

GOVERNMENT CROP REPORTS.

Ginners' Report Shows Upwards of 1,430,265 Bales Ginned to September 25th—Average Condition of Crop for September was 67.6.

Washington, October 2.—The census bureau to-day announced that 1,430,265 bales of cotton had been ginned from the growth of 1907 to September 25th, as compared with 2,051,283 bales to the corresponding date last year, and 2,355,716 the year before.

Failure of telegraph companies to deliver telegrams to September 25th makes it impossible to publish a complete report to-day. Exclusive of ninety-five counties for which telegrams have not been received, the report shows 1,430,265 bales, count-round as half bales, ginned from the growth of 1907 to September 25th. The unreported counties had 2,177 active gineries, and ginned 199,423 bales to September 25, 1906, and are distributed as follows: Alabama, 16; Arkansas, 6; Florida, 3; Georgia, 3; Indian Territory, 5; Louisiana, 12; Mississippi, 22; North Carolina, 3; South Carolina, 1; Tennessee, 1; Texas, 23. Total quantity, 2,057,283 bales ginned last year to September 5th, and 2,356,716 in 1905.

Average Condition, 67.6.

Washington, October 2.—The crop reporting board of the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Agriculture finds from the reports of the correspondents and agents of the Bureau that the average condition of cotton on September 25th was 67.6, as compared with 72.7 on August 25, 1907; 71.6 on September 25, 1906; 71.2 on September 25, 1905, and a ten-year average of 67.8.

The following table shows the condition on September 25th of this year and of the two preceding years, with the respective ten-year averages; also the condition on August 25, 1907:

	Sept. 25, 1907.	Aug. 25, 1907.	Sept. 25, 1906.	10 year Av.
Virginia	76	77	66	75
North Carolina	76	78	66	71
South Carolina	77	83	66	70
Georgia	76	81	68	70
Florida	69	80	64	71
Alabama	68	73	68	68
Mississippi	69	72	75	69
Louisiana	65	69	73	69
Texas	60	67	74	64
Arkansas	65	65	76	68
Tennessee	76	78	75	72
Missouri	72	75	82	76
Oklahoma	64	72	75	73
I. Territory	67	70	74	72
United States	67.7	72.7	71.6	67.8

Cotton Drops 29 Points.

New York, October 2.—Publication of Government reports on cotton were followed by a break of 27 to 29 points or upwards of \$1.25 a bale in the price of cotton options of the active months on the New York Cotton Exchange. Most of the active options reported new low records prices for the year. The decline was due to the fact that the condition of the crop was shown to be better than traders had expected.

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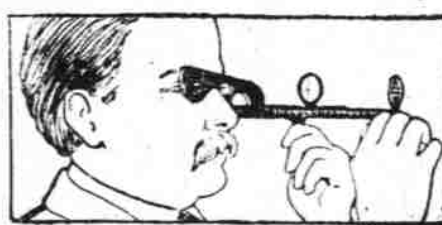
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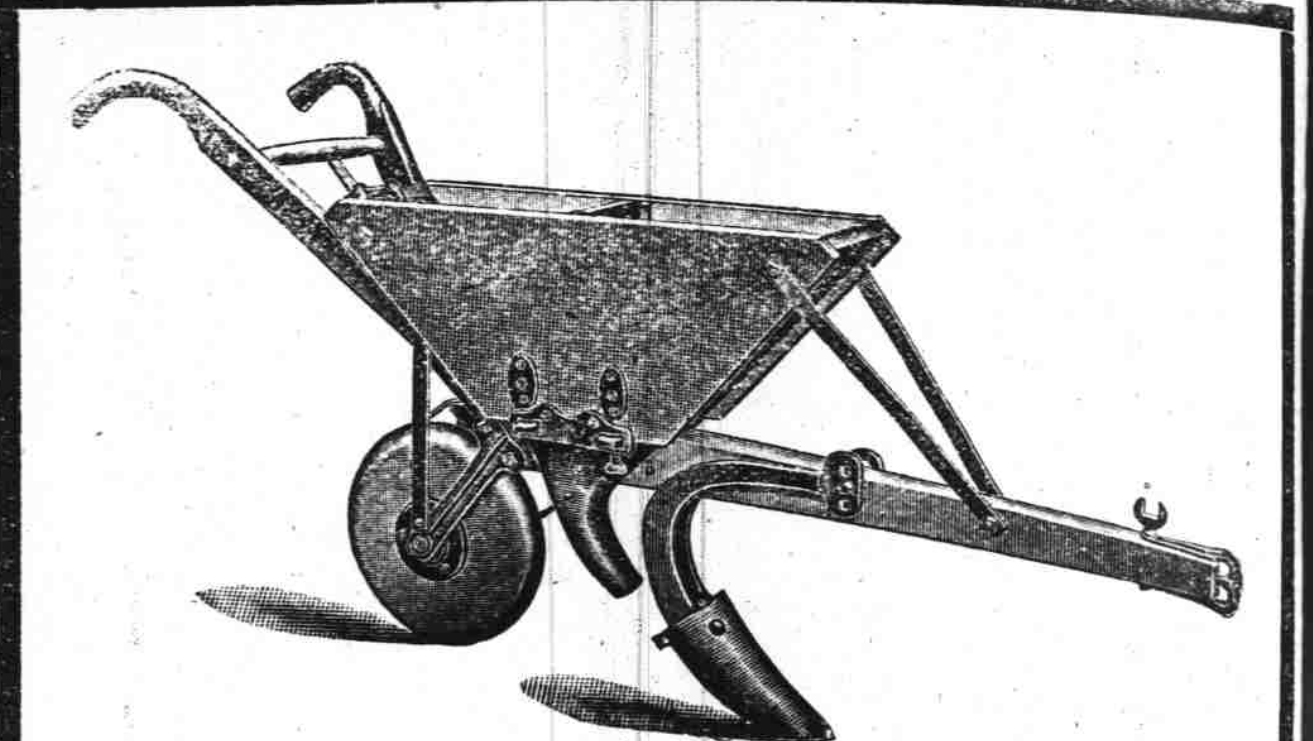
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