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From an agricultural point of view, the early part of the present year has been full of perplexity and disappointment.

The snow fall of the past winter gave ample protection to growing crops, and with the apparent opening of spring early in March, grasses and grains at once commenced growth at least one month in advance of average seasons.

Favorable conditions continued until the middle of April when grasses and grains had reached ordinary early June standards, and tree fruits were in full bloom. The disastrous freezes of April 17th and 23rd—when the thermometer showed the respective records of 30° and 24° above zero—killed nearly all fully matured blossoms of apples, cherries and plums; seriously injured the chances of crops of brush fruits and strawberries; and killed the leaves and young shoots upon forest trees. In exposed locations spring grains and young clover were killed back, but were not permanently injured.

The fall of snow about the time of this freezing weather did much to prevent loss to strawberries and Spring grain crops. We estimate the loss to apples at 80 per cent; cherries and plums at 90 per cent; brush fruits at 65 per cent; and strawberries at 50 per cent. Notwithstanding these unfavorable conditions, the present report shows farm crops to be in better than usual condition on May 1st.

Our reports from the State at large give the following estimates, 100 representing normal.

Winter Wheat .....	95
Winter Rye .....	93
Clover Meadows .....	97
Other Meadows .....	95
Alfalfa .....	95
Pastures .....	96

Rain is much needed in the North Western part of the State, several correspondents stating that there had been no considerable rainfall this Spring.

Inquiries as to the comparative acreage of the principal grain crops in the State the present season, bring reports showing about the usual acreage of winter wheat, rye and oats, and meadows other than clover.

The acreage of Spring wheat, which has not been large in recent years, is increased 8 per cent from last year, and on account of the almost ideal winter conditions, clover meadows show an increase of 2 per cent, while barley acreage drops off slightly.

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The general weather conditions that prevailed during the latter part of April continued throughout the month of May.

During the period of ten years last passed, but in one instance, 1907, has the mean temperature for the month of May been as low as that of the month just past.

Frequent light frosts have occurred, and the preponderance of cloudy weather over sunshine, has been unusual.

The rain fall has generally been light, and in a large part of the State has been insufficient for crop requirements. While grain crops have fairly maintained the conditions of healthfulness and general promise reported a month ago, old meadows and pastures have fallen off considerably. With warm weather and rain, however, prospects would rapidly improve.

Most of the corn acreage has now been planted, and early planted fields are already up and are being cultivated, but the young plants are yellow and making slow growth. Considerable re-planting is being done, as a result of poor seed, and the ravages of cut worms. The acreage planted to corn has been considerably increased over last year.

Sugar beets are backward; and little tobacco has yet been set. Reports indicate that the acreage of sugar beets will be slightly less than last year, while that of tobacco will be about the same as last season.

The acreage of potatoes will be noticeably less than that of last year; while that of other farm crops will not materially change. In canning districts the increase of peas and corn for this industry, is marked.

It develops that the apple crop of the State was not completely ruined by the frosts of last month, and appearances indicate that 20 per cent of a normal crop may yet be secured. Of other fruit crops, strawberries and blackberries promise best, 50 per cent of a full crop being predicted.

The condition of growing crops is reported as follows:

Winter Wheat, 96; Spring Wheat, 95½; Winter Rye, 95½; Spring Rye, 90; Oats, 94½; Barley, 90; Clover Meadows, 92½; Timothy Meadows, 88; Alfalfa, 92½; Pastures, 88½.

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Reports received from correspondents in fifty-four counties of the State, represent crop conditions as extremely critical. Except in a few favored localities, the rain fall during the month of June was extremely slight, while the sudden and marked change in temperature was not favorable to grass and small grain crops. Upon sandy soils, the extreme heat has burned out the grass crops and seriously injured growing grain, even if rain come at once.

Pastures are generally short, and cannot improve without copious rains. While the hay crop from last year's seeding is good in many parts of the State, old meadows will yield a very small crop. Haying has commenced, and the quality of the product is excellent. Marshes and wild meadows have been badly affected by drouth, and their yield of hay will be light.

Winter grains are generally maturing in good shape and are nearly ready for harvest. Spring sowed grains will have short straw, and the amount and quality of grain is closely dependent upon whether rain come in the near future.

