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So far as we are able at this time to determine, the crop prospects for Wisconsin are much above the average of spring conditions for the past ten years. The winter was unusually mild, and little damage is reported to crops subject to damage from frost.

Winter grains have escaped serious injury, and almost the entire acreage sowed last fall will be allowed to develop a crop.

The damage to new seeding of clover has been exceptionally light, and the prospects of this valuable crop are now excellent.

Timothy meadows have also come through the winter in good form, and prospects for an abundant hay crop are good.

Pastures are forward and will provide feed for farm stock two weeks in advance of last season.

Small grain was largely planted before the wet, cool, weather of the past week, and is doing well.

On account of the high price of clover seed, we are sorry to report that a smaller acreage than usual is being sown.

Inquiries relative to general tendencies to increase or diminish the acreage of any farm crop from last year's showing, bring out the following conclusions:—

The freedom from "winter killing" of meadows will cause a moderate increase in the acreage of land seeded to grass, both meadows and pastures.

The acreage of wheat continues to decline, as in past years.

Rye has about the same acreage as last year.

The partial failure of the oat crop of 1907, and a fear of the continuation of the sources of disaster the coming season, has had a tendency to quite considerably decrease the acreage of that crop, while there is a general report of a decided increase in the amount of barley sown.

The acreage of corn will evidently be slightly increased from last season.

Last year's potato crop was sold at fairly satisfactory prices, and only a small percentage of the same now remains in farmers' hands. There seems to be no tendency in the potato-growing districts to decrease the acreage of this crop.

The present low prices of tobacco and the uncertain condition of future market requirements will have a tendency to reduce the acreage of the present season,—while sugar beets will be more generally planted.

It is also reported from those sections of the State where cabbages are largely grown for the market, that the acreage will be somewhat diminished.

The canning industries of the State are making active bids for patronage, and the acreage of corn, peas, and tomatoes for this line of work will be larger than ever before. Peas as a field crop are being more generally sown.

Considerable anxiety has been caused by the low temperature of the last few days, but it is believed that little damage has resulted therefrom, fruit blossoms not being far enough advanced to be injured.

The summary of reports upon "Condition of Crops" is as follows:—

Winter Wheat	96
Winter Rye	97½
Clover	97
Timothy	98
Pastures	97½
Small Fruits	95

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June 1, 1908

During the past two weeks farmers have been able to accomplish little in the way of planting their crops. Prior to that time all small grains were sown, and these, except upon very low, wet, lands, have made a most remarkable growth and are now in a more than ordinarily promising condition. The growth of grass upon both meadows and pastures could hardly be more luxurious, and an abundant hay crop is already assured.

Feed for stock is abundant, though low pastures are too wet for the best results.

There has been little complaint of the rotting of seed grains, and stands of oats and barley are generally good.

Early planted potatoes are already growing vigorously, and the crop is promising.

Some corn was planted early in the month, and this is up and doing well, though the warm weather and excessive rains have caused weeds to spring up, and these fields are suffering for cultivation.

About one-fourth of the acreage designed for corn has not yet been planted, and several days of dry weather will be required to put the ground in fit condition for being worked.

The outlook for this important crop is therefore not, at present, promising, although if planting can be done within the next week or ten days, favorable weather later may give a fair crop.

Sugar beet fields are generally planted and look well.

Few tobacco plant beds have been uncovered, but plants are said to be in good condition.

Percentages of condition of growing crops, as reported by correspondents, are higher than usual at this season, as will be seen by the following condensed statement.

Winter Wheat	96
Winter Rye	98½
Spring Wheat	93
Spring Rye	98
Barley	93
Oats	95
Clover	103
Timothy	102
Pasture	105
Small Fruits	88

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Crop reports last received at this office are uniformly encouraging. The absence of any general unfavorable condition affecting growing crops, the exemption from damage from severe storms, except in portions of Crawford and Grant Counties—and the fact that no crop promises failure, causes a feeling of confidence on the part of the farmer, seldom so generally noted.

An immense hay crop is now being harvested, and quite a part of the clover acreage has already been secured in good condition. Pastures remain exceptionally good, and in themselves are a great source of wealth to the dairyman.

Winter grains are maturing without drawback and promise well. Barley is heading nicely. Oats are free from rust, and do not generally show an overgrowth causing loss from lodging. Hoed crops are reported as being generally in clean condition from cultivation.

Corn is still low, but the stand is good and the plant thrifty, and farmers are not discouraged at the outlook.

Tobacco is doing well, except that many fields have been injured by cut worms. The early prediction of a falling off in acreage of this crop is verified, and the reduction is estimated at from 10 to 15% from last season.

