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IN WISCONSIN the crop season of 1934 was marked by low production and poor crop conditions. The season was dry from the beginning and while the spring planting was done at about the usual time on a good seed bed the crops came along very slowly because of lack of moisture. Except for a strip in eastern Wisconsin and along Lake Michigan, and a few of the northernmost counties the entire state was suffering greatly for lack of moisture in May, and by the beginning of June the condition was probably the most serious on record. In June the heat and drought were broken, and shortly after the middle of the month most of the state had fairly good rains. Growing conditions improved materially through July, but the rain and improved growing conditions came too late for hay which has made the shortest crop since 1901.

The early grain crops such as winter wheat and rye made extremely low production because, like the hay crops, their early maturity caused them to suffer more than the later maturing crops. Barley and oats improved greatly after the mid-June rains, and these grains made a larger yield and better quality grain for the state

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as a whole than they did in 1933 when the grain was generally light. In eastern Wisconsin a considerable area had excellent grain crops, the poorest grain in the state being reported in the regions of most severe drought, such as northwestern Wisconsin and in some of the southern counties along the Illinois line.

Corn with a record acreage made a crop

estimated at about 74 million bushels, which while smaller than the corn crop of the previous two years has been exceeded only five times in the state's history. The grain production of the corn crop was somewhat smaller than expected, but the stalk growth in most counties was large so that the state's livestock population is dependent during the current winter to an unusual extent upon corn fodder and corn silage.

The cash crops of the state made varied returns. The potato crop was large and the quality better than usual, but prices have been disappointing. Tobacco made a good yield on the smallest acreage since 1898. The cabbage crop was large but prices were disappointing. The canning pea crop was light but better than in the previous two years when it had suffered extremely from heat and drought. Tree fruits were a short crop, and most of the minor crops made less than average production. The total acreage in the more important crops for the state was 8,758,000 which is nearly a half million acres less than in the previous year which was largely due to the immense losses in hay. In spite of the greatly reduced production

SUMMARY OF WISCONSIN CROP ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, PRICES, AND VALUES, 1933, 1934.

| Crop | Acreage (000 omitted) | | Yield per Acre | | Production (000 omitted) | | Unit | Farm Price | | Farm Value (000 omitted) | |
|--|--------------------------|----------|-------------------|--------|-----------------------------|---------|--------|-------------------|--------|-----------------------------|----------|
| | 1934 (Prelim.) | 1933 | 1934 (Prelim.) | 1933 | 1934 (Prelim.) | 1933 | | 1934 (Prelim.) | 1933 | 1934 (Prelim.) | 1933 |
| CEREALS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Corn | 2,384 | 2,228 | 31.0 | 35.0 | 73,904 | 77,980 | Bus. | \$.75 | \$.41 | \$55,428 | \$31,972 |
| Oats | 2,334 | 2,457 | 28.0 | 26.0 | 65,352 | 63,882 | Bus. | .48 | .31 | 31,369 | 19,803 |
| Barley | 741 | 805 | 26.0 | 22.0 | 19,266 | 17,710 | Bus. | 1.03 | .52 | 19,844 | 9,209 |
| Rye | 221 | 226 | 8.0 | 10.0 | 1,768 | 2,260 | Bus. | .73 | .57 | 1,291 | 1,288 |
| Spring wheat | 90 | 72 | 16.0 | 16.0 | 1,440 | 1,152 | Bus. | .96 | .76 | 1,382 | 876 |
| Winter wheat | 18 | 32 | 11.5 | 14.5 | 207 | 464 | Bus. | .96 | .76 | 199 | 353 |
| Buckwheat | 24 | 17 | 11.3 | 11.0 | 271 | 187 | Bus. | .65 | .56 | 176 | 105 |
| OTHER GRAINS AND GRASSES | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dry peas | 20 | 18 | 15.5 | 17.0 | 310 | 306 | Bus. | 2.00 | 2.00 | 620 | 612 |
| Dry edible beans | 6 | 5 | 6.38 | 7.34 | 38.3 | 33.3 | Bus. | 1.86 | 1.62 | 71 | 54 |
| Soy Beans for grain ¹ | 5 | 6 | 12.0 | 11.5 | 60 | 69 | Bus. | 1.25 | .85 | 75 | 59 |
| Flax | 5 | 4 | 11.0 | 10.0 | 55 | 40 | Bus. | 1.56 | 1.49 | 86 | 60 |
| Clover seed | 277 | 270 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 115.5 | 112 | Bus. | 11.20 | 6.40 | 1,294 | 717 |
| Sweet clover seed | 1.4 | 3 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 5.6 | 10.5 | Bus. | 4.80 | 2.65 | 27 | 28 |
| Timothy seed | .5 | 2.3 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 1.6 | 6.9 | Bus. | 8.00 | 2.35 | 13 | 16 |
| Alfalfa seed | 240 | 236 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 48 | 46.8 | Bus. | 13.40 | 7.90 | 643 | 370 |
| HAY AND FORAGE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All tame hay | 2,450 | 2,949 | .99 | 1.25 | 2,422 | 3,685 | Tons | 17.50 | 10.10 | 42,385 | 37,218 |
| Alfalfa hay | 525 | 542 | 1.50 | 2.05 | 788 | 1,111 | Tons | | | | |
| All clover and timothy hay | 1,242 | 2,003 | .69 | 1.05 | 857 | 2,103 | Tons | | | | |
| Sweet clover hay | 36 | 33 | 1.30 | 1.55 | 47 | 51 | Tons | | | | |
| Annual legume hay | 152 | 52 | 1.40 | 1.50 | 213 | 78 | Tons | | | | |
| Grain cut green for hay | 180 | 144 | .95 | .85 | 171 | 122 | Tons | | | | |
| Millet, Sudan grass, other miscellaneous hay | 315 | 175 | 1.10 | 1.26 | 346 | 220 | Tons | | | | |
| Will hay | 2357 | 2350 | .90 | 1.10 | 321 | 385 | Tons | 11.00 | 6.20 | 3,531 | 2,387 |
| OTHER FIELD CROPS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Potatoes | 261 | 239 | 120.0 | 70.0 | 31,320 | 16,730 | Bus. | .29 | .55 | 9,083 | 9,202 |
| Tobacco | 7.5 | 12.6 | 1,340 | 1,272 | 10,051 | 16,023 | Lbs. | .077 | .053 | 772 | 845 |
| Cabbage for market | 16.4 | 9.2 | 8.27 | 6.25 | 135.6 | 57.5 | Tons | 7.80 | 17.00 | 1,056 | 978 |
| Cabbage for kraut | 6.6 | 3 | 7.7 | 6.3 | 50.8 | 18.9 | Tons | 6.30 | 9.50 | 320 | 180 |
| Onions, commercial | 1 | 1.15 | 410 | 290 | 410 | 334 | Bus. | .53 | .53 | 217 | 177 |
| Hemp | .5 | .14 | 850 | 750 | 425 | 105 | Lbs. | .05 | .055 | 21 | 6 |
| Sugar beets | 19 | 17.9 | 8.5 | 8.4 | 162 | 150 | Tons | 5.30 | 5.50 | 859 | 825 |
| Cucumbers for pickles | 11.3 | 6.6 | 48. | 51. | 542 | 337 | Bus. | .43 | .40 | 233 | 135 |
| Peas for canning | 112 | 93 | 1,270. | 1,180. | 142,240 | 109,740 | Lbs. | .0253 | .022 | 3,599 | 2,414 |
| Corn for canning | 11.9 | 4.2 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 27.4 | 10.1 | Tons | 8.00 | 7.20 | 219 | 73 |
| Snap beans for canning | 5.6 | 3.6 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 7.8 | 5.4 | Tons | 42.60 | 40.80 | 332 | 220 |
| Beets for canning | 1.67 | .98 | 7.2 | 8.0 | 12 | 7.8 | Tons | 7.80 | 7.20 | 94 | 56 |
| FRUITS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Apples | | | | | 1,204 | 1,938 | Bus. | 1.25 | .80 | 1,505 | 1,550 |
| Cherries | | | | | 4.4 | 7.04 | Tons | 50.00 | 50.00 | 220 | 352 |
| Cranberries | 2. | 2. | 29.5 | 23.5 | 59. | 47. | Bbbs. | 9.75 | 6.75 | 575 | 317 |
| Maple sugar | 251 | 295 | | | 11 | 24 | Lbs. | .28 | .26 | 3 | 6 |
| Maple sirup | | | | | 30 | 62 | Gals. | 1.75 | 1.55 | 52 | 96 |
| Strawberries | 3.15 | 3 | 55 | 65. | 173 | 195 | Crates | 2.00 | 1.90 | 346 | 370 |
| Grapes | | | | | .274 | .357 | Tons | 75.00 | 70.00 | 21 | 25 |
| Grand Total | 8,758.12 | 9,217.67 | | | | | | | | 177,961 | 122,954 |

¹ Not included in acreage grown for hay.

² Not included in total acreage.

³ Trees tapped.

Farm and Market Prices for Milk and Dairy Products¹

Table with columns: Year, PRICES PAID PRODUCERS, WISCONSIN, UNITED STATES, WHOLESALE PRICES OF DAIRY PRODS., WISCONSIN DAIRY RATION COST. Sub-columns include Milk Prices by uses, Butter, Milk, Cheese (lb.), and Dairy Ration components.

1 For monthly quotations prior to 1932 and detailed information regarding sources on all commodities except condensed milk and milk used for butter, see Bulletins 90, 120, and 140, Wisconsin Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. 2 Quotations are the average for the month as reported by Wisconsin crop correspondents. 3 Annual averages are computed by weighting monthly data by milk production per cow. 4 Quotations refer to the 15th of the month as reported by Wisconsin and United States price reporters. Annual prices, except the Wisconsin farm butter price, are weighted averages of monthly data. For the U. S. milk for fluid use is the chief outlet for whole milk sold, hence the U. S. farm price exceeds Wisconsin where the bulk of the output is manufactured. 5 All annual quotations are straight averages of monthly prices. 6 Wholesale price of 92-score butter at Chicago. 7 Wholesale prices on the Wisconsin cheese exchange. Prior to April, 1926 prices were quoted on daisies, thereafter on twins.

8 Averages of weekly quotations on No. 1 round Swiss at Monroe, Wisconsin as published in the Green County Herald. 9 Averages of weekly quotations at Monroe, Wisconsin from the Green County Herald. 10 Wholesale prices of advertised brands per case of 48 tall cans. Prices from 1910 to 1920, incl. are manufacturers prices as published in Federal Trade Commission Report on Milk and Milk Products. Quotations from 1921 to date are wholesale prices per case in car-load lots at New York City as published by the Evaporated Milk Association. Size of can was changed from 16 oz. to 14 1/2 oz. in January 1931. 11 Value of 1000 pounds of feed grains and other concentrates in a typical dairy ration for Wisconsin. 12 Pounds of feed grains and other concentrates in typical Wisconsin dairy ration which could be purchased with 100 pounds of milk. 13 Price of American cheese (twins) on the Wisconsin Cheese Exchange at Plymouth divided by the price of 92-score butter at Chicago, as published in this table to 1920, but following that basic prices are carried further decimally. *Preliminary.

and smaller acreage devoted to crops, the farm value of the crops is substantially larger than it has been in the preceding two years, the aggregate value of Wisconsin crops in 1934 being estimated at nearly \$178,000,000 as compared with less than \$123,000,000 in 1933 and \$97,000,000 in 1932.

Farm Stocks of Grain

Farm stocks of grain as estimated by the United States Crop Reporting Board for January 1 are at extremely low levels. Farm stocks of corn are about 57 percent of a year ago and less than half of the stocks of two years ago. Wheat stocks are 69 percent of a year ago and about half of the stocks of two years ago. Stocks of oats are about three-fourths of a year ago but only about 45 percent of the stocks of two years ago.

In Wisconsin corn stocks this year are about three-fourths of what they were a year ago, and the stocks of barley and oats are larger than last year. The 1934 production of oats and barley in Wisconsin was above the very poor crop of 1933, but the stocks this year are considerably below average.

January Dairy Report

With a decrease in the number of milk cows per farm of between 4 and 5 percent and a decline of about 5 percent in the milk production per cow in herd, it appears that the daily milk production in Wisconsin as indicated by crop and dairy correspondents is about 10 percent less than at this time last year. On January 1 the milk production per cow in herd, as reported by crop correspondents, of 12.54 pounds was the lowest milk production on that date since the record began in 1925, and was 12 percent less than the 1925-1932 average for January 1.

While the annual livestock survey and other indications, when completed, will indicate more definitely the total milk production of the state in 1934, at the present time it appears that Wisconsin milk production in 1934 was about 5 percent less than in 1933. This brings the state's milk production to about 10,280,000,000 pounds for last year as compared with 10,825,000,000 pounds in 1933 and the 1925 to 1932 average of 10,684,000,000 pounds.

For the United States milk production per cow in the herds of crop correspond-

ents on January 1, was 10.88 pounds, a decline of 5 percent from a year earlier and a 10 percent decline from the 1925-1932 January 1 average. This is the lowest average production per cow for any month since the records began. As the number of milk cows is probably 4 to 5 percent lower than a year ago, the total daily milk flow is estimated at 9 or 10 percent less.

The accompanying table gives the January 1 milk production figures as reported by crop correspondents for Wisconsin and the United States.

Feeding of grain and concentrates about the first of the month was considerably less than a year ago. Wisconsin dairy reporters indicated a decline of 20 percent in the amount of such feed given per cow in herd as compared with 12 months earlier. While this is a decided decline it does represent a relative increase since on December 1 the decline in feeding operations as compared with a year earlier was even greater.

The December 1 indication of more calves being raised than a year ago was continued in the January reports. It ap-

General Trend of Farm Prices and Purchasing Power

Table with columns for Year and month, Wisconsin (Index Numbers of Wisconsin Farm Prices, Purchasing Power), and United States (Index Numbers of United States Farm Prices, Purchasing Power). Rows include years from 1910 to 1934 and monthly data from Jan to Dec for 1934.

1Prepared by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture.

2Includes potatoes, tobacco, canning peas, and clover seed.

3Includes dry beans, flax seed, hay, dry peas, sugar beets, and wool.

4The ratio of the Index number of prices received for Wisconsin farm products to the revised United States Index number of prices paid for commodities farmers buy.

5The ratio of the index number of Wisconsin milk prices to the revised United States index number of prices paid for commodities farmers buy.

6Average of estimated values, 1912-14=100.

7These index numbers are based on retail prices paid by farmers for commodities used in living and production, reported quarterly for March, June, September, and December, revised.

