

# The Herald's Weekly Page of Kentucky Farm News

## Tobacco Yield Is Cut Heavily

Condition Of Leaf Only 65 Per Cent Of Normal, Third Lowest In More Than Fifty Years.

The condition of the nation's tobacco crop on September 1 was reported by U. S. agriculture department as 65.7% of normal, the lowest for this date in more than 50 years with the exception of 1930 and 1932.

Indicated production on the basis of the September 1 condition was placed at 1,142,857,000 pounds, compared with 1,296,810,000 pounds harvested in 1935 and a 1928-1932 five-year average production of 1,427,174,000 pounds.

The indicated production of flue-cured, the type which comprises the largest portion of the tobacco crop, was placed at 684,645,000 pounds. This figure is 15.6 per cent less than last year's 811,195,000 pound crop of flue-cured and 8 per cent more than the five year average production.

The indicated production of burley

tobacco was placed at 215,909,000 pounds, which the report said was slightly more than was indicated in the August 1 report, but 2.6 per cent less than the 1935 crop and 35.9 per cent less than the five year average production. The September 1 condition was given as 51 per cent of normal.

The board increased its corn yield estimate 19,160,000 bushels to 1,458,295,000 between August and September. This 1.3 per cent increase would not be enough to keep the crop from being the smallest in 55 years.

The yield of 2,291,629,000 bushels and a 1935 average of 2,553,424,000.

The total wheat crop was estimated at 630,241,000 bushels—about 2,500,000 less than the August 1 estimate but still above the 623,444,000-bushel crop of last year. The five year average for wheat production is 863,564,000 bushels.

FARMERS PLEDGE \$1,000 WAR CHEST

One hundred farmers at Union City, Tenn., pledged \$1,000 this week as a war chest to combat thievery.

The money will be used to pay rewards for the capture and the prosecution of thieves.

## Cotton Picking Machine in Impressive Tryout



JACKSON, Miss. . . Deeply concerned with the future of cotton, many cotton men of importance were at Stoneville, Miss., last week to witness the performance of John and Mack Rust's cotton picking machine in operation. . . . In less than an hour the machine picked more cotton than a handpicker could gather in a day. The principal shortcoming of the machine was that it gathered twigs and unripe cotton and also stained some of the cotton. Nor is it as yet adapted to hilly and uneven fields.

## 14,996 STATE FARMERS ELIGIBLE FOR DROUGHT JOBS

The Kentucky Works Progress Administration Thursday notified regional headquarters that 14,996 Kentucky farmers had been found eligible for work on drought relief projects and that 9,301 had been employed as of Thursday.

A week ago, 8,726 farmers had been given such jobs, 575 less than the number employed as of Thursday. Two more drought counties, Edmonson and Lyon, have been placed on the Kentucky list.

### Use of Beagle Hounds

In this country beagle hounds have been adopted as the ideal hound for hunting small game. The scent of this diminutive hound is uncanny and his spirits run highest when cast into open meadows to trail fast-traveling "cotton-tails." These hounds "bring around" the rabbit in the chase and in this manner the gunner has an opportunity to shoot at the fast-moving animal.

### Forestry Saves Water

The Hawaiian Sugar Planters' association sets out hundreds of thousands of trees annually to restore the native forests of Hawaii, chief watershed for the American sugar producing area in the islands.

### Sweet Lowlands

Most of the sugar grown in Hawaii, chief American domestic crop area, is planted on the low coastal plains on the leeward side of the islands.

### Lava Becomes Soil

Soils in the Hawaiian islands, westernmost agricultural section of the United States, are made up of decomposed basaltic lava.

First Horseshoes by Machine

Henry Burden of Troy, New York, in 1835 made the first horseshoes by machine.

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## PLANTING TREES ON FARMS

(Lexington Herald)

Prof Nathan Elliott, head of landscape architecture of the University of Kentucky urges Kentucky farmers to plant trees this year and then to continue the planting every year.

Netting adds more to the beauty and charm of the Blue Grass than the trees which are to be found on the farms of Central Kentucky. As Professor Elliott points out these add much to the appearance of the homes, so that when one speaks of their beauty it often is possible to lose sight of how much the trees contribute to this favorable appearance.

In addition to beauty the trees have a most effective value from the standpoint of utility. Their value is holding the soil, either in heavy rains or drought of course is well known. Professor Elliott points out the need for shade can be planted along the fence rows thereby supplying shade and, at the same time, not interfering with the cultivation of crops.

