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1918 Cotton Crop Estimated at 11,700,000 Bales

THE Crop Reporting Board of the Bureau of Crop Estimates of the United States Department of Agriculture estimates, from the reports of the correspondents and agents of the Bureau, that the total production of cotton in the United States for the season 1918-19 will amount to 5,595,-529,000 pounds (not including linters) equivalent to 11,700,000 bales of 500 pounds, gross weight, (478.3 pounds lint and 21.7 pounds bagging and ties estimated per 500-pound gross-weight bale).

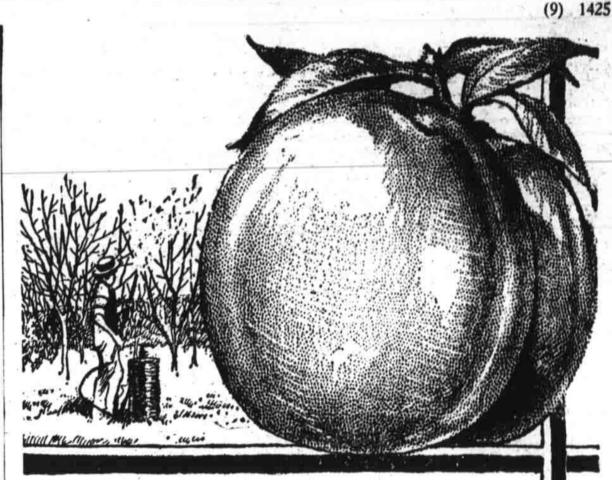
Total production in 1917 was 11,-302,375 bales (500 pounds gross); in 1916, 11,449,930 bales; in 1915, 11,191,820 bales; in 1914, 16,134,930 bales; in 1913, 14,156,486 bales; in 1912, 13,703,421 bales; and in 1911, 15.692,701 bales.

The average weight per running bale is estimated at 505.8 pounds gross, compared with 502.4 pounds in 1917 (as reported by the Bureau of the Census), 503.8 pounds in 1916, 505.6 pounds in 1915, and 505.5 pounds, the average of the preceding five years.

Reports of the Bureau of Crop Estimates do not include "linters," which are a product obtained at mills from the seed. The Census Bureau reports that 1,125,719 bales of 500 pounds gross were delinted from the 1917 crop. equal to 10 per cent as many as bales of lint cotton produced, which compare with 11.6 per cent, the ratio for the 1916 crop, 8.3 per cent for the 1915 crop, and 4.3 per cent, the average for the preceding five years.

The price per pound of lint cotton. to producers December 1, 1918, was 27.6 cents, compared with a December l price of 27.7 cents in 1917, 19.6 cents in 1916, 11.3 cents in 1915, 6.8 cents in 1914, 12.2 cents in 1913, 11.9 cents in 1912, and 8.8 cents in 1911.

The estimated production, with comparisons, by states, follows:



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Production of Sea Island Cotton is estimated as follows in running bales: Florida, 18,000 bales; Georgia, 22,000 bales; South Carolina, 8,000 bales; total Sea Island, 48,000 bales. Last year \$2,619 bales (running) were ginned.

Shepherd's Don'ts

DON'T keep sheep on wet land.

2. Don't feed moldy or spoiled hay, roots, silage or grain.

3. Don't forget to keep salt and fresh water before the sheep.

4. Don't-neglect the sheep in winter. Keep them in good condition.

5. Don't forget to tag the ewes before breeding and lambing time.

6. Don't forget exercising the bred

7. Don't let the lamb go too long without sucking.

8. Don't neglect to feed the lamb grain as soon as it starts eating.

9. Don't let parasites kill your lamb for lack of some fresh green pasture.

10. Don't shear your ewes until warm weather comes.

11. Don't tie your wool with anything but wool or paper twine.

12. Don't hesitate to ask any questions of the county agent, or write to the Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C.

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