8Indexes for other months are interpolations from the quarterly data.

9Purchasing power of the farmer's dollar expressed as the ratio of the index of prices received to the revised index of prices paid for commodities farmers buy.

10Preliminary.

weight for the preceding month. Milk delivered for use by condenseries showed the greatest gain of any of the utilizations by reaching a price of \$1.35 per hundred-weight or 6 cents above the preceding month, while milk utilized for cheese and butter both rose 5 cents per hundred-weight above the November price. Milk utilized as market milk showed only a 1 cent gain per hundredweight over the preceding month.

In spite of the rise in the milk, grain, and unclassified groups the index of prices

received by Wisconsin farmers for December 15 remained steady in relation to November 15 at 89 percent of pre-war since these rises were offset by declines in the poultry products and livestock groups.

The index of prices paid by the farmers of the United States remained at 126 percent of pre-war. Although the purchasing power of Wisconsin farm products remained unchanged for December 15 in relation to November 15 at 71 percent of pre-war, that index represents a level of 12 points above the same month a year ago.

United States Farm Prices

The United States index of prices received held steady at 101 percent of pre-war for December 15 in relation to the November mid-month index. While the grain, dairy products, meat animal, truck crops, and cotton and cottonseed groups showed some gains, the poultry products and fruits groups both declined sharply. The purchasing power of the farmers of the United States remained steady at 80 percent of pre-war.

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Farm Horses Increase

For the first time in about twenty years the farm horses in Wisconsin show an increase in population. The number of horses on the state's farms now is estimated at 516,000 head, or about 9,000 head more than last year. For the past two years there has been an increase in the number of colts on farms, the increase being quite apparent during the past year. There were also shipped into the state during the past year over 20,000 head of work horses.

While the number of old work horses has not increased from a year ago there is a substantial increase in the number of colts, which is sufficient to bring up the state's horse population above that of a year ago. The horse population in Wisconsin began to decline with the large-scale introduction of automobiles and tractors about 1915, and the decline has continued steadily from that time until this year. Horse prices have shown strength for several years. They are now about 10 percent higher than they were a year ago.

NUMBER AND VALUE OF LIVESTOCK ON JANUARY 1, 1935, 1934, and 1933

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| Class of Livestock | Number (000 omitted) | | | Farm Price ¹ per head | | | Farm Value (000 omitted) | | |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | 1935 (Preliminary) | 1934 (Revised) | 1933 (Revised) | 1935 (Preliminary) Dollars | 1934 (Revised) Dollars | 1933 (Revised) Dollars | 1935 (Preliminary) Dollars | 1934 (Revised) Dollars | 1933 (Revised) Dollars |
| Cows and heifers 2 years old and over kept for milk..... | 2,124 | 2,212 | 2,175 | 33.00 | 28.00 | 30.00 | 70,092 | 61,936 | 65,250 |
| Heifers 1 to 2 years old kept for milk cows..... | 356 | 387 | 395 | | | | | | |
| Heifer calves being saved for milk cows..... | 349 | 392 | 400 | | | | | | |
| All other calves..... | 45 | 57 | 53 | | | | | | |
| Cows and heifers 2 years old and over not for milk..... | 20 | 25 | 23 | | | | | | |
| Heifers 1 to 2 years old not for milk..... | 15 | 17 | 16 | | | | | | |
| Steers 1 year and over..... | 30 | 40 | 36 | | | | | | |
| Bulls one year and over..... | 97 | 100 | 100 | | | | | | |
| All Cattle..... | 3,036 | 3,230 | 3,198 | 27.40 | 22.90 | 24.20 | 83,293 | 73,836 | 77,537 |
| Horses..... | 516 | 507 | 512 | 100.00 | 91.00 | 77.00 | 51,361 | 45,966 | 39,599 |
| Mules..... | 7 | 7 | 7 | 101.00 | 89.00 | 74.00 | 707 | 623 | 518 |
| Sows and gilts..... | 230 | 288 | 355 | | | | | | |
| Other hogs over 6 months..... | 460 | 511 | 510 | | | | | | |
| Pigs under 6 months..... | 461 | 715 | 746 | | | | | | |
| All Swine..... | 1,151 | 1,514 | 1,611 | 7.60 | 4.40 | 4.20 | 8,744 | 6,686 | 6,825 |
| Ewes 1 year and over..... | 286 | 276 | 290 | | | | | | |
| Ewe lambs for breeding..... | 80 | 73 | 71 | | | | | | |
| Wether and ram lambs..... | 4 | 3 | 3 | | | | | | |
| Rams and wethers 1 year and over..... | 15 | 15 | 15 | | | | | | |
| Sheep and lambs on feed..... | 81 | 85 | 85 | | | | | | |
| All Sheep..... | 466 | 452 | 464 | 4.20 | 3.40 | 2.50 | 1,934 | 1,536 | 1,174 |
| TOTAL FIVE SPECIES..... | | | | | | | 146,039 | 128,647 | 125,653 |

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|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Cows and heifers 2 years old and over kept for milk..... | 25,100 | 26,185 | 25,285 | 30.38 | 27.11 | 29.26 | 762,543 | 709,909 | 730,719 |
| Heifers 1 to 2 years old kept for milk cows..... | 4,286 | 4,788 | 4,703 | | | | | | |
| All other cattle..... | 31,281 | 37,317 | 35,716 | | | | | | |
| All Cattle..... | 60,667 | 68,290 | 65,704 | 21.07 | 18.27 | 19.94 | 1,278,327 | 1,247,491 | 1,310,164 |
| Horses..... | 11,827 | 11,963 | 12,203 | 76.18 | 66.30 | 53.75 | 901,038 | 793,155 | 655,911 |
| Mules..... | 4,795 | 4,925 | 5,036 | 98.21 | 81.54 | 60.18 | 470,900 | 401,596 | 303,066 |
| Swine including pigs..... | 37,007 | 57,177 | 61,598 | 6.41 | 4.14 | 4.22 | 237,258 | 236,862 | 259,827 |
| Sheep and lambs..... | 49,766 | 52,212 | 51,762 | 4.31 | 3.79 | 2.90 | 214,613 | 197,740 | 150,097 |
| TOTAL FIVE SPECIES..... | | | | | | | 3,102,136 | 2,876,844 | 2,679,065 |

¹Farm price per head of all cattle, horses, mules, swine, and sheep derived by dividing total value by total number. Total value represents sum of values by age groups.

²Included in value of all cattle.

COMPARED with other years Wisconsin's livestock survey this year shows some very unusual changes. The state's cattle and hog populations showed the sharpest decline from a year ago that has ever been recorded for these species in the history of the state. Horses, on the other hand, show the first increase in numbers in about twenty years. The state's sheep population shows a small increase, but it is not greatly different from what it has been during the past few years.

Values of the state's livestock, on the other hand, show a general increase. Even with a marked decline in cattle and hogs, both of these species show a much higher inventory value than they had a year ago. With a decline of 6 percent in our cattle numbers we have an increase of nearly 13 percent in value, and with a decline of 24 percent in hog numbers we have an increase in value of nearly 31 percent.

The value per head of cattle increased nearly 20 percent, as compared with a year ago, horses nearly 10 percent, hogs nearly 73 percent, and sheep over 23 percent. The aggregate farm value of the state's livestock at the beginning of the present year was estimated at about \$146,000,000, an increase of 13.5 percent over a year ago.

Cattle Numbers Reduced 194,000

The state's cattle herd at the beginning of the present year was estimated at 3,036,000 head, which is 194,000 head less than a year ago. No decrease of such size has been previously recorded in the state's history. The number of milk cows on the state's farms at the beginning of the present year is estimated at 2,124,000 head, which is a decline of 4 percent from a year ago. The decreases have come more largely in the young stock, there being a marked decline in the number of calves and heifers in the herds, as well as a decline in the number of beef animals on farms. Because they yield current income milk cows have been kept in many cases where it was necessary to dispose of other cattle in order to bring the herd down to a size where it could be maintained on the feed supply available.

The decrease in swine numbers is the most spectacular so far recorded in the history of the state, the decline from a year ago being 24 percent, which reduces the number of hogs on the state's farms to 1,151,000, a decrease of 363,000 head from a year ago. The number of brood sows intended for farrowing this spring shows a decline of about 20 percent. The declines are largely in the number of young pigs under six months of age because of the small pig crop of last fall. The value per head of the state's hogs gained over 70 percent from a year ago.

Prices Paid Wisconsin Producers for Farm Products and Wisconsin Feed Costs¹

Main table with columns: Year, Livestock and Wool (Hogs, Beef cattle, Veal calves, Milk cows, Sheep, Lamb, Wool, Horses), Grains (Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye, Potatoes), Other Crops (Hay, Clover), Poultry Products and Feed Costs (Chickens, Eggs, Ratio), Wisconsin by Product Feed Costs (Standard bran, Lined oil meal, Tankage, Standard middlings, Gluten feed, Cottonseed meal).

1 All prices based on reports of Wisconsin price correspondents on the 15th of each month. Annual prices are straight averages of monthly data. For monthly data prior to 1933 see Bulletins 90, 120, and 140, Wisconsin Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

3 Pounds of poultry ration which could be purchased with ten dozen eggs. 4 Wholesale prices in carlots f. o. b. Minneapolis plus freight to Madison.

2 Based on values of ingredients in a typical Wisconsin poultry ration. For further explanation and additional monthly data consult Bulletin 140, page 25.

5 Wholesale prices in carlots f. o. b. Chicago plus freight to Madison.

Summary table with three main sections: Milk Production, Wisconsin Egg Production, and United States Cold Storage Holdings. Each section shows data for Feb. 1 1935, Feb. 1 1934, and 1925-34 average.

With the number of hens and pullets per farm on February 1 being 2 percent less than a year ago and with the egg-laying rate showing a decline of 8.5 percent, the egg production level as indicated by crop correspondents is about 10 percent below that of last year at this time. Egg prices increased slightly in January as compared with December while feed prices declined which resulted in some increase in the feed-purchasing power of Wisconsin produced eggs.

Holdings of creamery butter in cold storage continued to decline sharply up to February 1 when they were only 25 percent of the stocks of a year earlier and only 42 percent of the 5-year average for that date. Storage stocks of all cheese on February 1 were three percent above last year and were 13 percent above the 5-year average.

*Preliminary Farm Wages Higher Wages paid to hired men on Wisconsin farms were 8 percent higher in January than a year ago.

The state received \$14.50 a month and board compared with \$13.25 on January 1 of last year, and the daily rate the first of this year averaged 95 cents as compared with 90 cents a year earlier. While wages paid to laborers working by the day without board averaged only 5 cents above those of a year earlier, the rate received by the month without board was \$2.75 higher this year. The rate with board was \$26.00 the

General Trend of Farm Prices and Purchasing Power

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1 Prepared by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture.

2 Includes potatoes, tobacco, canning peas, and clover seed.

3 Includes dry beans, flax seed, hay, dry peas, sugar beets, and wool.

4 The ratio of the index number of prices received for Wisconsin farm products to the revised United States Index number of prices paid for commodities farmers buy.

5 The ratio of the index number of Wisconsin milk prices to the revised United States index number of prices paid for commodities farmers buy.

6 Average of estimated values, 1912-14=100.

7 These index numbers are based on retail prices paid by farmers for commodities used in living and production, reported quarterly for March, June, September, and December, revised.

8 Indexes for other months are interpolations from the quarterly data.

9 Purchasing power of the farmer's dollar expressed as the ratio of the index of prices received to the revised index of prices paid for commodities farmers buy.

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first of this year and \$23.25 a year earlier.

The wages paid by Wisconsin farmers were about the same as the average for the United States, the greatest variation being in the rate paid by the month with board. Wage rates by the month with board averaged \$17.04 and without board the average for the United States was \$26.69 per month. The average rate per day for the nation was 92 cents with board and \$1.26 without board.

Wisconsin Farm Prices

WISCONSIN'S farm price index rose from 90 percent of pre-war on December 15, to 99 percent of pre-war levels by mid-January, the highest level attained since February 1931. This rise has been largely due to increases in the indexes of livestock and milk prices.

The average price paid for milk for January was \$1.32 per hundred pounds compared to \$1.25 per hundred for the preceding month. Milk delivered for use in cheese-making and for use by condenseries advanced 8 cents over December while milk used for butter increased 7 cents. The average January price for milk

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utilized for cheese was \$1.25 per hundred, while milk for butter average \$1.27. Milk used by condenseries brought \$1.44 per hundredweight. Milk utilized for market milk rose 6 cents above the December level to an average of \$1.58 per hundred for January.

Price increases occurred in the livestock, milk, poultry products, and the unclassified groups while the grain group declined during the last month. The sharpest rise reported in any one month since the beginning of the agricultural depression took place in the livestock group last month, when it increased 21 points above December. Price rises in this group were due to upturns which occurred in all classes of livestock although hogs showed much the greatest gain, the average farm price reaching \$6.80 per hundred for mid-January of 1935 compared with \$2.90 per hundred a year ago.

The index of prices paid by farmers of the United States remained unchanged at 126 percent of pre-war. The ratio of prices received to prices paid for January 15 increased to 79 percent of pre-war levels, an advance of eight points from December.

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EXTENSIVE recovery in crop acreages from the widespread destruction which occurred as a result of the drought during the past few years is in prospect this year for Wisconsin and for the country as a whole. The intentions to plant information furnished by Wisconsin reporters shows that they plan an expansion of their total crop acreage and more particularly increases in hay and in the grain groups which were materially reduced by drought during recent years.

Hay and Grains Increase

Tame hay has long been Wisconsin's leading crop. During the drought years since 1929 the state lost about a million and three-quarters acres of clover and timothy hay, largely because of the drying out of new seedings and partly through winterkilling of seedings and old meadows. This loss of clover and timothy was in part offset by increases in alfalfa and in other tame hay, but even so the net loss in Wisconsin's tame hay during the 5-year period has been close to one million acres.

Some recovery from the low point in tame hay acreage reached in the state in 1934 is indicated for this year, the probable increase above last year being about a quarter of a million acres. Even with this increase the hay acreage of the state will be 20 percent below average.

Widespread decreases in leading crops such as hay influence the acreages of other crops. Last year the state's corn acreage made a new high record and this year the corn crop is expected to decline somewhat.

Grain crops which were in part reduced by drought last year are expected to show sharp increases this year. The oats acreage in the state is expected to increase 9 percent, and if the planting intentions expressed by reporters are carried out, it will reach this year a level of 2,544,000 acres which is slightly above the state's 5-year average.

