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**SORGHUM SIRUP PRODUC-
TION URGED AS RELIEF
FOR SUGAR SHORTAGE**

As a simple, practical means
of helping relieve the acute sugar
and sirup shortage, the United
States Department of Agricul-
ture recommends the increased
production of sorghum sirup
which it pointed out, requires
neither unusual skill nor expen-
sive equipment to make. Fur-
thermore, the methods of grow-
ing sorghum are similar to those
of corn and in that respect in-
volve little that is new to many
farmers. Sirup manufacture is
so simple that it can be carried
on with profit by individuals uti-
lizing small sized outfits of a
daily capacity of 100 gallons or
less. Where operations on a
larger scale are feasible, com-
munity plants having a daily ca-

capacity of several hundred gallons
are suggested by the department.
Sorghum sirup is palatable and
pleasant flavored, and is an ex-
cellent table sirup. It can also
be used as a substitute for other
sirups or for sugar in making
certain breads, cakes, etc., and
as a substitute for a part of the
sugar used in making preserves
and the like. The cost of pro-
ducing it at home is relatively
low and usually an individual
manufacturing it can readily sell
any excess over his home needs
to good advantage. Sorghum
sirup produced during the 1919
season brought the producers
from 90 cents to \$1.50 a gallon,
demanding on the quality, mark-
eting conditions, etc.

The department's publication
describes in detail the methods of
manufacture including the clarifi-
cation of the juice if such is de-
sired, and the utilization of by-
products. The latter include the
uses of the plants which make
excellent feed for cattle, the ba-
gasse (the stalk from which the
juice has been removed), the
seeds which may be fed to hogs
in small quantities, and seed
heads which also have a feeding
value.

The average yield of sirup an
acre is from 75 to 200 gallons, al-
though in some cases it has been
as high as 400 gallons. The es-
timates on the yield of seed an
acre vary from 600 to 1,600
pounds.

OUR BREAD IN PERIL

"Our primary bread crop is
threatened with the tremendous
reduction of thirty-four per cent
from last year" announces the
North Carolina Cooperative Crop
Reporting Service. "The winter
wheat acreage to be harvested in
the United States is more than
thirty per cent less than last year.
The May 1st forecasts are for

only 484,647,000 bushels on 34,
165,000 acres compared with a
final estimate of 731,363,000
bushels produced last year at an
average yield of 14.7 bushels per
acre. The abandonment to May
1st of the acreage sown in prac-
tically twelve per cent, with a
condition of but 79 per cent of a
full crop.

"The North Carolina crop
shows about two per cent aban-
donment with a condition of 88
per cent, on an acreage of 12 per
cent less than last year and 90
per cent of the usual.

"As with wheat, the acreage
of the United States is greatly
reduced, but the 85 per cent
shows a fair outlook. The North
Carolina acreage is eleven per
cent less than last year and has
a condition of 91 per cent of nor-
mal, for the rye crop.

The Lord helps those who help
themselves, they say—but the
judge often gets in the last word.

If the wild man of Borneo ever
comes to America he will be
green with envy. He can't hold
a candle to the bad men of the
movies.

Woman's influence succeeded
in ousting liquor, but we note
that man's influence has so far
failed to oust anything that wo-
man desires.

WEATHER REPORT
By J. Y. Savage

For week ending May 9th, 1920
Temp. Highest 72° on 9th.
Temp. Lowest 36° on 6th.
Temp. Av. High 66-47.
Temp. Av. Low 44°.
Rainfall 3-100 of inch.
The high temperature for the
first 9 days of last May was
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