Corn has made very rapid growth, and is generally in fine condition. The crop is clean, the weather having been favorable for cultivation. It is now our most promising crop.

The early potato crop has suffered from the drouth. Late potatoes are yet fair.

The dry weather has seriously interfered with the transplanting of tobacco, farmers delaying setting in expectation of rain. Some fields are not yet planted, while much of that recently set is small and weak. Unfavorable weather conditions will diminish the tobacco acreage.

Sugar beets are doing fairly well, especially early planted fields. Weather conditions have not been favorable to later planting, but the acreage—contrary to last months' statement, will be slightly larger than that of last year.

Percentages of conditions of crops, as reported, are as follows:

Winter Wheat, 85; Winter Rye, 87; Spring Wheat, 75; Spring Rye, 75; Barley, 80; Oats, 75; Peas, 76; Corn, 87; Potatoes, 85; Cabbage, 75; Tobacco, 80; Sugar Beets, 88; Tame Meadows, 65; Wild Meadows, 67; Pastures, 60.

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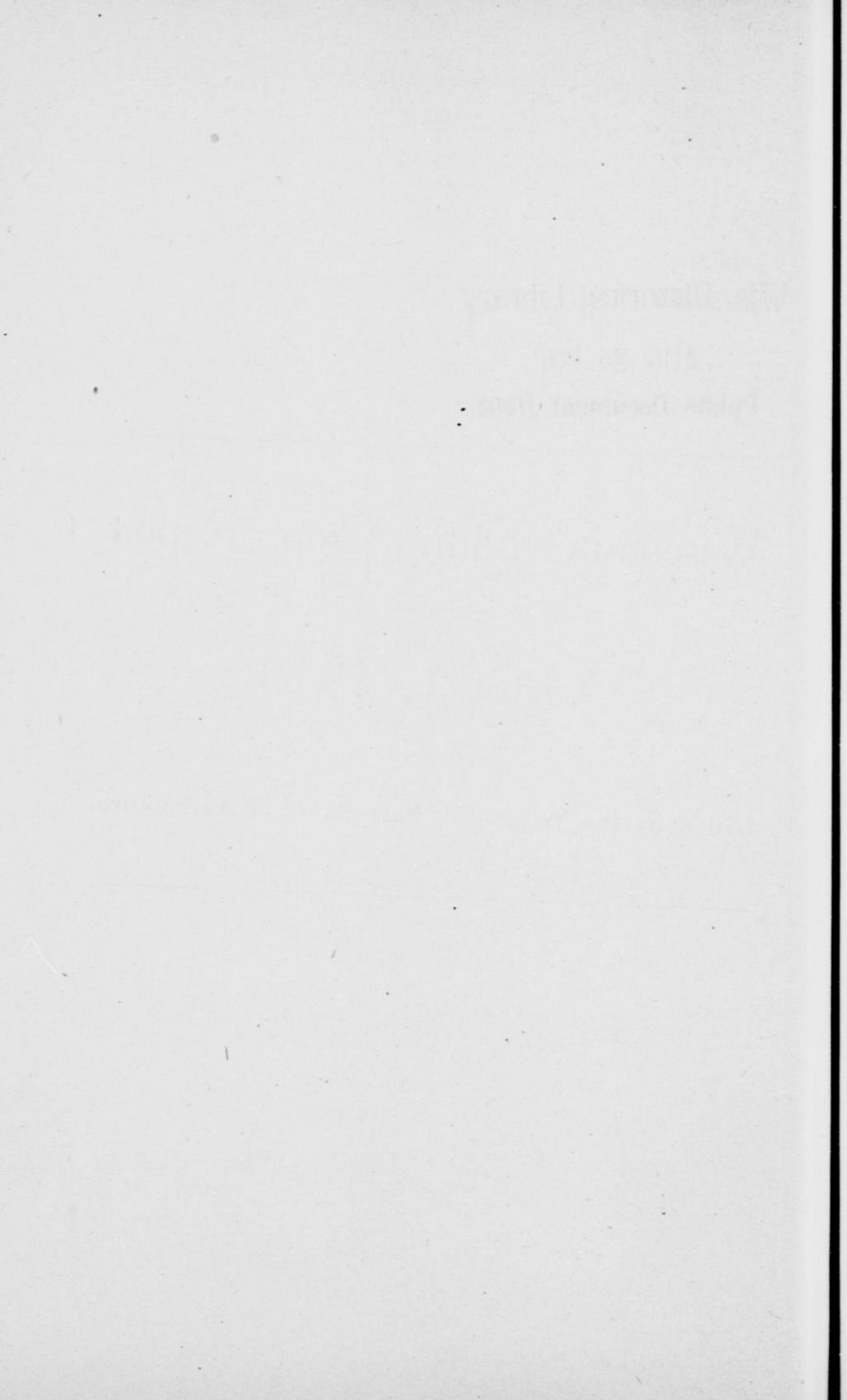
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# Wisconsin Farm Crop Report