A New High for Barley

Reports from farmers indicate their intentions to increase the acreage of barley in Wisconsin by 18 percent this year, which, if carried out, will bring the state's acreage of this crop to 874,000 which is 58,000 acres more than the previous high record in the state made

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in 1909. With so large an acreage and good yields the barley crop of 1935 may well be a new record for the state. Barley has demonstrated its value as a feed crop during the drought years, and last year it was also profitable as a cash crop.

The barley planting intentions for the United States also show an increase which, if carried out, will bring the nation's acreage of this crop close to 12,000,000. This will be approximately the average barley acreage for the United States for recent years.

The spring wheat acreage in Wisconsin is expected to be increased about 10 percent, and the increase for the country as a whole is somewhat larger. Even with this increase the acreage of spring wheat will probably be considerably below average. With dry weather conditions still prevailing in some of the important spring wheat areas considerable uncertainty prevails as to the prospects for this crop.

Changes in the acreages of cash crops for Wisconsin probably will not be very great this year. A small increase is expected in potatoes, and increases are also likely in flax, tobacco, and onions. These are other crops are shown in the accompanying table.

Crop Conditions More Favorable

After a series of drought years beginning in 1930 crop conditions since last September have been more favorable. In Wisconsin moisture reserves in the soil have been materially increased during the past fall and winter, and with a heavy snow cover over

most of the state the soil moisture situation is probably more satisfactory than it has been at any time in five or six years. There has been little frost in the ground and water from melting snows is being quite generally absorbed without much surface run-off.

So far winter grains and the seedings of clover and grass seem to have come through in a satisfactory manner, and little apprehension has been expressed regarding them in this state. Even with a favorable winter and spring the hay acreage in the state or for the country as a whole will probably not be increased much beyond present expectation because of the widespread loss of seedings in the drought of last summer. It will take another year of favorable weather to bring the seedings of 1935 into production before the hay acreage can be restored to normal levels.

MARCH DAIRY REPORT

Crop correspondents reported an average of 13.65 milk cows per farm for March 1 for Wisconsin, a figure between 7 and 8 percent below the numbers reported of one year ago. Due to favorable weather conditions, a rise of 0.5 percent occurred in milk production per cow in herd and this together with the lower numbers of cows per farm resulted in a net decline of 7 percent in the level of milk production on reporters' farms compared to the previous year, and it shows a recession of 17 percent below the eight-year average 1925 to 1932 for March 1 production. The accompanying table gives milk production data as reported by crop correspondents.

In spite of a more favorable milk-feed price ratio for February there was only a 6 percent increase in grain and concentrates fed per cow in herd above the preceding month compared to the usual seasonal increase of 7 percent for the same period. The figure for March 1 was 14 percent below the figure on grain fed per cow in herd of March 1 a year ago.

A sharp rise in numbers of calves being raised above a year earlier evidently indicates that farmers are anticipating a need for more cows in the future to build up their somewhat depleted herds.

PLANTING PLANS FOR 1935

| Crops | WISCONSIN | | | | | UNITED STATES | | | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | Acreage (000 omitted) | | | Intentions 1935 as percent of | | Acreage (000 omitted) | | | Intentions 1935 as percent of | |
| | Harvested Last Year (1934) | 5-Yr. Av. 1927-31 | Indicated for Harvest 1935 | 1934 | 5-Yr. Average 1927-31 | Harvested Last Year (1934) | 5-Yr. Average 1927-31 | Indicated for Harvest 1935 | 1934 | 5-Yr. Average 1927-31 |
| Corn..... | 2,384 | 2,006 | 2,265 | 95 | 112.9 | 87,486 | 100,706 | 95,692 | 109.4 | 95.0 |
| Oats..... | 2,334 | 2,449 | 2,544 | 109 | 103.9 | 30,395 | 39,673 | 39,108 | 128.7 | 98.6 |
| Barley..... | 741 | 696 | 874 | 118 | 125.6 | 7,144 | 11,963 | 11,954 | 167.3 | 99.9 |
| Spring wheat..... | 90 | 66 | 99 | 110 | 150.0 | 9,290 | 20,338 | 17,847 | 192.1 | 87.8 |
| Flax..... | 5 | 8 | 6 | 120 | 75.0 | 974 | 2,915 | 1,845 | 189.4 | 63.3 |
| Potatoes..... | 261 | 250 | 251 | 96 | 100.4 | 3,303 | 3,201 | 3,272 | 99.1 | 102.2 |
| Tobacco..... | 7.5 | 38 | 8 | 107 | 21.1 | 1,335 | 1,904 | 1,511 | 113.2 | 79.4 |
| Dry beans..... | 6 | 7 | 5 | 83 | 71.4 | 1,378 | 1,769 | 1,909 | 138.5 | 107.9 |
| Soy beans (grown alone)..... | 157 | 12 | 110 | 70 | 916.7 | 4,107 | 2,506 | 4,997 | 121.7 | 199.4 |
| Tame hay..... | 2,450 | 3,353 | 2,695 | 110 | 80.4 | 51,495 | 54,420 | 53,117 | 103.1 | 97.6 |
| Cabbage..... | 23 | 18.4 ¹ | 22.5 | 98 | 122.3 ¹ | 175 | 143 ¹ | 140 | 80.0 | 97.9 ¹ |
| Onions..... | 1 | 1.04 ¹ | 1.1 | 110 | 105.8 ¹ | 83 | 84 ¹ | 94 | 113.3 | 101.2 ¹ |

¹5-year average, 1929-1933.

Prices Paid Wisconsin Producers for Farm Products and Wisconsin Feed Costs¹

Table with columns: Year, LIVESTOCK AND WOOL, GRAINS, OTHER CROPS, POULTRY PRODUCTS AND FEED COSTS, WISCONSIN BY PRODUCT FEED COSTS. Rows list prices for various commodities from 1910-14 to 1935.

¹ All prices based on reports of Wisconsin price correspondents on the 15th of each month. Annual prices are straight averages of monthly data. For monthly data prior to 1933 see Bulletins 90, 120, and 140, Wisconsin Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. ² Based on values of ingredients in a typical Wisconsin poultry ration. For further explanation and additional monthly data consult Bulletin 140, page 25.

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Early Spring Lamb Crop of 1935

The early spring lamb crop of 1935 in the principal early lambing areas is a little smaller, probably 1 to 2 percent, than the early crop of 1934 according to reports received by the Department of Agriculture. The condition of the early lambs about March 1 this year averaged somewhat better than did the 1934 early lambs at the corresponding date. Except in Texas and Missouri, weather and feed conditions in all of the early lambing states have been favorable. In California and other Western States as a whole conditions have averaged even more favorable than the relatively favorable situation that prevailed up to March 1 last year. In the Southeastern States the early lambing season this year has been much more favorable, as regards both weather conditions and feed supplies, than it was in 1934. In both Texas and Missouri feed supplies have been very short.

Prices of Wisconsin Farm Products

Wisconsin prices of milk reached 1930 levels this month, after a rise of 7 cents per hundredweight over the previous month to \$1.43 per hundred-

weight as an average for all utilizations for February. This rise occurred contrary to a usual seasonal downturn from January to February.

Milk delivered to condenseries showed the greatest gain by increasing 9 cents over the preceding month to \$1.55 per hundredweight for February. Milk for use in butter and cheese both advanced 8 cents to \$1.38 and \$1.39, respectively. Milk utilized as market milk rose 6 cents over the preceding month to \$1.65 per hundredweight for the month of February.

The index of prices received by Wisconsin farmers for all commodities rose from 101 percent for January to 107 percent of pre-war levels for February, a rise of 6 points. Commodity groups largely responsible for this rise in the order of their importance are as follows: poultry products, livestock, milk, and unclassified groups. The grain group declined 2 points from the preceding month. The 9 point rise in the poultry products group was supported by a substantial rise in both poultry and egg prices. The 8 point rise in the livestock group was supported by rises in all types of livestock although the

largest gains were made by sheep and beef cattle. The ratio of prices received to prices paid rose to 84 percent of pre-war for February, which represents an increase of 4 points above a month earlier and a gain of 30 points above the May 1932 low point of the depression.

United States Farm Prices

The index of prices received by farmers of the United States increased 4 points to 111 percent of pre-war for February.

Rises in the indexes of the truck crops, dairy products, meat animals, poultry products, and fruit groups were responsible for the increase which occurred in the index of all commodities. The cotton and cottonseed group remained steady while the grain group declined slightly.

Index of prices paid by farmers of the United States for commodities bought increased one point from the preceding month to 127 percent of pre-war for February. The ratio of prices received to prices paid rose from 85 percent for January to 87 percent of pre-war for February. This level has not been reached since January 1930.

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WISCONSIN crop prospects this year are considerably more promising than they were a year ago. There has been an abundance of moisture so far this spring, and temperatures have been moderate so that winter grains, hay, and pasture have not suffered any serious damage. Rainfall in the state has been normal or above in most counties since last September, and the soil moisture situation is probably more satisfactory than at this time in any of the last five or six years.

Crop reporters on April 1 showed crop conditions to be considerably better than a year ago. Winter wheat averaged 92 percent of normal, rye 93 percent compared with 67 percent last year, and pasture conditions also are better than a year ago, though they are still below average. Conditions are also improved for the United States as is shown by the following table:

Condition of Winter Grain and Pasture
April 1
Percent of Normal

| Crop | WISCONSIN | | | UNITED STATES | | |
|-----------------|------------|------|------|---------------|------|------|
| | 10-Yr. Av. | 1934 | 1935 | 10-Yr. Av. | 1934 | 1935 |
| Winter Wheat... | 84 | 67 | 92 | 78.9 | 74.3 | 69.8 |
| Rye..... | 86 | 67 | 93 | 82.3 | 63.8 | 76.4 |
| Pasture..... | 84* | 66 | 82 | 80.8 | 67.1 | 68.7 |

*9-year average.

Farm Stocks of Grain

Farm stocks of grain for the country as a whole are much smaller than usual. For Wisconsin the grain stocks are close to the levels of the past few years. Grain production in the state last year was better than two years ago so that stocks of some grains are now above those of last year in this state. For the United States there is a

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substantial decrease in wheat, corn, and oats stocks as compared with the average of the past three years, the decline in corn being 54 percent, wheat 40 percent, and oats 44 percent. These data are shown in the following table:

Stocks of Grain on Farms—April 1
(Estimated bushels, 000 omitted)

| Crop | WISCONSIN | | | UNITED STATES | | |
|----------|-------------------|--------|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| | 3-Yr. Av. 1932-34 | 1935 | 1935 as a per ct. of 3-yr Av. | 3-Yr. Av. 1932-34 | 1935 | 1935 as a per ct. of 3-yr Av. |
| Wheat... | 603 | 708 | 117.4 | 156,491 | 93,699 | 59.9 |
| Corn... | 7,537 | 6,732 | 89.3 | 961,095 | 438,180 | 45.6 |
| Oats... | 24,239 | 25,487 | 105.1 | 369,732 | 208,185 | 56.3 |

Spring work in the state will probably be a little later than was the case last year, though some field work on the lighter soils was done quite early. There was very little frost in the ground and on the lighter land the fields permitted early tillage. Because of the abundant supply of moisture progress on the heavier lands has been slow.

Wisconsin Farm Income Higher

Estimates of gross farm income for Wisconsin during 1934 have recently been completed. These estimates show a substantial increase in the farm income as compared with a year ago. The gross farm income for the state for 1934 is now placed at \$241,791,000. This is an increase of about 18 percent over a year ago when the gross farm income was estimated at \$204,225,000.

Compared with pre-war the index of gross farm income for 1934 stood at 108 compared with 91 percent a year ago. While the increase during the past year has been substantial, the farm income is still far below the years before the depression. In 1929 the state's gross farm income was estimated at nearly \$438,000,000. The low point of the depression was reached in 1932 when the gross farm income was estimated at \$186,355,000. Compared with the last year before the depression, 1929, the gross income for 1934 shows a decline of nearly 45 percent. At the low point of the depression in 1932 the state's farm income was over 57 percent below that of 1929. In spite of the recovery of the past two years much additional progress needs to be made to bring the state's farm income back to the levels prevailing prior to the depression.

During the past year the income from crops rose more sharply than that from livestock. Because of the drought, crop production for the country as a whole was at an extremely low level,

