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# Wisconsin Farm Crop Report

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# Wisconsin Farm Crop Report

MAY 1, 1907

The object of this initial number of crop reports for the current season, was to ascertain the condition of those crops most liable to be affected by winter weather severities; the estimate of acreage of principal farm crops for the coming season, in comparison with that of last year, and the condition and prices of live stock.

Winter grains and grasses, including clover and alfalfa, were considered to be in excellent shape during the warm weather of March, and such crop prospects were excellent at that time, but the cold weather that has continued completely through the month of April has materially reduced the prospects of winter wheat, clover, and alfalfa. Winter wheat and alfalfa are not extensively raised in the State, but an even partial failure of the clover crop makes a loss of values to the farmer not easily estimated. In most parts of the State old clover fields are reported as practically ruined, while new seeding is considerably injured. Winter rye maintains a fair stand.

On a basis of 100 representing the prospect of a full crop, our reports show:

Winter wheat .....	87
Winter rye .....	96
Clover .....	80
Alfalfa .....	84

In the Central and Northern parts of the State most of the grain seeding is yet to be done, while in the Southern portion where considerable grain was sown in March and early April, considerable seed has rotted in the ground or failed to make satisfactory growth.

Pastures have been at a standstill, and where shortage of fodder has forced animals upon these for a partial living, both stock and pastures are suffering.

It is somewhat early to determine definitely the comparative crop acreage of 1907, although general tendencies are quite marked so far as leading crops are concerned.

The acreage of wheat, both Spring and Winter, has again fallen off quite decidedly, and from many counties of the State they are no longer reported. Winter rye maintains its standing as a crop, in those parts of the State where most largely raised.

The acreage of barley will again be considerably increased, while the acreage of corn will be greater than that of last year. Oats is our leading grain crop, and will not vary materially from last year, in extent of acreage.

Indications point to a slightly reduced acreage of potatoes, while the increase in tobacco fields will be marked—some localities increasing their acreage from 20 to 50%.

The acreage of sugar beets will not be increased over that of last year.

More clover than usual was sown last season, and notwithstanding unfavorable conditions the acreage will be nearly as great as last season.

There is no considerable sickness among farm animals, and prices are high.

Though present crop indications are by no means satisfactory to the farmer, later weather conditions may relieve the situation, and a favorable summer give fair crops.

JOHN M. TRUE,  
*Secretary.*

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# Wisconsin Farm Crop Report

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# Wisconsin Farm Crop Report

JUNE 1, 1907

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Cold weather has continued throughout the entire month of May, no week during this time passing without frost. Vegetation has advanced slowly, but has not suffered severely from freezing, seeming, under adverse circumstances, to have gained an unusual degree of hardihood.

As far as we can determine, the damage done to fruits is confined to early varieties of apples and plums. Other fruits at date, are in full bloom, with a fair prospect of an average yield.

The season is fully two weeks later than that of last year. Spring sown grains are low, and where sowed early the stand is slightly thin, but since the rains of about the middle of the month, they have made satisfactory growth. Early sown grain is not as good as that planted as late as the middle of May.

Meadows and pastures have improved upon conditions anticipated the first of the month, and farm stock is now generally living from the pastures.

Not to exceed seventy per cent of the corn acreage of the State, has been planted, much ground being hardly in condition for planting. Undoubtedly there will be considerable loss of planting that was done previous to the heavy rains, as on heavy soils the ground is so packed as to interfere with the growth of the plant.

Tobacco plants are small, and the planting of this crop will also be delayed.

The general crop outlook at date is by no means gloomy. June, July, and August, almost invariably determine the character of Wisconsin harvests. So now favorable weather during these months may cause us to forget the unsatisfactory conditions of May.

Our reports from correspondents throughout the State give the following percentages of conditions, 100 representing a high average.

Winter wheat .....	80
Winter rye .....	90
Oats .....	86½
Barley .....	87
Spring wheat .....	83
Meadows .....	86
Pastures .....	84½

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# Wisconsin Farm Crop Report

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# Wisconsin Farm Crop Report

JULY 1, 1907

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The notably cold weather of the early season continued until about the middle of the past month. At that time farm crops were easily two weeks behind the normal condition for the season. Small grains were low, pastures and meadows were short and unpromising, much of the acreage designed for corn had not been planted, and the general crop outlook was discouraging.