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There was no general rain during the month of July. There have been slight showers in most parts of the State that have saved growing crops from complete destruction. Pastures have suffered most, and are now furnishing little feed for stock, this shortage being supplied by feeding of hay and grain feeds.

Enough threshing of grain has been done to show that the yield of wheat, rye and barley will not fall far below the normal yield. Oats, though materially injured upon sandy or very dry land, will furnish a better yield than was anticipated at last report.

Corn planted upon good fertile fields, and well cultivated, has shown a remarkable degree of vitality, and with a general rain, now, would make a fair crop.

Early potatoes are small, and the yield is light. Later potatoes are already suffering from want of rain, and the crop will be materially shortened even if rain comes soon.

Early planted tobacco is blossoming without a desirable growth of leaf, while late planted is still small and not promising.

Sugar beets are doing fairly well, though making slow growth.

The following percentages of condition of crops is reported by correspondents:

	%
Corn .....	78
Potatoes .....	52
Peas .....	52½
Beans .....	63
Cabbages .....	55
Tobacco .....	60
Sugar beets .....	77
Pastures .....	30

No crop report will be issued for September on account of State Fair, September 12-16.

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# Wisconsin Farm Crop Report

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The final crop report for the State of Wisconsin for 1910, as a whole is quite satisfactory. When we consider that the past season has been remarkable for extremely unfavorable weather conditions, that at times threatened disastrous results,—the showing made is alike creditable to our soil resources and the skillful methods of the farmers of the State.

Some sections suffered so severely during the protracted summer drouth as to be unable to regain their normal standing after the fall rains came. As a result, yields of certain crops vary widely when different counties are compared.

The hay crop furnishes an illustration, when the yield varies from  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 tons per acre, prices ranging from \$12.00 to \$22.00.

We give below, tables showing the average yield per acre of the principal crops in the State; the average quality of the same, and the average prices at which products are now being sold.

## YIELD PER ACRE.

	bushels
Wheat .....	20
Rye .....	17
Oats .....	34
Barley .....	30
Buckwheat .....	14
Flax .....	12
Peas .....	20
Beans .....	14
Clover Seed .....	2
Potatoes .....	120
Corn (shelled) .....	37
Tobacco .....	lbs. 1,100
Sugar Beets .....	tons, 11
Cabbages .....	tons, $7\frac{1}{2}$
Tame Hay .....	tons, 1

### QUALITY OF PRODUCT.

	per cent.
Wheat .....	95
Rye .....	94
Oats .....	90
Barley .....	88
Buckwheat .....	89
Flax .....	90
Peas .....	92
Beans .....	95
Clover Seed .....	96
Potatoes .....	88
Corn .....	92
Tobacco .....	78
Sugar Beets .....	95
Cabbage .....	85
Tame Hay .....	97

### AVERAGE PRICES.

	per bushel.
Wheat .....	\$ .97
Rye .....	.68
Oats .....	.35
Barley .....	.65
Buckwheat .....	.75
Flax .....	\$2.05
Peas .....	1.70
Beans .....	2.00
Clover Seed .....	8.25
Potatoes .....	.35
Corn .....	.50
Tobacco .....	lb., .09
Sugar Beets .....	ton, 5.00
Cabbage .....	ton, 7.00
Tame Hay .....	ton, 16.00

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