WISCONSIN GROSS FARM INCOME ESTIMATES 1910-1934 AND LEADING SOURCES

| | Total Estimated Gross Income Dollars ¹ (000 omitted) | Index (1910-1914 = 100) | PER CENT FROM EACH OF LEADING SOURCES | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------|---|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|----------|---------|--------|------|-------------|
| | | | Livestock total | Milk | Cattle & calves | Hogs | Chickens and eggs | Other livestock & livestock products | Crop total | Potatoes | Tobacco | Grains | Hay | Other crops |
| 1910 | 201,525 | 90.1 | 75.87 | 33.70 | 11.90 | 19.39 | 7.34 | 3.54 | 24.13 | 4.36 | 1.33 | 7.83 | 1.53 | 9.08 |
| 1911 | 207,748 | 92.9 | 64.90 | 30.76 | 10.81 | 14.93 | 6.34 | 2.06 | 35.10 | 10.28 | 2.42 | 9.84 | 1.79 | 10.77 |
| 1912 | 212,511 | 95.0 | 72.89 | 35.77 | 11.76 | 16.65 | 6.94 | 1.77 | 27.11 | 4.40 | 2.77 | 7.08 | 1.75 | 11.11 |
| 1913 | 243,231 | 108.8 | 71.58 | 35.03 | 11.14 | 16.59 | 7.57 | 1.25 | 28.42 | 6.21 | 2.63 | 6.24 | 1.51 | 11.83 |
| 1914 | 253,043 | 113.2 | 74.18 | 36.94 | 12.14 | 16.80 | 6.27 | 2.03 | 25.82 | 3.80 | 2.46 | 7.28 | 1.70 | 10.58 |
| 1915 | 259,924 | 116.2 | 74.08 | 37.61 | 13.02 | 14.42 | 5.88 | 3.15 | 25.92 | 5.03 | .88 | 7.51 | 1.63 | 10.87 |
| 1916 | 308,855 | 138.1 | 73.06 | 38.05 | 12.20 | 14.42 | 5.93 | 2.46 | 26.94 | 5.20 | 2.17 | 7.94 | 1.72 | 9.91 |
| 1917 | 420,829 | 188.2 | 73.48 | 38.60 | 11.65 | 15.37 | 6.08 | 1.78 | 26.52 | 5.77 | 1.87 | 8.40 | 1.15 | 9.33 |
| 1918 | 497,310 | 222.4 | 74.23 | 39.89 | 11.11 | 15.79 | 6.19 | 1.25 | 25.77 | 4.62 | 2.76 | 8.29 | 1.28 | 8.82 |
| 1919 | 548,721 | 245.4 | 74.39 | 41.10 | 10.36 | 15.46 | 6.40 | 1.07 | 25.61 | 6.49 | 2.31 | 5.84 | 1.69 | 9.28 |
| 1920 | 482,940 | 216.0 | 78.02 | 44.62 | 10.57 | 14.13 | 7.63 | 1.07 | 21.98 | 3.97 | 1.72 | 4.82 | 1.94 | 9.53 |
| 1921 | 323,619 | 143.4 | 78.11 | 46.48 | 8.65 | 13.77 | 8.31 | .90 | 21.89 | 5.17 | 1.60 | 2.65 | 1.78 | 10.69 |
| 1922 | 326,480 | 146.0 | 77.25 | 45.37 | 9.41 | 13.57 | 7.92 | .98 | 22.75 | 3.82 | 1.79 | 3.37 | 2.07 | 11.70 |
| 1923 | 366,126 | 163.7 | 81.21 | 52.94 | 8.27 | 11.94 | 7.19 | .87 | 18.79 | 3.51 | 1.27 | 2.08 | 1.52 | 10.41 |
| 1924 | 349,034 | 156.1 | 79.21 | 48.72 | 8.62 | 12.63 | 8.38 | .86 | 20.79 | 2.52 | 1.20 | 3.17 | 1.98 | 11.92 |
| 1925 | 402,283 | 179.9 | 76.88 | 45.72 | 8.63 | 13.61 | 8.00 | .92 | 23.12 | 7.01 | 1.37 | 2.32 | 1.56 | 10.86 |
| 1926 | 420,918 | 188.2 | 80.56 | 45.21 | 10.37 | 15.84 | 8.22 | .92 | 19.44 | 5.08 | 1.09 | 1.93 | 1.28 | 10.06 |
| 1927 | 426,811 | 190.9 | 82.92 | 49.45 | 11.38 | 13.17 | 7.90 | 1.00 | 17.08 | 3.92 | 1.25 | 2.13 | 1.08 | 8.70 |
| 1928 | 424,378 | 189.8 | 84.89 | 50.12 | 14.11 | 10.85 | 8.83 | .98 | 15.11 | 1.68 | 1.66 | 1.57 | .78 | 9.42 |
| 1929 | 437,909 | 195.8 | 82.33 | 49.16 | 12.10 | 11.20 | 8.91 | .96 | 17.67 | 4.70 | 1.65 | 1.03 | .81 | 9.48 |
| 1930 | 359,472 | 160.8 | 83.04 | 49.06 | 11.75 | 12.38 | 9.01 | .84 | 16.96 | 3.02 | 1.47 | .69 | .73 | 11.05 |
| 1931 | 257,384 | 115.1 | 85.93 | 51.57 | 11.21 | 11.63 | 10.71 | .81 | 14.07 | 2.55 | 1.03 | .36 | .43 | 9.70 |
| 1932 | 186,355 | 83.3 | 85.88 | 53.74 | 11.35 | 9.28 | 10.55 | .96 | 14.12 | 2.05 | .84 | .79 | .45 | 9.99 |
| 1933* | 204,225 | 91.3 | 80.98 | 52.66 | 9.04 | 9.02 | 9.33 | .93 | 19.02 | 4.22 | .67 | 1.71 | .72 | 11.70 |
| 1934* | 241,791 | 108.1 | 79.29 | 47.05 | 10.06 | 10.72 | 10.65 | .81 | 20.71 | 3.46 | .77 | 4.42 | .38 | 11.68 |

* Preliminary.

¹ Revised by including estimates for dry peas, and other changes.

Prices Paid Wisconsin Producers for Farm Products and Wisconsin Feed Costs¹

Table with columns for Year, Livestock and Wool (Hogs, Beef cattle, Veal calves, Milk cows, Sheep, Lambs, Wool, Horses), Grains (Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye, Potatoes, Hay, Clover seed), Other Crops (Chickens, Eggs), Poultry Products and Feed Costs (Eggs, Value, Index, Pounds, Standard bran, Linsed oil meal, Tankage, Standard middlings, Gluten feed, Cottonseed meal), and Wisconsin Feed by Product Costs (Value, Index, Pounds, Standard bran, Linsed oil meal, Tankage, Standard middlings, Gluten feed, Cottonseed meal).

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tion was almost entirely due to a decrease in the number of hens and pullets per farm and not to a decrease in eggs per 100 hens and pullets. On March 1 egg production was about 3 percent below a year earlier and on February 1 it was about 2 percent below. The chief cause for the smaller egg production during the past season has been due to a smaller number of hens and pullets on farms.

Egg prices continue favorable and on March 15 were 31 percent higher than a year earlier. Although feed prices are higher than a year ago and it takes 10 dozen eggs to buy 124 pounds of feed compared with 136 pounds purchased a year ago, the difference between the feed cost to produce a dozen eggs and the selling price gives the producer a margin 20 percent greater than it was a year ago.

The number of young chickens of this year's hatching on hand on April 1 was 28 percent more than a year earlier, which indicates that farmers have more confidence in the industry and are going to increase poultry numbers. Hatchery reports indicate that considerable more baby chicks have been booked for spring delivery than for several years. Matured turkeys per farm reporting poultry are reported to be about 21 percent less than a year ago.

Wisconsin Egg Production table with columns for April 1 1935, April 1 1934, April 1 1928-32 average, and April 1 1935 as a % of 1934. Rows include Hens and pullets per farm, Eggs per farm, Eggs per 100 hens, United States Cold Storage Holdings, Creamery butter, All cheese, American, Swiss, All other, Eggs in shell, and Eggs, shell and frozen, case equivalent.

Spring Lamb Crop Weather and feed conditions as factors in the development of the early spring lamb crop varied greatly during March among the different early lambing areas. In California and Arizona they continued exceptionally favorable; in the Southeastern States—Tennessee, Kentucky, and Virginia—they improved considerably; in the Northwestern States—Idaho, Washington, and Oregon—they were rather unfavorable; in the Corn Belt area they were about average; in Texas they continued very unfavorable. In general the development of the lambs to the first of April in the earlier areas, those from which the marketings will be in volume before the middle of May, was considerably above average, while in the latter areas the development of the lambs was hardly up to average as of April 1. Pastures in the early lambing areas of the Corn Belt are somewhat backward as an effect of last year's drought, but moisture is ample. Weather conditions in March were fairly favorable for early lambs, but ewes are thin and new grass is needed as hay and other feeds are very short. In Texas the feed situation in the early lambing areas is still very bad. Shortage of green feed together with dust storms have held back the growth of the early lambs. Losses of both lambs and ewes have been heavy in some areas. Few early lambs will be in market condition be-

* Preliminary.

General Trend of Farm Prices and Purchasing Power

Table with columns for Wisconsin and United States, and rows for Year and Month (1910-1935). Sub-headers include Index Numbers of Wisconsin Farm Prices and Index Numbers of United States Farm Prices. Columns 1-12 represent Wisconsin categories, and columns 13-23 represent United States categories.

1Prepared by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture. 2Includes potatoes, tobacco, canning peas, and clover seed. 3Includes dry beans, flax seed, hay, dry peas, sugar beets, and wool. 4The ratio of the index number of prices received for Wisconsin farm products to the revised United States Index number of prices paid for commodities farmers buy. 5The ratio of the index number of Wisconsin milk prices to the revised United States index number of prices paid for commodities farmers buy. 6Average of estimated values, 1912-14=100. These index numbers are based on retail prices paid by farmers for commodities used in living and production, reported quarterly for March, June, September, and December, revised. Indexes for other months are interpolations from the quarterly data. 7Purchasing power of the farmer's dollar expressed as the ratio of the index of prices received to the revised index of prices paid for commodities farmers buy. 8Preliminary.

fore June. Marketings of grass fat wethers and yearlings will be greatly reduced. In California and Arizona the early lambs have developed rapidly to an average size or better, and their condition is very good. Because of a decline in prices and abundant feed California growers are holding back eastern shipments. Heavy shipments are expected from Arizona during June.

Wages of Farm Labor

Farm wages by the month with board have gained over 50 percent since January and are about 24 percent higher than a year ago. Although there has been a marked increase over a year ago, farm wages are still about 19 percent below the 1910-14 average. On April 1 Wisconsin crop reporters indicated that the average wages being paid to hired help were as follows: by the month with board \$22.00, by the month without board \$32.75, by the day with board \$1.05, and by the day without board \$1.50. April 1 farm wages have been increasing gradually since the low point of April 1, 1933.

Although the supply of labor is more than normal, it has dropped from 19 percent above normal to 4 percent above during the past year, and the demand for hired help rose from 74 to 82 percent of normal during the past year. The greater employment on farms in Wisconsin is shown by the fact that on April 1 there were 49 hired

workers per 100 farms as compared with 47 a year ago.

Prices of Farm Products

After five months of continuous rise, the Wisconsin farm price index showed some downturn from February to March. Declines in prices of milk and poultry products were largely responsible for the downturn which took place. The average price of Wisconsin milk for all utilizations, for March was \$1.34, compared to \$1.42 per hundredweight a month earlier. This was a decline of 8 cents from the previous month but a rise of 24 cents above the same month a year ago. Milk utilized by cheese factories brought \$1.29 per hundredweight or a decline of 8 cents below last month. The price paid for milk used by creameries was \$1.28 per hundredweight, compared to \$1.36 the previous month. Milk used by condenseries brought \$1.47, which was a drop of 8 cents from the previous month. Milk utilized for market milk declined 5 cents below the previous month to \$1.60 per hundredweight for March.

A very sharp decline in the index of the poultry products group was largely due to a decline in the price of eggs, while chicken prices showed some downturn as well. Livestock prices were the only bright spot on the price horizon, showing an increase of 13 points above the preceding month.

This rise was due to a very sharp increase in the prices of hogs, beef cattle, and veal calves. While sheep showed some upturn, lambs showed a slight decline. All the other groups showed minor declines of from 1 to 3 points below the previous month. The ratio of prices received to prices paid declined from 83 percent for February to 82 percent of pre-war levels for March.

United States Farm Prices

The index of prices received by all farmers of the United States declined three points from last month to 108 percent of pre-war levels for March. While the meat animals group showed an increase of 12 points above the previous month, this increase was offset by severe declines in poultry products group, dairy products group, and truck crops group as well as the cotton and cottonseed group. The grain group showed a very slight decline while the fruits group remained steady. The index of prices paid by farmers of the United States for commodities bought increased from 127 percent of pre-war for February to 128 percent for March, a rise of one point. The ratio of prices received to prices paid declined three points to 84 percent of pre-war levels for March.

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CROP CONDITIONS in Wisconsin continue to be much better than they were a year ago. While rainfall during April was under normal, the weather was cool and hay and pastures developed rather well in most counties. Since last September rainfall has averaged above normal and moisture has also been abundant since May 1. There was an unusually heavy snowfall, covering most of the state but particularly heavy in the southern part during the first days of May. Weather summaries for the more important stations commonly used with Wisconsin crop reports are shown in the following table:

Wisconsin Weather Summary, April 1935

| Station | Temperature Degrees Fahrenheit | | | | Precipitation inches | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---------|------|--------|-------------------------|--------|--|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Normal | April 1935 | Normal | Accumulated excess or deficiency since January 1 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Duluth..... | 11 | 65 | 35.7 | 37.0 | 1.45 | 2.06 | + 0.93 |
| Escanaba..... | 16 | 60 | 37.4 | 37.9 | 1.11 | 2.23 | - 2.01 |
| Minneapolis.... | 18 | 76 | 44.0 | 46.4 | 2.32 | 2.23 | + 0.14 |
| La Crosse..... | 21 | 78 | 46.0 | 47.2 | 2.40 | 2.42 | + 0.93 |
| Green Bay..... | 16 | 78 | 41.4 | 43.2 | 1.70 | 2.65 | - 2.67 |
| Dubuque..... | 24 | 78 | 47.0 | 48.6 | 1.57 | 2.85 | - 0.54 |
| Madison..... | 22 | 80 | 43.4 | 45.4 | 1.82 | 2.77 | - 1.54 |
| Milwaukee..... | 20 | 69 | 41.5 | 43.8 | 3.05 | 2.67 | + 1.06 |

Reports on the condition of winter grains show that they are growing well and that they have come through the winter with a minimum of injury. Wisconsin reports this month indicated that winter wheat was 91 percent of normal, compared with 67 a year ago, and a 10-year average of 84 percent. The rye condition is 92 percent of normal, as compared with 71 percent a year ago, and an average of 86 percent. Similarly, hay and pasture conditions are above last year and pasture prospects are also above the 10-year average for the state, though the improvement in these is less than in the winter grains. For the United States winter grains, hay, and pasture, are also better than last year, though the condition for the country as a whole remains much below the 10-year average. While crop conditions in general are better than last year they are very poor in the Southwestern Great Plains area where extreme drought still prevails. These data are shown in the following table:

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Condition of Winter Wheat, Rye, Hay and Pasture

| Crop | May 1, 1935—1934—10-year average (Percent of Normal) | | | | | |
|--------------|---|------|------|--------------------------|------|------|
| | Wisconsin | | | United States | | |
| | 10-yr. average 1923-1934 | 1934 | 1935 | 10-yr. average 1923-1934 | 1934 | 1935 |
| Winter wheat | 84 | 67 | 91 | 81.2 | 70.9 | 75.3 |
| Rye | 86 | 71 | 92 | 84.4 | 67.8 | 82.0 |
| Hay | 83 | 61 | 81 | 83.1 | 69.9 | 75.4 |
| Pasture | 76 | 55 | 81 | 79.4 | 66.2 | 69.5 |

Indicated Production of Winter Wheat and Rye Wisconsin and United States (1935, 1934, and 5-year average) (in thousands of bushels)

| Crop | Wisconsin | | United States | |
|--------------|-----------------------|-------|---------------|-----------------------|
| | 5-yr. average 1928-32 | 1934 | 1935 | 5-yr. average 1928-32 |
| Winter wheat | 600 | 207 | 651 | 618,186 |
| Rye | 2,334 | 1,768 | 3,625 | 38,655 |
| | | | | 16,040 |
| | | | | 431,637 |
| | | | | 40,356 |

