. C.

In Cleveland.

The crops are considerably behind that of last year on account of frost and bad stand.

J. Z. FALLS.

Cleveland Co., N. C.

Labor Scarce.

Cotton acreage 98 per cent of last year, and condition 66 per cent of normal; these figures from reports of all sections of the county received to-day. Cotton is very backward and the stand poor in places. Rain to-day will help this, though a wet spell will cause grass to take many fields, as labor is scarce. Wheat and oats look well and promise a good crop. Corn is doing very well, though some complaint of stands.

JNO. P. ALLISON.

Cabarrus Co., N. C.

Farm Methods Improving.

Some persons report injury to wheat. Corn frosted, but not seriously damaged. Hay crop short, and no tobacco yet transplanted. Outlook for oats poor. For all grain crops the acreage is slightly above that of 1905. Our people are using more machinery and improving their methods of farming. Legislation for temperance, good roads and education would be approved.

A. C. WHARTON.

Forsyth Co., N. C.

Good Roads and Better Schools.

1. No increase.
 2. Seasons unfavorable—too dry up to this time.
 3. Considerable improvement in farm methods, and generally speaking the prospects are encouraging.
 4. Can't think of any special legislation for the farmer. Good roads and better schools should be encouraged by such legislation as is necessary.
- R. W. SCOTT.

Alamance Co., N. C.



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IF LABOR IS SCARCE.

With Improved Implements Two Hands Do the Work of Four—Two Rows of Corn at One Passage With These Cultivators.

Promising Wheat Crop.

Wheat crop very promising. Considerable increase. Season favorable. More modern machinery used.

Farmers prosperous and hopeful.

J. N. SMITH.

Alexander Co., N. C.

Conditions in Graham.

There is an average planted in principal crops. With unfavorable season, wheat is above an average. Corn damaged by frost and drought. Oats and grass cut short by drought. Fruit is most all killed. There is some improvement in farm methods. No legislation asked for.

G. B. WALKER.

Regulate Automobiles.

1. There is about same acreage of crops as last year.
2. The weather to date has been unfavorable. We are just now in the midst of a much needed season.
3. There is considerable improvements in farm methods.
4. We need to repeal the crop lien law and get the enactment of a law to regulate the running of automobiles for the safety of our wives and children.

CHAS. E. FULLER.

Vance Co., N. C.

Late Season.

General crops about the same in acreage. Very unfavorable season so far—too dry. Spring oats a total failure. Owing to late rains in spring caused late planting and late starting. Some cotton had to be replanted. Crops generally small. Some are improving their methods of farming.

As to No. 4, look after public car-

6¼ PER CENT INCREASE IN COTTON ACREAGE.

The Government report on cotton acreage issued Monday, June 4th, shows a total area planted of 28,686,000 acres ac compared with 26,999,000 acres last year—an increase of 6¼ per cent.

The average condition of cotton at this date is placed at 84.6 per cent as compared with 77.2 at this time in 1905.

riers and correct report on bales of cotton ginned by ginners, etc.

J. A. SHINE.

Duplin Co., N. C.

Teach Better Fertilizing Methods.

1. There has been a decrease in the Irish potato crop from that of last year. Potato bugs numerous. Cotton acreage increased, I think.
 2. April and May very dry.
 3. Farmers are using more disc sulky plows and harvesting more forage crops. Farmer labor high and scarce.
 4. Provision should be made in every county to practically teach farmers how to mix and use fertilizers, by giving them an object lesson in actually handling small quantities before their eyes. They will help do the work if they had a teacher.
- GEO. T. FARNELL.
Pamlico Co., N. C.

Better Farming.

Crop Prospects are fairly good. Wheat, oats and corn about an av-

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