

The Cotton Outlook For 1926--What Is It?

What is the outlook for cotton in 1926? This is a question of great importance to every cotton-producing farmer. On a correct answer to this question will depend the acreage of cotton planted and the prosperity of the Southern States.

At present, the outlook is for lower prices for cotton in 1926. The reasons for this statement are as follows:

During the past two seasons the world's production of cotton has exceeded the world's consumption of cotton, with the result that cotton stocks have increased.

The American cotton crop is likely to be as large if not larger in 1926 than in 1925.

The world's cotton crop is likely to be as large if not larger, in 1926 than in 1925.

Productions costs will be about the same in 1926 as in 1925. Hence this factor will not tend to check the expansion of acreage or increase in production.

World Conditions

Worlds cotton stocks are not yet a depressing factor on cotton prices. Material increases, however, would certainly have such an effect.

Another factor tending to increase the world supply of cotton is that the current European demand for American cotton is somewhat less than at this time last year.

The financial conditions in the cotton-producing states are favorable to an expansion of cotton acreage.

Domestic Situation

In this country the indications point to a larger crop in 1926. The large crop of 1925 of over 15 million bales moved at a higher price than was expected.

They are being bought rapidly, wage-earners here figuring that they are getting in on the "ground floor" maybe, and if not are losing much.

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From the foregoing statement it seems clear that the acreage planted will be as large, if not larger, than in 1925.

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Recommendations

Specific recommendations are unwise. However, each farmer should consider the following points before deciding the acreage to be planted:

- 1. Conditions are at present favorable to a larger cotton crop in 1926.
2. World cotton stocks are increasing.
3. Domestic and foreign demand is more likely to decrease in 1926 than to increase.
4. Yield per acre is more likely to be larger in 1926 than for the average of the past five years.
5. Weevil damage is uncertain. There are more weevils in hibernation in a considerable portion of the Cotton Belt than in past years.

Western Carolina Attracts Charlotte

Charlotte has invested at least half a million dollars in the North Carolina mountains within the last few months, local real estate men say.

Money Follows Booms

One of the controlling reasons is that the realty men have learned from the Florida splurge that where the boom is there will be the money also.

They point out that while Charlotte will possibly not figure heavily in the hectic phase of the boom the reaction will be one of immense benefit to the city.

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Good Seed Bed Assures Success

Raleigh.—The best way to produce garden vegetables of high quality is to have a good, well prepared seed bed in which the small seeds may germinate easily and the young plants may grow quickly into edible vegetables.

Thorough preparation of the garden soil is a big factor in the production of high quality vegetables.

Fall plowing is best, but if this has not been done, then the soil should be broken as soon as possible.

Any stable manure applied now should be well rotted, in order to be quickly available to the plants.

Automobile bandits in Illinois eventually come to a sign reading—"You are now entering Joliet."

She: "Can you drive with one hand?" He: "Ah—yes." She: "Then pick up my glove."

Every woman who runs down a main isn't driving an automobile.

An angry purchaser dashed into the second-hand car plant. "You told me that auto would work like a charm," he began.

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This February 15, 1926. DAVID P. DELLINGER, Commissioner.

STATE KEEPS ON AT-BUILDING TASK

North Carolina continued in January to hold fourth position among the twelve strictly Southern States, in volume of building permits, according to the National monthly building survey of S. W. Straus & Co., of New York, covering 47 States which was made public here Wednesday.

North Carolina held fourth position among Southern States for the year 1925, reporting a total of nearly \$36,000,000 in building projects for January this year.

North Carolina with nine cities reporting, had a total of \$2,376,91 only a little more than \$1,000,000 below Tennessee, its closest rival. There were 22 places in North Carolina each with more than 5,000 population, which failed to report to the Straus survey in January.

They included Burlington, Concord, Elizabeth City, Fayetteville, Goldsboro, Greenville, Henderson, Hendersonville, Hickory, Kannapolis, Leona, Lexington, Mount Airy, New Bern, Reidsville, Rocky Mount, Salisbury, Shelby, Statesville, Washington, and Wilson. If these places would report in time to have their figures tabulated, North Carolina's building figures probably would surpass those of Tennessee and give the State of Texas, in which sixteen places reported, a hard race for second position.

Among the cities of North Carolina, Raleigh held fourth position in January being led by Winston-Salem first Asheville, second, and Charlotte, third. On the report for the entire year 1925, Charlotte was first with a total of over \$7,000,000; Greensboro, second, with over \$6,000,000, and Asheville third, also with over \$6,000,000. The figures for all the cities reporting this January in North Carolina were:

Table with 3 columns: City, Jan. 1926, Jan. 1925. Asheville: \$412,942 vs \$346,885. Charlotte: \$85,975 vs \$85,514. Durham: \$140,045 vs \$75,950.

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Therefore, it is important that these young men should have some form of training that will fit them for becoming better farmers and will make their life more profitable and secure," says Mr. Harrill.

"We believe that such training is given by agricultural club work as it is conducted by the specialists and county agents of the Agricultural Extension Service."

During 1926, a special effort will be made by all extension workers to reach as many young men as possible and to give them the opportunity to take advantage of the training offered by club work. To make possible the success of this effort, extension workers should have the support of every person in North Carolina who is interested in the upbringing of the rural communities of the State.

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