At this time the weather suddenly changed to that of typical summer, and during the past two weeks the growth of vegetation has been almost phenomenal. All crops remain from ten days to two weeks behind what they are in average seasons, in stage of advancement toward maturity, but the general condition of healthfulness and vigor is satisfactory.

Some complaint comes from the Southern part of the State, of the ravages of the green louse in oats, and there are occasional reports of rust, but these drawbacks are by no means general. The frequent showers and warm weather have materially improved the condition of meadows, which at time of last report were thin and low.

Pastures are fine, and farm stock is doing well. Corn is still low, and in many locations the stand is thin. Many fields are weedy, and on the whole it is impossible to give the crop a high rating at this time.

Not over two-thirds of the tobacco acreage has been set, but the weather is favorable for the work; plants are vigorous and the outlook encouraging. Sugar beets have made a fine growth, and conditions are generally promising.

Apples are falling badly, and the extent of the crop depends largely upon the care that may have been given it in the way of spraying to prevent insect ravages.

Small fruits are late, but will be fairly plentiful and of good quality.

We are pleased to note a general raise in percentages of the principal crops that were reported the first of June, and hope for further improvement during the current month.

Based upon the reports of our correspondents, we give the following condition percentages of our principal farm crops, at date:

Winter wheat .....	80
Winter rye .....	90
Oats .....	93½
Barley .....	94½
Spring wheat .....	88
Corn .....	72
Potatoes .....	92
Beans .....	91
Tobacco .....	82
Sugar beets .....	93
Meadows .....	89
Pastures .....	93
Apples .....	60
Small fruits .....	85

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# Wisconsin Farm Crop Report

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# Wisconsin Farm Crop Report

August 1, 1907.

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The month of July has been uniformly warm, with abundant moisture to cause a very rapid growth of vegetation.

Under these influences farm crops have made rapid growth, the earlier grains coming to maturity under generally favorable conditions. Winter wheat, rye, and barley have largely been harvested, and each promises a very satisfactory yield of grain of good quality.

Grass in meadow and pasture has made most satisfactory improvement, and the tame hay crop will be well up to the average of many years. About two-thirds of this crop has never been secured; the earliest cut having been considerably damaged—in some parts of the State—by heavy rain fall. The last ten days have given generally favorable weather, and much hay has been secured in good condition. That part of the crop not yet harvested is becoming over ripe. Marshes are almost inaccessible on account of excess of water. Pastures are excellent.

The one crop that has caused the farmers anxiety, has been oats. Before heading, the foliage of the plant, from some cause—variously attributed to rust, green louse, or blight, turned dark and partially died. The seed stalk has since run up, and does not seem to share the disease earlier affecting the leaf. Undoubtedly the oat crop will be considerably shortened by this interference with the growth of the plant, but how extensively the next two weeks must determine.

Corn has made a remarkable growth, and much of the crop is now tasseled. The color is good, and with a season as late as that of 1906, it is not unreasonable to expect an average corn crop in Wisconsin.

Potatoes are reported in good condition wherever they have been properly protected from bugs.

Tobacco fields are rather uneven in growth and as a rule late, but in common with other crops making rapid advancement.

Sugar beets are universally reported favorably.

Cabbages have come to be an extensive and highly profitable crop in some parts of the State—they are also showing well.

The prospects for an apple crop are less favorable than earlier in the season, as they are falling badly.

Small fruits are not a large crop, blackberries and grapes now being the most promising.

Following is the table of estimates of crop conditions, compiled from the reports of our correspondents:

Winter Wheat .....	82
Winter Rye .....	93
Barley .....	93½
Oats .....	72
Buckwheat .....	90
Corn .....	80
Potatoes .....	95
Peas .....	96
Beans .....	94
Tame Hay .....	94
Pastures .....	98
Tobacco .....	95
Sugar Beets .....	96
Cabbages .....	93
Apples .....	40
Small Fruits .....	72

As the State Fair is held early in September, our next report will be issued October 1st.