In this article there is real food for thought. Many of the larger farms of the Blue Grass now have their definite, long term plans of tree planting so that every tree that falls is replaced and new trees are planted annually. Every farm, large or small, should have a plan for tree planting.

### MAN PLOWS AT NIGHT

Charles Klabzuba, of Belleville, Kansas, has found a way to do his farm work and escape the heat. He has been doing tractor plowing at night.

### SURPRISE PLOT

Master (going over estate)—What does this label, "Wait and see," mean?

Gardener—Well, I forgot just what I planted there, sir.

## ARGENTINA MAY SEND U. S. MORE CORN IN '36

Government economists said that the drought-shortened domestic crop and the lower price of Argentine corn may push the volume of corn above that country this year above the 33,466,137-bushel total of 1933.

Discussing the situation privately the economists said the value of the imports also might exceed the figure recorded last year, when the United States Commerce Department estimated corn valued at \$14,794,824 at Argentine ports was brought into the United States in the wake of the 1934 drought.

This possibility was envisioned as the number of countries officially designated as drought territory and eligible for federal emergency relief climbed past the 5000-mark.

New designations put the entire state of Kansas on the list and two additional counties in both Iowa and Kentucky. The national total rose to 1021 counties in 22 states.

At this time in the 1934 drought there were 1100 emergency drought counties and 321 secondary drought counties. The latter classification is not in use this year.

## PROTEST LAZINESS OF SOUTHERN RELIEF CLIENTS

Charging persons on relief won't take jobs when given a chance and that farmers of Mississippi and Arkansas are unable to obtain sufficient cotton pickers. Chambers of Commerce officials at Memphis, Tenn., have urged that relief jobs be curtailed until cotton picking is completed.

Bob Snowden, Chamber of Commerce, said Arkansas and Mississippi farmers have told him "those on relief refuse to work."

Each morning, he said, planters come to Memphis for cotton pickers, but only a few of them are successful. Rapidly maturing crops make the situation critical, he said.

## FARM PRODUCTS LEAD DROP IN LEVEL IN PRICES

A drop in wholesale commodity prices last week was reported today by the Labor Department.

Owing largely to declines in prices of farm products, the Department said, the general price level dropped to 80.9 per cent of its 1926 level from 81.2 per cent the previous week. The corresponding week last year, the figure was 80.4.

Farm products prices declined 1.4 per cent.

## THINKS TOBACCO VERY SHORT

T. D. Buckley, well known tobacconist, was in Lexington the other day talking to the big wig tobacco men and the general impression over there is that the crop this year is a great deal shorter than indicated by State and Government reports.

## Growers Urged To Fire Barns

Curing Important Factor In Preparing Burley For Market Says State Dept. of Agriculture.

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture advised burley tobacco growers to make arrangements for firing their barns with charcoal to bring about proper curing of the leaf for the 1936 market sales.

Bright tobacco from the 1936 crop is sure to sell at a premium, the department announced through Tom Middleton, tobacco expert.

The condition of the Kentucky crop, Middleton said, has been improved by local rains since September 1, "and there will be some increase in the total crop pounds over previous estimates."

"Some of the tobacco will not be cut until about October 1," Middleton said, "and if there is no heavy frost by that time and not sufficient rain to cause the plants to take a second growth, it will make red tobacco of fair quality. If rains continue it will damage the better crops that have reached the stage of maturity, as it will retard cutting and the bright lower leaves will darken. Wet weather with hot, sultry nights will also prevent the proper curing of tobacco already in the barns."

The State department adhered to its previous estimate of a Kentucky burley crop of between 125,000,000 and 130,000,000 pounds for 1936, with dark tobacco production for the State discounted at from 35,000,000 to 40,000,000 pounds.

Estimates of total burley production in the United States this year, Middleton said, run from 175,000,000 to 214,000,000 pounds, compared with 225,771,435 pounds actually sold from the 1935 crop.

There seems to be a wide range in the estimates forecasting the probable pounds produced in the 1936 crop," Middleton said, "one of the latest reports reaching the department predicting a decline of 9,000,000 pounds and placing the State crop at 217,000,000 pounds. It is hard to reconcile these figures with the actual report of the 1935 crop."

## PURE NEGLECT, IF YOU DON'T

The Government should post a notice that if anybody wants anything from it, and hasn't asked for it, please do so at once. —Elizabethtown News.

## 80% DIE WITHOUT ESTATE

More than 80 percent of people die leaving no estate, while 95 percent of them leave less than \$1,000.

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