Production of winter wheat in Wisconsin this year is estimated at 651,000 bushels from a probable acreage of 31,000 based on the conditions on May 1. The yield based on present condition was estimated at 21 bushels per acre, which if it materializes, will be the highest since 1929. The forecast of rye production for the state is now 3,625,000 bushels, which if it ma-

terializes, will be the largest rye crop in Wisconsin since 1924. For the United States winter wheat production is now placed at nearly 431,637,000 bushels, which is above last year but still far below average production. Rye production for the United States is estimated at something over 40,000,000 bushels, which is the largest rye crop since 1932. These production estimates are shown in the accompanying table:

Maple Sirup and Sugar Production

The production of maple sugar and sirup in Wisconsin this year is substantially larger than it has been for several years. There were more trees tapped in the state than have been reported for several years, and the yield per tree has been somewhat higher. It is estimated that there were produced in Wisconsin this year 82,000 gallons of maple sirup and 6,000 pounds of maple sugar. The quality of the Wisconsin crop this year is reported to be excellent and prices are better than a year ago. Prices for sirup in Wisconsin this year are reported at an average of \$1.80 compared with \$1.75 last year. Maple sugar prices are reported this year at an average of 36 cents compared with 28 cents last year. For the United States the production of maple sirup is estimated at 3,340,000 gallons, which is nearly a million gallons above last year. Maple sugar production likewise shows a substantial in-

crease. It is estimated at 1,714,000 pounds, which is an increase of nearly half a million pounds over last year. Nearly all states showed a larger production of sirup this year, and in the Eastern states more sugar was also reported. In the western maple states less sugar was made this year than last. The data by states are shown in the following table:

Maple Sugar and Sirup Production Estimates by States 1934 and 1935

| State | Trees Tapped 1,000 Trees | | Sugar Made 1,000 Pounds | | Sirup Made 1,000 Gallons | |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------|----------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | 1934 | 1935 | 1934 | 1935 | 1934 | 1935 |
| Maine..... | 260 | 263 | 15 | 18 | 29 | 47 |
| New Hampshire..... | 380 | 399 | 59 | 94 | 71 | 103 |
| Vermont..... | 5,449 | 5,612 | 678 | 883 | 971 | 1,468 |
| Massachusetts..... | 236 | 236 | 105 | 132 | 65 | 69 |
| New York..... | 3,216 | 3,345 | 284 | 465 | 668 | 987 |
| Pennsylvania..... | 657 | 664 | 83 | 66 | 199 | 166 |
| Ohio..... | 1,216 | 1,216 | 5 | 15 | 273 | 304 |
| Michigan..... | 436 | 423 | 13 | 20 | 72 | 98 |
| Wisconsin..... | 251 | 289 | 11 | 6 | 30 | 82 |
| Maryland..... | 57 | 57 | 18 | 15 | 17 | 16 |
| United States..... | 12,158 | 12,504 | 1,271 | 1,714 | 2,395 | 3,340 |

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SO FAR the crop year in Wisconsin has been a favorable one. The weather has been cooler than normal and rainfall, while a little under normal recently, has generally been adequate for crop development. The weather stations in eastern Wisconsin have somewhat less than normal rainfall, whereas the western side of the state has a little more than normal moisture. With cool weather the moisture requirements are somewhat lower and up to now the supply has been adequate.

Crop prospects have improved during the past month. Spring sown grains which were planted late are now coming along quite well. Hay, while still under normal in acreage, is going to make good yields on the acreage that is available for harvest. If moderate weather continues farm production in the state generally will be high this year. The weather summary for the more important Wisconsin stations is shown in the following table:

Wisconsin Weather Summary, May 1935

| Station | Temperature Degrees Fahrenheit | | | | Precipitation inches | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---------|------|--------|-------------------------|--------|--|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Normal | May 1935 | Normal | Accumulated excess or deficiency since January 1 |
| Duluth..... | 29 | 78 | 47.9 | 47.3 | 1.85 | 3.25 | -0.47 |
| Escanaba..... | 27 | 72 | 48.4 | 49.6 | 1.65 | 2.93 | -3.29 |
| Minneapolis.... | 32 | 75 | 54.9 | 57.7 | 3.81 | 3.67 | +0.28 |
| La Crosse..... | 28 | 79 | 54.6 | 59.3 | 5.09 | 3.75 | +2.27 |
| Green Bay..... | 31 | 80 | 52.0 | 54.9 | 1.46 | 3.52 | -4.73 |
| Dubuque..... | 31 | 78 | 55.4 | 60.3 | 3.95 | 4.22 | -0.81 |
| Madison..... | 30 | 76 | 52.5 | 57.6 | 3.09 | 3.85 | -2.30 |
| Milwaukee..... | 31 | 76 | 50.4 | 54.1 | 2.29 | 3.35 | 0.00 |

Winter Grains Excellent

With the favorable winter and spring, winter wheat and rye are in splendid condition in Wisconsin this year. In nearly all counties these crops are above average and the present condition indicates high yields. Last fall much rye was sown with the intention of using it either as pasture or hay because of the greatly reduced feed supply. With favorable conditions this spring some of this rye will not be required for these purposes and will be harvested as grain.

Winter wheat production in Wisconsin is estimated now at 636,000 bushels

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or more than three times the small crop of last year. For rye the estimated production of 3,625,000 bushels is more than double the amount of a year ago. For the United States the winter wheat crop is estimated at 441,494,000 bushels or about 36 million bushels above last year. The rye production for the country is likewise large being estimated at 44 million bushels compared with 16 million bushels last year. The production estimates for these crops are shown in the following table:

Indicated Production of Winter Wheat and Rye (Thousand bushels)

| Crop | 5-year average 1928-32 | | 1934 | Indicated 1935 |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------|-------------------|
| | Wisconsin | United States | | |
| Wisconsin Winter wheat | 600 | 207 | 636 | |
| Rye | 2,334 | 1,708 | 3,625 | |
| United States Winter wheat | 618,186 | 405,034 | 441,494 | |
| Rye | 38,655 | 16,040 | 44,031 | |

Hay and Pastures Good

While the hay acreage is much under normal, such hay as survived the drought of last year is making large production. The condition of all tame hay at the beginning of this month was 82 per cent or normal for Wisconsin, which compares with 41 per cent a year ago and a 10-year average of 80 per cent. Alfalfa hay production will be especially large. The acreage is probably the highest on record and the first crop will be heavy. The condition of alfalfa hay is 6 points above the 10-year average. While hay production will probably be somewhat under normal for the state due to the greatly reduced acreage, it is believed that there will be little planting of emergency hays, certainly not in anything like the amounts grown during the past few years.

Feed available from small grains such as oats and barley will probably be much more abundant than last year.

For the United States the oats crop will probably be about as much as the production of the last two years combined. Similarly, the production of barley will probably be large.

The improved pasture conditions which prevail are in sharp contrast with a year ago. Crop reporters indicate that Wisconsin pastures are 85 per cent of normal, compared with 42 per cent a year ago and a 10-year average of 80 per cent. Under these conditions milk production may be expected to continue its upward trend and the cattle which have been in rather poor condition as a result of the small feed supplies of the past year will have an opportunity to show some improvement.

Hay and pasture conditions are greatly improved throughout most of the entire country. To be sure, there are some areas where moisture supplies are low, but in general the situation is much better than a year ago, which is already reflected in much higher milk production.

Condition of Crops, June 1
1935, 1934, and 10-Year Average
(Percent of Normal)

| Crop | Wisconsin | | | United States | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|------|------|--------------------|------|------|
| | 10-yr. Av. 1923-32 | 1934 | 1935 | 10-yr. Av. 1923-32 | 1934 | 1935 |
| Winter wheat | 80 | 50 | 89 | 73.9 | 55.3 | 74.2 |
| Rye | 83 | 49 | 89 | 79.6 | 43.5 | 84.2 |
| Spring wheat | 87 | 65 | 90 | 82.7 | 41.3 | 85.2 |
| Oats | 88 | 63 | 88 | 81.4 | 47.2 | 84.4 |
| Barley | 88 | 64 | 88 | 82.6 | 44.7 | 84.3 |
| Tame hay | 80 | 41 | 82 | 80.6 | 53.9 | 78.5 |
| Clover and timothy hay | 80 | 40 | 80 | 79.7 | 53.1 | 77.2 |
| Alfalfa hay | 82 | 54 | 88 | 84.8 | 59.1 | 82.3 |
| Wild hay | 82 | 52 | 83 | 79.0 | 37.7 | 72.4 |
| Pasture | 80 | 42 | 85 | 81.3 | 53.2 | 77.7 |
| Canning peas | 82* | 55 | 91 | 83.4* | 60.7 | 90.4 |
| Apples | 80 | 54 | 88 | 67.8 | 48.7 | 71.3 |
| Cherries | 80 | 63 | 80 | 80.0 | 55.3 | 64.8 |

*10-year average 1924-33.

Fruit and Truck Crops Promising

Prospects for the production of fruit and truck crops are much better than last year. Wisconsin crop reporters show a condition of 88 per cent of normal for apples, which compares with 54 per cent a year ago and a 10-year average of 80 per cent. The condition of cherries is reported at 80 per cent which compares with 63 per cent a year ago.

Canning peas have excellent prospects and the acreage in the state is

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WEATHER conditions in Wisconsin during June were favorable for small grain, hay crops, and pasture, but were too cloudy and rainy for good corn growth and interfered somewhat with the planting of corn, potatoes, tobacco, and other late planted crops. During June Wisconsin received more than the normal amount of moisture with frequent moderate to heavy rains over the state. The northwestern and southeastern portions of the state have received more than the normal amount of moisture since January 1, while all other sections are below normal. However, the soil is saturated with the June rains and in many sections the soil is so wet that crops in some fields have been drowned out.

Temperatures during June were below normal at all stations, and four out of every five days were cloudy or partly cloudy with very little sunshine. Because of excessive moisture, cultivation has been delayed, and weeds are getting a full start. Some cutworms are reported damaging corn and tobacco, and pea lice are seriously affecting the late varieties of peas. With ample soil moisture for the best growth more sunshine and warm weather are needed to bring the corn and late planted crops along.

Crop Acreage Changes

After the drought of the past two years in Wisconsin with its unusual conditions which necessitated marked adjustments in crop acreage, we have had a season with abundant moisture

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and cool weather. Crops generally, with the exception of corn and some late planted crops, are in good condition. There is practically no loss of acreage, such as occurred last year during the past several years.

Tame hay, which is Wisconsin's largest crop, shows about an 8 percent increase in acreage. Clover and timothy acreage has increased 15 percent, and alfalfa, which is growing more popular each year in the state with its increased yields, has increased about 52 percent. The acreages of emergency hay crops, such as soybeans, Sudan grass, millet, and fodder corn, which were greatly increased last year to supplement the poor hay crops, have been considerably decreased this year. Increases are shown by all of the grain

crops. Corn shows a 5 percent decrease in contrast to the 7 percent increase of last year, when much corn

Wisconsin Weather Summary, June 1935

| Station | Temperature Degrees Fahrenheit | | | | Precipitation inches | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---------|------|--------|-------------------------|--------|--|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Normal | June 1935 | Normal | Accumulated excess or deficiency since January 1 |
| Duluth..... | 36 | 81 | 56.2 | 57.2 | 3.57 | 3.91 | -0.81 |
| Escanaba..... | 40 | 82 | 58.2 | 60.7 | 4.04 | 3.22 | -2.47 |
| Minneapolis.... | 41 | 89 | 64.3 | 67.5 | 4.82 | 4.22 | +0.88 |
| La Crosse..... | 39 | 88 | 64.4 | 68.3 | 5.03 | 4.07 | +3.23 |
| Green Bay..... | 43 | 85 | 62.0 | 64.9 | 4.69 | 3.70 | -3.74 |
| Dubuque..... | 42 | 87 | 65.6 | 69.4 | 4.75 | 4.31 | -0.37 |
| Madison..... | 43 | 84 | 63.4 | 67.2 | 4.94 | 3.76 | -1.12 |
| Milwaukee..... | 45 | 84 | 61.6 | 63.9 | 4.34 | 3.40 | +0.94 |

was planted to partly replace the poor hay crop. All the cash crops except tobacco show a decrease in acreage. Tobacco acreage shows an increase of 41 percent. However, the stormy weather has interfered somewhat with the planting of tobacco this spring. The potato crop, which is the most important cash crop in Wisconsin, shows only a 3 percent decrease in acreage,

CROP SUMMARY OF WISCONSIN FOR JULY 1, 1935

| Crop | Acreage | | | Production | | | | | Unit | Condition July 1 (Percent of normal) | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|--|--------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------|---|------|------------------------------|
| | 1935 (Preliminary) | 1934 | Percent increase(+) or decrease (-) of 1935 acreage compared with 1934 acreage | July 1, 1935 forecast | 1934 | 5-year average 1928-32 | 1935 as a percent of | | | 1935 | 1934 | 10-yr. average 1923-32 |
| | | | | | | | 1934 | 5-year average | | | | |
| Corn..... | 2,255,000 | 2,384,000 | - 5.0 | 65,685,000 | 73,904,000 | 69,375,000 | 88.9 | 94.7 | Bus. | 65 | 85 | 81 |
| Potatoes..... | 253,000 | 261,000 | - 3.1 | 23,782,000 | 31,320,000 | 23,385,000 | 75.9 | 101.7 | Bus. | 85 | 82 | 87 |
| Tobacco..... | 12,000 | 8,500 | + 41.2 | 15,462,000 | 11,798,000 | 46,825,000 | 131.1 | 33.0 | Lbs. | 81 | 80 | 86 |
| Oats..... | 2,544,000 | 2,334,000 | + 9.0 | 89,040,000 | 65,352,000 | 85,527,000 | 136.2 | 104.1 | Bus. | 89 | 57 | 87 |
| Barley..... | 926,000 | 741,000 | + 25.0 | 26,854,000 | 19,266,000 | 22,178,000 | 139.4 | 121.1 | Bus. | 88 | 60 | 88 |
| Rye..... | 290,000 | 221,000 | + 31.2 | 3,915,000 | 1,768,000 | 2,334,000 | 221.4 | 167.7 | Bus. | 91 | 44 | 84 |
| Winter wheat..... | 21,000 | 18,000 | + 16.7 | 462,000 | 207,000 | 600,000 | 223.2 | 77.0 | Bus. | 89 | 51 | 82 |
| Spring wheat..... | 112,000 | 90,000 | + 24.4 | 2,240,000 | 1,440,000 | 1,269,000 | 155.6 | 176.5 | Bus. | 89 | 62 | 86 |
| Clover and timothy..... | 1,428,000 | 1,242,000 | + 15.0 | 2,235,000 | 857,000 | 3,634,000 | 266.6 | 62.9 | Tons | 91 | 31 | 77 |
| Alfalfa..... | 798,000 | 525,000 | + 52.0 | 2,035,000 | 788,000 | 729,000 | 258.2 | 279.1 | Tons | 96 | 44 | 84 |
| Other tame hay..... | 416,000 | 683,000 | - 39.1 | 436,000 | 777,000 | 224,000 | 56.1 | 194.6 | Tons | | | |
| All tame hay..... | 2,642,000 | 2,450,000 | + 7.8 | 4,756,000 | 2,422,000 | 4,587,000 | 196.4 | 103.7 | Tons | 92 | 33 | 76 |
| Wild hay..... | 303,000 | 357,000 | - 15.1 | 379,000 | 321,000 | 274,000 | 118.1 | 138.3 | Tons | 88 | 46 | 80 |
| Dry peas..... | 11,000 | 20,000 | - 45.0 | | | | | | Bus. | | | |
| Flax..... | 5,000 | 6,000 | - 16.7 | 36,700 | 38,300 | 46,700 | 95.8 | 78.6 | Bus. | 85 | 85 | 86 |
| Flax..... | 6,000 | 5,000 | + 20.0 | 72,000 | 55,000 | 82,000 | 130.9 | 87.8 | Bus. | 88 | 75 | 85 |
| Canning peas..... | 129,800 | 112,000 | + 15.9 | 168,740,000 | 142,240,000 | 144,800,000 | 118.6 | 116.5 | Lbs. | 63 | 48 | 70 |
| Sugar beets..... | 17,400 | 19,100 | - 8.9 | | | | | | Tons | 87 | 74 | |
| Apples..... | | | | 2,352,000 | 1,204,000 | 1,801,000 | 195.3 | 130.6 | Bus. | 84 | 43 | 69 |
| Cherries..... | | | | 5,200 | 4,400 | 6,583 | 118.2 | 79.0 | Tons | 65 | 52 | 72 |
| Pasture..... | | | | | | | | | Tons | 95 | 42 | 82 |

¹Nine-year average, 1924-32

²Short-time average.