JOHN M. TRUE,  
*Secretary.*

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**Wisconsin Farm Crop Report**

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# Wisconsin Farm Crop Report

October 1, 1907.

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Reports indicate that few farm crops, the present season, are to be equal in yield and quality to the average of the past few years.

The yield of oats and barley as shown by threshing, was a disappointment to those who had judged the probable production from appearances of crops in the field. Not only is the yield light, but oats, especially, are of poor quality. Barley, while better than oats, is not equal in grade to the crop of the past two years. Wheat and rye show an average well up to that of the past five years.

The corn crop improved rapidly during the month of August, and was well advanced at the time of the first frost, about the middle of September. The weather during the month of September was not calculated to mature the crop, and indications are that about fifteen per cent of the crop will not be fully ripened.

The potato crop has been seriously damaged in yield by blight, and in many locations, subsequent rot. Upon light soils the quality is reported as good. Undoubtedly the crop as a whole will be as profitable for the farmer as though the yield were much larger and the price correspondingly decreased.

Tobacco grew rapidly during the last few weeks prior to harvest, and is one crop that is better than it was expected to be. Our estimate of yield per acre is left over for the November report.

In localities where largely raised, sugar beets, cabbages, and beans are reported as a good crop.

Pastures are remarkably good for the season and farm stock feeding upon grass is in good condition.

Our next report will deal with the yield per acre, quality and price of the several farm crops.

Our correspondents report an estimated yield per acre as follows:—

Wheat .....	16 bu.
Rye .....	17 bu.
Barley .....	25 bu.
Oats .....	22 bu.
Tame Hay .....	15 $\frac{1}{8}$ tons.

Condition of crops whose yield has not yet been determined is given as follows:—

Corn .....	76 per cent.
Potatoes .....	72 per cent.
Tobacco .....	87 per cent.
Sugar Beets .....	90 per cent.
Cabbages .....	90 per cent.
Beans .....	93 per cent.

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**Wisconsin Farm Crop Report**

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**November 1, 1907**

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# Wisconsin Farm Crop Report

November 1, 1907.

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The final report for the season of 1907 aims to cover the average yield, per acre, of the principal farm crops of the State that have not already been reported, the quality of the same, on the basis of 100 representing a number one product—and the prices prevailing in the local markets in the several counties.

The recent financial disturbance has temporarily unsettled prices of products offered upon the markets, but we have aimed to gather conservative estimates of prices, which may be considered as representative of the normal market. The prices of some products, such as potatoes, vary widely in price in different localities, according to the local supply and demand, but a consideration of prices being paid in those counties furnishing for sale the largest amount of products being considered, largely determines market price.

Yield per acre of crops not yet reported were estimated as follows:—

Corn .....	28 bushels (shelled).
Buckwheat .....	16 bushels.
Peas .....	17 bushels.
Beans .....	13 bushels.
Clover seed .....	2 bushels.
Potatoes .....	80 bushels.
Sugar Beets .....	11 tons.
Cabbages .....	10 tons.
Tobacco .....	1100 lbs.

Quality of products, on basis of 100:—

Wheat .....	88
Rye .....	93
Oats .....	62
Barley .....	78
Corn .....	70
Buckwheat .....	89
Peas .....	95
Beans .....	88
Clover seed .....	93
Potatoes .....	87
Sugar beets .....	92
Cabbages .....	90
Tobacco .....	87
Tame hay .....	90

Prices of products:—

Wheat .....	85c per bu.
Rye .....	74c per bu.
Oats .....	48c per bu.
Barley .....	75c per bu.
Corn .....	60c per bu.
Buckwheat .....	80c per bu.
Peas .....	\$1.25 per bu.
Beans .....	\$1.85 per bu.
Clover seed .....	\$8.50 per bu.
Potatoes .....	47c per bu.
Sugar beets .....	\$4.75 per ton.
Cabbages .....	\$6.00 per ton.
Tobacco .....	No sales.
Tame hay .....	\$12.50 per ton.

No further reports will be issued until Spring of 1908.

John M. True,  
*Secretary.*