Potatoes are doing well, though bugs are plentiful. Peas promise a fair crop. Sugar beets are making satisfactory growth.

Small fruits generally give promise of being abundant, while apples are falling badly, and a fair crop can only be expected from orchards that have been thoroughly sprayed.

The condition of the principal farm crops as shown by reports from correspondents, is given in the following percentages, on a basis of 100.

Winter Wheat	94½
Spring Wheat	95
Winter Rye	98½
Spring Rye	96
Oats	97½
Barley	95
Corn	85
Peas	94
Beans	95
Potatoes	98
Cabbage	82
Sugar Beets	96
Tobacco	94
Meadows	104
Pastures	105
Apples	70
Small Fruits	95

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Wisconsin Farm Crop Report

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Wisconsin Farm Crop Report

August 1, 1908.

The weather of the past month has been favorable for the harvesting of the hay crop, and for the ripening of small grains. An immense hay crop has been secured in excellent condition. The wheat, rye, and barley harvests are finished, and the prospects of last month are well sustained by the estimate of the crop when handled. The ripening of oats upon light soils has been hurried by the continued hot, dry weather, and the grain has been somewhat shrunken in consequence; and there are also reports of damage to the crop by rust, from some districts. As a result the estimate falls off two points from last month.

The weather has been well calculated to push the corn crop, and except for complaints of drouth in some quarters, it is reported as doing well. The crop is uneven, much of it having already formed ears, while other fields have not yet tasseled. Since July 1st, the estimate of corn has advanced two points, and now only needs rain to make even a better showing. Last year's estimate August 1st, was 80, as against 87, now.

Potatoes have suffered more than corn from the hot weather, and have fallen off quite heavily. The potato district of the State is located upon the sandy soils of Central Wisconsin, and these are more seriously affected by drouth than many other parts of the State. Copious rains are needed soon for this crop.

Tobacco and sugar beets are doing well,—tobacco especially, is making strong growth.

Pastures are rapidly drying up, and but for the surplus growth of grass earlier in the season, would now be short.

To summarize,—Better than average crops of hay and small grains have already been secured; while seasonable rains would give an assurance of fair to good yields of crops still growing.

We submit the following abstract of reports from correspondents, showing estimates of crops to date:—

Winter Wheat	96
Spring Wheat	95½
Winter Rye	98
Spring Rye	97
Oats	95½
Barley	97
Corn	87
Peas	96
Beans	90
Buckwheat	92
Potatoes	88
Cabbage	87
Sugar Beets	97
Tobacco	93
Pastures	95
Apples	60

On account of the State Fair, September 7-11, no crop report will be issued from this office September first.

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The final Wisconsin Farm Crop Report for the present season covers the average yield per acre of the principal farm crops grown in the State; the quality, 100 representing high medium grade, and the farm prices of the same.

Prices of some bulky or heavy crops, like hay and potatoes, vary considerably in different parts of the State, but in obtaining averages we have carefully considered the size and importance of various crops in given localities that the same may bear a proper relation to the entire crop of the State.

The showing as a whole, is an excellent one for the farmers of the State to make, and shows that Wisconsin ranks among the very first of States in yield and quality of products, as well as prices obtainable.

From reports received the following tables are compiled:

YIELD PER ACRE.

Wheat	18 bu.
Rye	17 bu.
Barley	30 bu.
Oats	34 bu.
Buckwheat	16 bu.
Flax	16 bu.
Clover Seed	2 $\frac{1}{4}$ bu.
Timothy Seed	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ bu.
Corn (shelled)	34 bu.
Beans	16 bu.
Peas	18 bu.
Potatoes	80 bu.
Tobacco	1,100 lbs.
Cabbages	7 tons
Sugar Beets	12 tons
Tame Hay	2 tons

QUALITY.

Wheat	96
Rye	97
Barley	96
Oats	92
Buckwheat	90
Flax	92
Clover Seed	96
Timothy Seed	97
Corn	90
Beans	93
Peas	91
Potatoes	96
Tobacco	88
Cabbages	65
Sugar Beets	91
Tame Hay	99

FARM PRICES

Wheat	\$.96 per bu.
Rye67 per bu.
Barley57 per bu.
Oats45 per bu.
Buckwheat90 per bu.
Flax	\$1.10 per bu.
Clover Seed	5.00 per bu.
Timothy Seed	1.97 per bu.
Corn (shelled)65 per bu.
Beans	1.90 per bu.
Peas	1.35 per bu.
Potatoes52 per bu.
Tobacco10 lb.
Cabbages	18.00 ton
Sugar Beets	5.00 ton
Tame Hay	8.25 ton

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