³Five-year average, 1929-33.

⁴10-year average, 1924-33.

Farm and Market Prices for Milk and Dairy Products¹

Table with columns: Year, PRICES PAID PRODUCERS, WISCONSIN (Milk Prices by uses, Butter-fat, Farm butter), UNITED STATES (Butter-fat, Milk), WHOLESALE PRICES OF DAIRY PRODUCTS (Cheese: American, Swiss, Brick, Limburger, Evaporated milk, Butter), WISCONSIN DAIRY RATION COST (Cost per 1,000 lbs, Index 1914=100, Pounds of milk would buy, Pounds of milk required to buy 100 lbs of dairy ration).

1 For monthly quotations prior to 1932 and detailed information regarding sources on all commodities except condensed milk and milk used for butter, see Bulletins 90, 120, and 140, Wisconsin Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.
2 Quotations are the average for the month as reported by Wisconsin crop correspondents.
3 Annual averages are computed by weighting monthly data by milk production per cow.
4 Quotations refer to the 15th of the month as reported by Wisconsin and United States price reporters.
5 All annual quotations are straight averages of monthly prices.
6 Wholesale price of 92-score butter at Chicago.
7 Wholesale prices on the Wisconsin cheese exchange.
8 Averages of weekly quotations on No. 1 round Swiss at Monroe, Wisconsin as published in the Green County Herald.
9 Averages of weekly quotations at Monroe, Wisconsin from the Green County Herald.
10 Wholesale prices of advertised brands per case of 48 tall cans.
11 Value of 1000 pounds of grains and concentrates in a typical dairy ration for Wisconsin.
12 Pounds of feed grains and other concentrates in typical Wisconsin dairy ration which could be purchased with 100 pounds of milk.
13 Prices of American cheese (twins) in the Wisconsin Cheese Exchange at Plymouth divided by the price of 92-score butter at Chicago.

sugar beets show a 9 percent decrease, dry beans a 17 percent decrease, and dry peas a 44 percent decrease. The acreage of wild hay to be cut is estimated at 15 percent less than a year ago.

The total area in crops shows about a 6.5 percent increase from a year ago, the increase being in the alfalfa, clover and timothy, and grain crops.

Wisconsin July Crop Prospects

The hay crops, small grain crops, and pastures are in good to excellent condition. The cool, wet weather during June has been ideal for best hay growth. Hay cutting was in full swing during the last week in June and yields are reported to be the best in years. However, rainy weather has interfered considerably with harvesting some hay being reduced to a poor quality. The drought killed some of the hay acreage last year and some fields are spotted, but all the new seedlings are doing exceptionally well.

Wheat, oats, and barley are heading out and although planting was delayed

this spring the growing season has been favorable and their condition is good. The harvest of winter grains will soon be on with good yields in prospect. The July 1 condition of corn is the lowest it has been since 1926. A cool, wet spring delayed planting and cool, wet, cloudy weather, with very little sunshine, has been unfavorable for the best corn growth.

Cash crops are not doing as well as hay and grain crops. The plantings of tobacco, cabbage, and late potatoes have been delayed by wet weather until cabbage and tobacco plants have grown too large for transplanting. The acreage of tobacco will, no doubt, be reduced below earlier intentions because it is getting too late to plant. The potato crop is below average. Some seed has rotted in the ground causing an uneven stand. Cabbage is being affected by aphids, and the late pea crop prospects have been greatly reduced because of pea lice infestation. The early pea crop is now being canned with some fine yields reported. The dry bean condition is about the same as it was a year ago.

United States Crops

Crops are off to about an average start on an acreage that is well above the acreage standing at this time last year, but below the acreage of other recent years. However, as less of the country has been suffering from lack of rain than in any summer since 1927, the acreage of spring crops abandoned is expected to be much less than in recent drought seasons. There has been a substantial improvement in pastures, ranges, and hay crops in the drought areas. Livestock that was on short rations is again feeding on green pastures.

Prospects for crops are very uneven. In the West, livestock is rapidly recovering, and in some areas thriving; there is nearly the usual supply of water for irrigation and about the usual acreage of crops is being grown. In the northern states of the 1934 drought area, farmers, encouraged by good spring rains, have overcome the handicaps of a shortage of seed and have planted their spring grains. Farther to the southwest where winter

CROP SUMMARY OF THE UNITED STATES FOR JULY 1, 1935

| Crop | Acreage (000 omitted) | | | Production (000 omitted) | | | | | Condition July 1 (Percent of normal) | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------|---|-----------------------------|-----------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------|---|------|------|------------------------|
| | 1935 (Preliminary) | 1934 | Percent increase (+) or decrease (-) of 1935 acreage compared with 1934 | July 1, 1935 forecast | 1934 | 5-year average 1928-32 | 1935 as a percent of | | Unit | 1935 | 1934 | 10-yr. average 1923-32 |
| | | | | | | | 1934 | 5-year average | | | | |
| Corn..... | 93,590 | 87,795 | + 6.6 | 2,044,601 | 1,377,126 | 2,562,147 | 148.5 | 79.8 | Bus. | 67.5 | 71.8 | 79.5 |
| Potatoes..... | 3,256 | 3,312 | - 1.7 | 367,589 | 385,421 | 363,367 | 95.4 | 101.2 | Bus. | 82.7 | 75.5 | 83.9 |
| Tobacco..... | 1,502 | 1,271 | + 18.2 | 1,192,626 | 1,045,660 | 1,432,845 | 114.1 | 83.2 | Lbs. | 72.8 | 72.4 | 75.3 |
| Oats..... | 39,530 | 30,172 | + 31.0 | 1,266,243 | 525,889 | 1,217,646 | 240.8 | 104.0 | Bus. | 87.5 | 40.0 | 79.9 |
| Barley..... | 12,957 | 7,095 | + 82.6 | 316,850 | 118,348 | 282,841 | 267.7 | 112.0 | Bus. | 87.6 | 45.9 | 80.0 |
| Rye..... | 3,699 | 1,942 | + 90.5 | 53,141 | 16,045 | 38,655 | 331.2 | 137.5 | Bus. | 87.3 | 40.2 | 76.8 |
| Winter wheat..... | 31,389 | 32,968 | - 4.8 | 458,091 | 405,552 | 618,186 | 113.0 | 74.1 | Bus. | 73.0 | 57.2 | 74.5 |
| Durum wheat..... | 2,737 | 990 | +176.5 | 37,303 | 7,086 | 53,909 | 526.4 | 69.2 | Bus. | 88.0 | 29.6 | 76.9 |
| Spring wheat other than durum..... | 18,100 | 8,291 | +118.3 | 235,651 | 84,291 | 188,476 | 279.6 | 125.0 | Bus. | 84.6 | 39.3 | 73.6 ¹ |
| Flax..... | 2,138 | 969 | +120.6 | 14,499 | 5,213 | 15,961 | 278.1 | 90.8 | Bus. | 77.2 | 47.9 | 77.6 |
| All tame hay..... | 53,010 | 51,828 | + 2.3 | 74,538 | 52,269 | 69,591 | 142.6 | 107.1 | Tons | 84.0 | 48.9 | 78.2 |
| Wild hay..... | 13,086 | 8,912 | + 46.8 | 11,107 | 4,759 | 10,793 | 233.4 | 102.9 | Tons | 81.5 | 35.3 | 77.4 |
| Pasture..... | | | | | | | | | | 85.4 | 48.9 | 81.6 |

¹Short-time average.

wheat is the principal crop, conditions are even less favorable, for about 12,000,000 acres of the wheat was killed because the drought was broken and much of the remainder was damaged. The Central Corn Belt, which last year had one of the hottest and driest planting seasons on record, has just had one of the coldest and wettest. From southern Indiana westward to Colorado and southwestward to Texas about 1,500,000 acres of crop land in the main river valleys were flooded and there have been widespread losses of crops from excessive rains and flooded creeks. In this area the too frequent rains also interfered greatly with the planting of corn and cotton. In 11 of the principal corn states a third of the intended acreage of corn had not been planted on the first of June. In most of the Corn Belt corn is late and weedy.

Hay crops have had good weather for growth but poor weather for harvesting. The yield per acre is expected to be heavy and the total tonnage is expected to exceed that harvested in any year since 1929, but to be less than average production prior to that year. Much of the early crop is of poor quality due to frequent rains at harvest time.

The present outlook is for a fairly large crop of beans and for about average supplies of other principal food crops, including cereals, fruits, and vegetables. The supplies of feed grains, hay and forage are expected to be sufficient to permit some increase in the supplies carried over as a reserve against future shortage.

JULY DAIRY REPORT

MILK production per farm was 317 pounds for July 1, according to crop correspondents, an increase of 9 percent above the production of a year ago. This high production per farm was due to a very high production per cow in herd of 17 percent above last year, which was sufficient to increase production per farm in spite of a 7 percent decline in milk cows per farm relative to last year. Cows freshening in June were 3 percent above June of last year.

Dairy correspondents report that they are obtaining 98 percent of the feed being fed from pasture for June compared to 87 percent for the same month a year ago. The amount of grain and concentrates fed per cow in herd by dairy correspondents was 58 percent below last year's high level. Calves being raised were 58 percent above last year for June, and this shows the continuance of the larger number of calves being raised which started in November last year.

Milk Production

| | July 1 1935 | July 1 1934 | July 1 1932 | July 1 1935 as % of 1934 |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| Wisconsin Per farm milked | 317.0 | 289.5 | 317.7 | 109.5 |
| Per cow milked | 25.43 | 22.09 | 25.25 | 115.1 |

Per cow in herd... 22.61 19.28 21.80 117.3

United States Per cow in herd... 16.52 14.72 16.83 112.2

United States Milk Production

Total milk production on July 1 reached record high levels for that season of the year. Production per cow was about 12 percent above the low production on July 1 last year and was the highest reported for that date since 1930. This increase in production per cow, compared to last year, more than offset the decrease of about 6 percent in milk cow numbers and total milk production on July 1 appears to have been about 6 percent above production on July 1 last year. Total production appears to have been high in comparison with July 1 of other years, also, as the number of milk cows on farms on July 1 was probably higher than at that time in any year previous to 1932. Production per cow increased about 1 percent from June 1 to July 1 compared with an average decrease of over 3 percent during this period in the previous 10 years. Nearly all states show a higher production per cow than at this time last year, most of the increase being due to better pastures. In the Southeast, pastures were poor on July 1 because of dry weather during June. In the Northeast, pastures improved markedly during June, and with farmers milking an unusually large proportion of their cows, production per cow was at the highest level since 1928.

The Spring Pig Crop of 1935

The Wisconsin spring pig crop this year is estimated at 1,416,000 head, a decrease of 6 percent from last year's crop of 1,505,000 head and a decline of 16 percent from the 1930-34 average. The number of sows farrowing this spring is estimated at 223,000 head as compared with 237,000 a year ago. The decline in the pig crop resulted from the decrease in the number of sows farrowed as there was no change in the average size of litter.

The United States spring pig crop is estimated at 30,402,000 head from 5,021,000 sows as compared with 37,807,000 head from 6,473,000 sows last spring, a decline of 22.4 percent in sows farrowing and 19.6 percent in pigs saved and a decrease of 40 percent or 20,814,000 head from the average number saved in the spring of 1932 and 1933.

If present intentions are fully realized 115,000 sows will farrow on Wisconsin farms this fall as compared with 92,000 in the fall of 1934, which would be an increase of 25 percent. However, it would represent a decrease of about 18 percent from the peak number of fall farrowings in 1931.

Present plans for the United States as a whole are for 3,175,000 sows to farrow this fall as compared with 2,657,000 last fall or an increase of 19.5 percent over the very small number farrowed in the fall of 1934, but these

intentions are 37 percent smaller than the average of 1932 and 1933. The largest estimated increases are in the West North Central States, where hog production has been greatly reduced in the last two years.

