

## Govern't Reduces '45 Cotton Estimate

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—The Agriculture department today estimated this year's production of cotton at 9,779,900 bales of 500-pound gross weight, on the basis of conditions on October 1.

This estimate compared with 12,230,000 bales produced last year and with 12,293,000 bales for the 10-year (1934-43) average. The estimate a month ago was 10,026,000 bales.

The condition of the crop on October 1 was reported at 70 per cent of normal, compared with 79 per cent a year ago and with 68 per cent for the 10-year average.

The area for harvest was indicated at 18,008,000 acres.

The Census bureau reported at the same time that 2,176,073 running bales of cotton for this year's crop had been ginned prior to October 1, compared with 3,988,150 for 1944 and 5,749,745 for 1943.

The October 1 condition of the crop, the indicated yield per acre, and the estimated production, respectively, by cotton-producing states included: Virginia, 80 per cent; 406 pounds

and 22,000 bales; North Carolina 69 per cent; 352 pounds and 430,000; South Carolina 67 per cent; 301 pounds and 635,000; Georgia 68 per cent; 236 pounds and 615,000; Florida 74 per cent; 154 pounds, and 8,000; Tennessee 77 per cent; 389 pounds and 485,000; Alabama 77 per cent; 328 pounds and 940,000.

### GINNINGS FIGURES

The ginnings to October 1 this year and last, respectively, by states included: North Carolina, 25,836 and 163,499; South Carolina 161,140 and 342,914; Georgia 218,426 and 350,039; Florida 5,280 and 8,421; Tennessee 12,055 and 169,639; Alabama 344,367 and 468,888.

While no official estimate will be given until December, the department said, the production of cottonseed—a source of vegetable oil—should be about 4,030,000 tons. This estimate is based on the average ratio of lint cotton to cottonseed for the last year totaled 4,941.00 tons.

Cotton crop conditions as of October were described as follows:

"In the Carolinas, continued wet weather during September, together with torrential rains which accompanied the mid-month tropical hurricane, further reduced prospective production. Rotting of the bolls and sprouting of seed in the burr was general in coastal areas of these states, while in Piedmont counties heavy foliage and lack of sunshine

delayed opening. In the northern half of Georgia the crop outlook improved, but this was more than offset by losses in southern counties. "In Alabama, the crop outlook improved during last month. In Tennessee and Missouri, where the crop is unusually late, bow development indicated a slight improvement in crop prospects. In Louisiana, Mississippi and central and eastern Texas, open bolls showed more weevil damage than had been anticipated, and indicated production declined. In Northwest Texas, hot, dry winds damaged late planted cotton. Prospects in Arkansas show no change, but in Oklahoma, dry, hot weather followed by rain of flood proportions damaged the crop very seriously."

The department said the crop is extremely late and that percent gin to date is near a record low.

## Miss Boyce Reports On Soldiers Center

During the spring and most of the summer we had a very few visiting servicemen, as so many of the units from Fort Bragg and Camp Mackall had one by one gone overseas or to other places for training.

However, there has been a marked increase of late, as the following figures show: During August the Center entertained 129 servicemen, 94 civilians, and served refreshments to 90. During September the numbers increased to 228 servicemen, 106 civilians, and served refreshments to 135.

The first aid kit, the sewing box, and the shaving materials have had the usual demand.

Magazines and other reading matter fill a great need both for our visitors and the boys on the troop trains, and I wish to thank all the friends who so generously responded to my request of some weeks ago for reading matter.

Each Wednesday afternoon from three o'clock until five the wives of servicemen are invited to the Center for games, etc.

Several times lately the officer's wives have held their social meetings at the center and it continues to be the gathering place for the crowds who are sent for to attend the dances at the posts.

It is now being used by Mr. Bass and his dancing class on Tuesday afternoons and Saturday mornings.

The teen-age boys come down sometimes to play ping-pong, read the magazines, movie and funny books.

This work has been a great joy to me and I wish to thank this community for making it possible for me to have had this close fellowship with these, our soldiers, than whom there has never been and can never be a finer group of men, nor any more appreciative than they are.

Again, let me thank you for your thoughtful kindness and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,  
Flora Boyce, hostess.

## Treat Small Grains To Prevent Diseases

Seed treatment of small grains is very cheap and this practice pays excellent dividends, regardless of whether the grains are grown for seed, hay, grain feed, or for sale to the miller.

Howard R. Garris, Extension plant pathologist at State College, recommends the use of new improved cereasan at the rate of one-half ounce of the material for each bushel of seed.

The chemical controls stinking smut and scab in wheat; loose and covered smut in oats; and covered smut, black loose smut, stripe, and

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scab in barley. There are many commercial seed cleaners and treaters in all parts of North Carolina, and Garris suggests that growers have their small grain treated by them or treat them at home.

Seed can be treated on the farm either with the barrel-type treater or the gravity type. The latter is a new machine and it can be constructed at a cost of about \$4 by any one who is handy with tools. A blue print for making this gravity-type treater may be obtained from the Agricultural Engineering Department, State College, Raleigh. The new machine can treat small grains much more rapidly than the old barrel-type, commonly used on the farm.

"Only 2 1-2 cents per bushel for seed treatment may often prevent large losses on grain crops," Garris says. "From a practical standpoint we cannot afford to plant untreated small grains."

To get early poult, Prof. Roy Dearstyne of State College suggests the use of artificial lights in the laying house, beginning December 1.

October 7 to 13 is Fire Prevention Week. About 8 per cent of farm fires are preventable.

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