United States Cold Storage Holding

Cold storage holdings of creamery butter on July 1 at 96,254,000 pounds are 37 percent above the holdings a year ago and 5 percent above the 5-

SPRING AND FALL PIG CROPS

| | Spring | | Fall | | Total Number of Pigs Saved |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|----------------------------|
| | Sows Farrowed | Pigs Saved | Sows Farrowed | Pigs Saved | |
| Wisconsin | | | | | |
| 1931 | 285 | 1,872 | 141 | 916 | 2,788 |
| 1932 | 271 | 1,691 | 127 | 833 | 2,524 |
| 1933 | 255 | 1,637 | 125 | 808 | 2,445 |
| 1934 | 237 | 1,505 | 92 | 591 | 2,096 |
| 1935 | 223 | 1,416 | 115* | | |
| Corn Belt** (12 North Central States) | | | | | |
| 1931 | 7,340 | 44,300 | 3,299 | 20,170 | 64,470 |
| 1932 | 6,916 | 39,885 | 3,474 | 21,443 | 61,328 |
| 1933 | 7,090 | 41,867 | 3,612 | 21,493 | 63,360 |
| 1934 | 5,165 | 30,493 | 1,634 | 9,751 | 40,244 |
| 1935 | 3,848 | 23,703 | 2,096* | | |
| United States | | | | | |
| 1931 | 8,913 | 53,662 | 4,721 | 28,739 | 82,401 |
| 1932 | 8,695 | 50,342 | 5,040 | 30,668 | 81,010 |
| 1933 | 8,877 | 52,089 | 5,020 | 29,668 | 81,757 |
| 1934 | 6,473 | 37,807 | 2,657 | 15,522 | 53,329 |
| 1935 | 5,021 | 30,402 | 3,175* | | |

*Estimates based on intentions of farmers as reported in the June Pig Survey and subject to revision.

**Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas.

year average, 1930 to 1934, for the same date. The into-storage movement of creamery butter during the past two months has been far larger than usual, and during June exceeded the same month last year by 47 percent. All cheese in cold storage is 22 percent below the figure of July 1 last year and 9 percent below the 5-year average, 1930 to 1934. Cold storage holdings for July 1 with comparative data for last year and the 5-year average are shown in the accompanying table.

United States Cold Storage Holdings

| | July 1 1935 | | July 1 1934 | | 5-year average 1930-34 |
|---|-------------|--------|-------------|--|------------------------|
| Creamery butter, lbs. | 96,254 | 70,148 | 91,298 | | |
| All cheese, lbs. | 75,280 | 96,960 | 83,083 | | |
| American, lbs. | 64,385 | 79,925 | 67,889 | | |
| Swiss, lbs. | 2,619 | 7,797 | 4,976 | | |
| All other, lbs. | 8,276 | 9,238 | 10,218 | | |
| Eggs in shell, cases | 7,591 | 8,965 | 8,984 | | |
| Eggs, shell and frozen, case equivalent | 10,675 | 12,281 | 12,117 | | |

General Trend of Farm Prices and Purchasing Power

Main data table with columns for Year and Month, Wisconsin (Price Index, Purchasing Power), and United States (Price Index, Purchasing Power). Rows include years from 1910 to 1935.

1 Prepared by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture. 2 Includes potatoes, tobacco, canned peas, and clover seed. 3 Includes dry beans, flax seed, hay, dry peas, sugar beets, and wool. 4 The ratio of the index number of prices received for Wisconsin farm products to the revised United States index number of prices paid for commodities farmers buy. 5 The ratio of the index number of Wisconsin milk prices to the revised United States index number of prices paid for commodities farmers buy. 6 Average of estimated values, 1912-14 = 100. 7 These index numbers are based on retail prices paid by farmers for commodities used in living and production, reported quarterly for March, June, September, and December, revised. Indexes for other months are interpolations from the quarterly data. 8 Purchasing power of the farmer's dollar expressed as the ratio of the index of prices received to the revised index of prices paid for commodities farmers buy. 9 Preliminary.

Egg Production

Egg production on Wisconsin farms on July 1, was 2.1 percent greater than it was a year ago and 9.1 percent above the 1928-32 average. For the second successive month it has been greater than a year earlier and the 5-year average. Although there were 2.3 percent fewer hens on farms than a year ago, increased laying of 4.6 percent was more than enough to offset the decrease resulting in a 2.1 percent gain in egg production.

Wisconsin Egg Production

Table with 4 columns: Hens and pullets per farm, Eggs per farm, Eggs per 100 hens and pullets. Rows for July 1 1935, July 1 1934, 1928-32 average, and July 1 1935 as a % of 1934.

Wages and Farm Labor

Wisconsin farmers were paying somewhat higher wages to their hired help on July 1 than a year ago, and the seasonal advance has been greater since April than it was during the same period of last year. On July 1 the average wage rate per month with board was \$24.00 and without board \$34.75. Hired men were receiving \$1.20 per day with board and \$1.65 without board, according to reports of Wisconsin crop correspondents. The wage rates on July 1 of last year were somewhat lower, hired men receiving \$18.75 per month with board and \$29.00 without board. The average rate paid per day last year was \$1.00 with board and \$1.40 without board.

A decrease in the supply of farm labor and an increase in the demand during the past year is responsible for the increase in farm wages. There

was slightly more hired help on farms on July 1 than a year ago. More help is needed to harvest heavier crops than was needed a year ago with lighter yields resulting from the drought.

Wisconsin Farm Prices

A delayed seasonal downturn along with an abundance of pasture combined this month to result in a decline of 11 cents from the previous month in average prices paid Wisconsin farmers for milk to \$1.16 per hundredweight for June. Of the various utilizations, prices paid for milk delivered for use in condenseries declined most sharply from \$1.32 per hundredweight for May to \$1.18 for June. Milk delivered to market milk establishments dropped 11 cents to \$1.45 per hundredweight. Milk delivered for use in both cheese and butter declined 9 cents from the previous month.

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MARKED improvement occurred in the Wisconsin corn crop during the past month. July was warm, the temperature averaging much above normal, and humidity was high during most of the month. There were few days with extremely high temperatures, but steady heat brought the average up. Rainfall averaged below normal for the state though in most counties there was no serious shortage of moisture. Heavy rains were reported in a few areas, and late in July drought conditions prevailed in some counties.

Because of the hot, humid weather conditions were favorable for the development of rust in grain, and the late seeded grain particularly was affected by it. The early sown grain, especially that on high ground, which was harvested fairly early, was not so seriously affected by rust, but on low ground where the planting was late because of wet weather in the spring, grain was often lodged and the rust damage was extensive. The late fields of grain were also shortened by hot weather and will probably bring down the average yield on grain crops, on which the earlier seedings were generally good.

Feed supplies are generally large. The hay crop is estimated at 4,756,000 tons, the largest crop since 1930. The production of alfalfa is particularly heavy with good yields and a record acreage. The yields for all tame hay are the highest on record because of the large alfalfa acreage included. The acreage of tame hay is still much be-

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low average but good yields are general on the acreage which is available. Much of the hay was damaged by weathering due to the rains and some poor curing weather.

Pastures have been far above average, being reported as 92 percent of normal at the beginning of August, compared with 48 percent a year ago and a 10-year average of 74. This marked improvement in pastures has helped to bring about the greatly im-

proved condition in the state's livestock and kept up the milk flow in a remarkable manner. With continued rains during early August it now seems probable that the pasture season will be the best in many years, and the

Weather Summary, July 1935

| Station | Temperature Degrees Fahrenheit | | | | Precipitation inches | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---------|------|--------|-------------------------|--------|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Normal | July 1935 | Normal | Accumulative excess or deficiency since January 1 |
| Duluth..... | 46 | 88 | 68.1 | 64.0 | 4.96 | 3.76 | +0.39 |
| Escanaba..... | 52 | 88 | 66.0 | 70.4 | 4.43 | 3.33 | -1.37 |
| Minneapolis.... | 60 | 98 | 79.8 | 72.3 | 2.59 | 3.73 | -0.26 |
| La Crosse..... | 59 | 100 | 77.9 | 72.8 | 3.24 | 3.90 | +2.57 |
| Green Bay..... | 57 | 94 | 75.4 | 70.0 | 1.70 | 3.46 | -5.50 |
| Dubuque..... | 61 | 98 | 79.2 | 74.1 | 3.82 | 3.94 | -0.49 |
| Madison..... | 60 | 94 | 76.3 | 72.1 | 2.49 | 3.88 | -2.51 |
| Milwaukee..... | 61 | 97 | 75.6 | 70.1 | 3.59 | 2.83 | +1.70 |

production of milk for this summer will be above the average of recent years.

Cash Crops Vary

The potato crop prospects in Wisconsin declined during July. Planting on many farms was delayed by wet

CROP SUMMARY OF WISCONSIN FOR AUGUST 1, 1935

| Crop | Acreage | | | Production | | | | Unit | Condition August 1 (Percent of normal) | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|--|----------------------------|------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------|---|------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | 1935 (Preliminary) | 1934 | Percent increase(+) or decrease (-) of 1935 acreage compared with 1934 acreage | August 1, 1935 forecast | 1934 | 5-year average 1923-32 | 1935 as a percent of | | 1935 | 1934 | 10-yr. average 1923-32 | |
| | | | | | | | 1934 | | | | | 5-year average |
| Corn..... | 2,255,000 | 2,384,000 | - 5.0 | 70,215,000 | 73,904,000 | 69,375,000 | 95.0 | 101.2 | Bus. | 79 | 85 | 81 |
| Potatoes..... | 253,000 | 261,000 | - 3.1 | 23,782,000 | 31,320,000 | 23,385,000 | 75.9 | 101.7 | Bus. | 80 | 76 | 82 |
| Tobacco..... | 12,000 | 8,500 | +41.2 | 15,864,000 | 11,798,000 | 46,825,000 | 134.5 | 33.9 | Lbs. | 84 | 79 | 83 |
| Oats..... | 2,544,000 | 2,334,000 | + 9.0 | 91,534,000 | 65,352,000 | 85,527,000 | 140.1 | 107.1 | Bus. | 86 | 61 | 84 |
| Barley..... | 926,000 | 741,000 | +25.0 | 23,706,000 | 19,266,000 | 22,178,000 | 149.0 | 129.4 | Bus. | 85 | 64 | 87 |
| Rye..... | 290,000 | 221,000 | +31.2 | 3,770,000 | 1,768,000 | 2,334,000 | 213.2 | 161.5 | Bus. | | | |
| Winter wheat..... | 21,000 | 18,000 | +16.7 | 420,000 | 207,000 | 600,000 | 202.9 | 70.0 | Bus. | | | |
| Spring wheat..... | 112,000 | 90,000 | +24.4 | 2,016,000 | 1,440,000 | 1,259,000 | 140.0 | 153.9 | Bus. | 80 | 64 | 84 |
| Clover and timothy..... | 1,423,000 | 1,242,000 | +15.0 | 2,235,000 | 857,000 | 3,634,000 | 256.6 | 62.9 | Tons | 96 | | 83 ¹ |
| Alfalfa..... | 798,000 | 525,000 | +52.0 | 1,995,000 | 788,000 | 729,000 | 253.2 | 273.7 | Tons | 98 | 58 | 84 |
| Other tame hay..... | 416,000 | 683,000 | -39.1 | 476,000 | 777,000 | 224,000 | 61.3 | 212.5 | Tons | | | |
| All tame hay..... | 2,642,000 | 2,450,000 | + 7.8 | 4,755,000 | 2,422,000 | 4,587,000 | 196.4 | 103.7 | Tons | 97 | 38 | 79 |
| Wild hay..... | 303,000 | 357,000 | -15.1 | 379,000 | 321,000 | 274,000 | 118.1 | 138.3 | Tons | 89 | 51 | 82 |
| Dry peas..... | 11,000 | 20,000 | -45.0 | | | | | | Bus. | | | |
| Dry beans..... | 5,000 | 6,000 | -16.7 | 36,700 | 38,300 | 46,700 | 95.8 | 78.6 | Bus. | 85 | 77 | 83 |
| Flax..... | 6,000 | 5,000 | +20.0 | 63,000 | 55,000 | 82,000 | 114.5 | 76.8 | Bus. | 78 | 72 | 85 |
| Canning peas..... | 129,800 | 112,000 | +15.9 | | | 144,800,000 | | | Lbs. | | | |
| Sugar beets..... | 17,400 | 19,100 | - 8.9 | | | | | | Tons | 86 | 77 | |
| Apples..... | | | | 2,352,000 | 1,204,000 | 1,801,000 | 195.3 | 130.6 | Bus. | 78 | 43 | 62 |
| Cherries..... | | | | 5,040 | 4,400 | 6,533 | 114.5 | 76.6 | Tons | 63 | 55 | 72 ² |
| Pasture..... | | | | | | | | | Tons | 92 | 48 | 74 |

¹1924-31 av.

²Short-time average.

CROP SUMMARY OF THE UNITED STATES FOR AUGUST 1, 1935

| Crop | Acreage (000 omitted) | | | Production (000 omitted) | | | 1935 as a percent of | | Unit | Condition Aug. 1 (Percent of normal) | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------|---|--------------------------|-----------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------|------|--------------------------------------|------|------------------------|
| | 1935 (Preliminary) | 1934 | Percent increase(+) or decrease(-) of 1935 acreage compared with 1934 | Aug. 1, 1935 forecast | 1934 | 5-year average 1928-32 | 1934 | 5-year average | | 1935 | 1934 | 10-yr. average 1923-32 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Corn..... | 93,590 | 87,795 | + 6.6 | 2,272,147 | 1,377,126 | 2,562,147 | 165.0 | 88.7 | Bus. | 75.1 | 49.1 | 75.6 |
| Potatoes..... | 3,256 | 3,312 | - 1.7 | 376,957 | 385,421 | 363,367 | 97.8 | 103.7 | Bus. | 80.7 | 66.3 | 79.8 |
| Tobacco..... | 1,502 | 1,271 | +18.2 | 1,221,630 | 1,045,660 | 1,432,845 | 116.8 | 85.3 | Lbs. | 79.4 | 70.2 | 72.6 |
| Oats..... | 39,530 | 30,172 | +31.0 | 1,187,000 | 525,889 | 1,217,646 | 225.7 | 97.5 | Bus. | 78.3 | 36.2 | 78.0 |
| Barley..... | 12,957 | 7,095 | +82.6 | 286,653 | 118,348 | 282,841 | 242.2 | 101.3 | Bus. | 74.6 | 40.3 | 75.7 |
| Rye..... | 3,699 | 1,942 | +90.5 | 52,236 | 16,045 | 38,655 | 325.6 | 135.1 | Bus. | | | |
| Winter wheat..... | 31,389 | 32,968 | - 4.8 | 431,709 | 405,552 | 618,186 | 106.4 | 69.8 | Bus. | | | |
| Durum wheat..... | 2,737 | 990 | +176.5 | 27,034 | 7,086 | 53,909 | 381.5 | 50.1 | Bus. | 60.9 | 22.3 | 70.3 |
| Spring wheat other than durum..... | 18,100 | 8,291 | +118.3 | 148,935 | 84,291 | 188,476 | 176.7 | 79.0 | Bus. | 47.7 | 31.3 | 65.2 |
| Flax..... | 2,138 | 969 | +120.6 | 14,483 | 5,213 | 15,961 | 277.8 | 90.7 | Bus. | 71.8 | 40.3 | 70.4 |
| All tame hay..... | 53,010 | 51,828 | + 2.3 | 75,212 | 52,269 | 69,591 | 143.9 | 108.1 | Tons | 85.6 | 45.9 | 78.8 |
| Wild hay..... | 13,086 | 8,912 | +46.8 | 11,570 | 4,759 | 10,793 | 243.1 | 107.2 | Tons | 81.3 | 28.5 | 73.6 |
| Pasture..... | | | | | | | | | | 81.1 | 39.6 | 74.4 |

¹Short-time average.

The percentage of feed for milk cows being secured from pastures was 95.4 as reported by dairy correspondents on August 1 which represents a decline of 2 percent from the previous month. While feed and concentrates fed per cow in herd at .53 pounds remains about the same as last month it is far below last year's level of 1.03 pounds.

Although the percentage of cows freshening during July this year was somewhat below July a year ago, the percentage of calves being raised from the cows freshening was 74 percent above the same month last year.

United States Milk Production

In comparison with last year production per cow in herd on August 1 as reported by crop correspondents for the United States appears nearly 11 percent greater, which more than offset the 5 or 6 percent decrease in the number of milk cows. Total milk production was between 5 and 6 percent above production at the same time last year. On July 1 total production was probably 6 percent greater than at the same season last year, and on June 1 about 3 percent greater. During the next few months the difference is likely to be small except in the Northeastern States where production per cow, as currently reported, has been running higher than in any of the last 10 years for which records are available.

The August 1 reports of crop correspondents showed an average of 14.41 pounds of milk per cow per day, compared with 13.00 pounds last year, 13.52 pounds in 1933, and an August average of 14.53 pounds during the preceding 8 years, the highest August percentage since 1928.

MILK PRODUCTION

| | Aug. 1 1935 as a % of | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------|
| | Aug. 1 1935 | Aug. 1 1934 | 1925-32 average | 1934 |
| Wisconsin | | | | |
| Per farm | 260.8 | 244.9 | 257.2 | 106.5 |
| Per cow milked | 21.24 | 19.27 | 21.03 | 110.2 |
| Per cow in herd | 18.43 | 16.57 | 17.63 | 111.2 |
| United States | | | | |
| Per cow in herd | 14.41 | 13.00 | 14.53 | 110.8 |

EGG PRODUCTION

Wisconsin egg production on the first of August was 4.2 percent greater than it was a year ago and 5.9 percent above the 1928-32 average. The increase in egg production is due entirely to a 5.1 percent increase in the number of eggs laid per 100 layers, as the number of hens and pullets per farm was about one percent below a year ago. Egg

prices increased 2.4 percent during the month, the usual seasonal increase, and on July 15 were 66.4 percent higher than a year earlier. Feed prices declined slightly during the month. With declining feed prices and increasing egg prices, together with increased laying, the Wisconsin farmer is in a more favorable position than he was a year ago, and profits from poultry are greater than they have been since 1929. Chicken prices declined 1.7 cents per pound during the month when a usual seasonal increase was expected. In spite of the unusual decline the price of chickens on July 15 was 12.9 cents per pound, or 27.7 percent above a year ago.

For the United States hens on August 1 were laying better than usual and far better than last year on that date. An average of 38.3 eggs per 100 layers was reported for farm flocks, compared with an August 1 average of 37.3 for the five years, 1928-1932, and with 33.5 last year. This heavy rate of laying overcame the smaller number of layers this year and resulted in an indicated total production of eggs on August 1 about 9 percent greater than on that date last year, when owing to drought and feed shortage production per hen was the lowest on record. The shortage in number of layers compared with last year, which has been gradually closing up, fell from a 6 percent shortage on July 1 to 4 percent on August 1.

WISCONSIN EGG PRODUCTION

| | Aug. 1 1935 as a % of | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------|
| | Aug. 1 1935 | Aug. 1 1934 | 1928-32 average | 1934 |
| Hens and pullets per farm | 74.3 | 74.9 | 73.5 | 99.2 |
| Eggs per farm | 32.3 | 31.0 | 30.5 | 104.2 |
| Eggs per 100 hens and pullets | 43.5 | 41.4 | 41.5 | 105.1 |

United States Cold Storage Holdings

Into-storage movements of creamery butter during July this year were 38 percent above last year for the same month and this brought the cold storage holdings to 149,464,000 pounds for August 1, which is 37 percent above last year and 19 percent above the 5-year average, 1930-1934, for the same date. All cheese in storage remains 18 percent below last year with only very slightly above normal into-storage movements during July. Eggs in shell and frozen, on a case equivalent basis, were 9 percent below last year, in spite of considerably larger into-storage movements during July this year than

last. Cold storage holdings for August 1 with comparative data for last year and the 5-year average are shown in the accompanying table.

UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS (000 omitted)

| | Aug. 1 1935* | Aug. 1 1934 | August 1 5-year average 1930-1934 |
|---|--------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| Creamery butter, lbs. ---- | 149,464 | 108,748 | 126,022 |
| All cheese, lbs. ---- | 94,619 | 115,842 | 97,930 |
| American, lbs. ---- | 82,324 | 97,018 | 82,184 |
| Swiss, lbs. ---- | 3,187 | 8,550 | 5,502 |
| All other, lbs. ---- | 9,108 | 10,274 | 10,244 |
| Eggs, in shell, cases --- | 7,940 | 8,961 | 9,120 |
| Eggs, shell and frozen, case equivalent | 11,261 | 12,434 | 12,316 |

* Preliminary

1935 Lamb and Wool Production

The Wisconsin lamb crop of 1935 is estimated at 332,000 head, compared with the 1934 crop of 296,000 head, an increase of 12.2 percent, and the largest lamb crop since 1932. The increase in the 1935 crop resulted from a 3.6 percent increase in the number of breeding ewes on farms and an 8.4 percent increase in the number of lambs saved per 100 ewes. The 1935 lamb crop for the United States of 27,630,000 head was about 7 percent or 2,030,000 head smaller than the 1934 lamb crop, about 4,600,000 head smaller than the record lamb crop of 1931 and the smallest for all years since 1929. The decrease from last year resulted from decreases both in the number of breeding ewes and in the number of lambs saved per 100 ewes. The estimated number of breeding ewes was the smallest since 1929 and the percentage lamb crop of 80.6 was the second smallest in the 12 years for which estimates have been made. All of the decrease from last year was in the Western Sheep States as the native lamb crop was a little larger this year than last.

Wool production in Wisconsin in 1935 is estimated at 2,834,000 pounds, an increase of 6.4 percent from 1934. The increase in the State's wool production this year is due to a 4.9 percent increase in the number of sheep shorn and a slight increase in the average weight per fleece. Preliminary estimates of the wool clip for the United States place the amount of wool shorn or to be shorn in 1935 at 343,889,000 pounds. This is 13,769,000 pounds or 4 percent less than the amount shorn in 1934 and is 4 percent less than the 5-

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THE month of August in Wisconsin was warmer than average. The first half was especially warm and during this period there was an abundance of moisture. There was less rainfall during the latter part of the month, and the last ten days were decidedly cool.

Marked crop changes are noted this month as compared with a month ago. Corn has continued to improve immensely and now has prospects for a large crop. Grain crops, on the other hand, have upon threshing been somewhat disappointing. On most farms the grains have not yielded as well as was expected earlier. Probably the heavy straw caused some farmers to overestimate their grain yields in earlier reports.

The corn crop in Wisconsin has improved remarkably during the past two months, and on September 1 was reported as being 85 percent of normal which indicates a production of over 78 million bushels, which is about 6 percent more than last year in spite of a 5 percent reduction in acreage. The corn is late, however, and it will require good weather during most of September to mature it. There will, however, be an abundance of silage and probably much ripe corn in Wisconsin this year.

The oats crop averages about 33 bushels per acre. The report a month

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 points.

ago indicated it would average about 36 bushels. The state's crop is now estimated at nearly 84 million bushels which, while considerably above last year's small crop, is still slightly un-

Weather Summary, August, 1935

| Station | Temperature Degrees Fahrenheit | | | | Precipitation inches | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---------|------|--------|-------------------------|--------|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Normal | August 1935 | Normal | Accumulative ex- cess or deficiency since January 1 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Duluth..... | 39 | 87 | 63.9 | 62.6 | 5.65 | 3.18 | +2.86 |
| Escanaba..... | 39 | 82 | 65.4 | 64.3 | 1.86 | 3.19 | -2.70 |
| Minneapolis.... | 45 | 95 | 72.6 | 69.9 | 3.02 | 3.12 | -0.36 |
| La Crosse..... | 42 | 92 | 70.9 | 70.0 | 7.53 | 3.71 | +6.39 |
| Green Bay..... | 42 | 91 | 69.4 | 67.7 | 4.31 | 3.18 | -4.37 |
| Dubuque..... | 46 | 93 | 73.1 | 71.7 | 4.62 | 3.24 | +0.89 |
| Madison..... | 47 | 89 | 71.2 | 69.8 | 4.22 | 3.21 | -1.50 |
| Milwaukee..... | 49 | 93 | 71.6 | 69.2 | 3.08 | 2.66 | +2.12 |

der average for this state. Much of the late sown oats were lodged and affected by rust and the grain is light in weight. Barley yields also are much

CROP SUMMARY OF WISCONSIN FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 1935

| Crop | Acreage | | | Production | | | | | Unit | Average yield per acre | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|--|-------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------|------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| | 1935 (Preliminary) | 1934 | Percent in- crease(+) or decrease(-) of 1935 acreage compared with 1934 | September 1, 1935 forecast | 1934 | 5-year average 1923-32 | 1935 as a percent of | | | 1935 | 1934 | 10-yr. average 1923-32 |
| | | | | | | | 1934 | 5-year average | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Corn..... | 2,235,000 | 2,334,000 | - 5.0 | 78,142,000 | 73,904,000 | 69,375,000 | 105.7 | 112.6 | Bus. | 34.5 | 31.0 | 32.8 ³ |
| Potatoes..... | 253,000 | 261,000 | - 3.1 | 23,732,000 | 31,320,000 | 23,385,000 | 75.9 | 101.7 | Bus. | 94.0 | 120.0 | 103.0 ³ |
| Tobacco..... | 12,000 | 8,500 | +41.2 | 16,234,000 | 11,798,000 | 46,825,000 | 138.0 | 34.8 | Lbs. | 1357. | 1388. | 1180. ³ |
| Oats..... | 2,544,000 | 2,334,000 | + 9.0 | 83,952,000 | 65,352,000 | 85,527,000 | 123.5 | 98.2 | Bus. | 33.0 | 28.0 | 35.8 ³ |
| Barley..... | 925,000 | 741,000 | +25.0 | 25,002,000 | 19,255,000 | 22,178,000 | 129.8 | 112.7 | Bus. | 27.0 | 26.0 | 30.4 ³ |
| Rye..... | 290,000 | 221,000 | +31.2 | 3,770,000 | 1,768,000 | 2,334,000 | 213.2 | 161.5 | Bus. | 13.0 | 8.0 | 12.2 |
| Winter wheat..... | 21,000 | 18,000 | +16.7 | 420,000 | 207,000 | 600,000 | 202.9 | 70.0 | Bus. | 20.0 | 11.5 | 19.3 |
| Spring wheat..... | 112,000 | 90,000 | +24.4 | 1,792,000 | 1,440,000 | 1,269,000 | 124.4 | 141.2 | Bus. | 16.0 | 16.0 | 18.8 ³ |
| Buckwheat..... | 24,000 | 24,000 | | 300,000 | 271,000 | 197,000 | 110.7 | 152.3 | Bus. | 12.5 | 11.3 | 12.0 ³ |
| Clover and timothy hay..... | 1,428,000 | 1,242,000 | +15.0 | 2,428,000 | 857,000 | 3,634,000 | 283.3 | 66.8 | Tons | 1.70 | .69 | 1.36 |
| Alfalfa hay..... | 798,000 | 525,000 | +52.0 | 1,995,000 | 788,000 | 729,000 | 253.2 | 273.7 | Tons | 2.50 | 1.50 | 2.32 ³ |
| Other tame hay..... | 416,000 | 683,000 | -39.1 | 333,000 | 777,000 | 224,000 | 42.9 | 148.7 | Tons | .80 | 1.14 | |
| All tame hay..... | 2,642,000 | 2,450,000 | + 7.8 | 4,756,000 | 2,422,000 | 4,587,000 | 196.4 | 103.7 | Tons | 1.80 | .99 | 1.47 ³ |
| Wild hay..... | 303,000 | 357,000 | -15.1 | 394,000 | 321,000 | 274,000 | 122.7 | 143.8 | Tons | 1.30 | .90 | 1.18 |
| Dry peas..... | 11,000 | 20,000 | -45.0 | 165,000 | 310,000 | | 53.2 | | Bus. | 15.0 | 15.5 | 15.2 ¹ |
| Dry beans..... | 5,000 | 6,000 | -15.7 | 36,700 | 38,300 | 46,700 | 95.8 | 78.6 | Bus. | 7.34 | 6.38 | 7.83 ³ |
| Flaxseed..... | 6,000 | 5,000 | +20.0 | 66,000 | 55,000 | 82,000 | 120.0 | 80.5 | Bus. | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.8 ³ |
| Canning peas..... | 122,000 | 112,000 | + 8.9 | 150,060,000 | 142,240,000 | 144,800,000 ² | 105.5 | 103.6 | Lbs. | 1230. | 1270. | 1380. ² |
| Cabbage..... | 22,900 | 23,000 | + 0.4 | 192,200 | 186,400 | 127,600 ² | 103.1 | 150.6 | Tons | 8.39 | 8.10 | 6.95 |
| Onions..... | 1,150 | 900 | +27.8 | 434,000 | 324,000 | 324,000 ² | 149.4 | 149.4 | Bus. | 420. | 360. | 314. ² |
| Sugar beets..... | 17,200 | 19,100 | - 9.9 | 151,400 | 162,400 | | 93.2 | | Tons | 8.8 | 8.5 | |
| Apples..... | | | | 2,520,000 | 1,204,000 | 1,801,000 | 209.3 | 139.9 | Bus. | | | |
| Cherries..... | | | | 5,040 | 4,400 | 6,583 | 114.5 | 76.6 | Tons | | | |
| Cranberries..... | 2,000 | 2,000 | | 73,000 | 59,000 | 51,400 | 123.7 | 142.0 | Bbls. | 36.5 | 29.5 | 18.2 ¹ |
| Pasture..... | | | | | | | | | | 89. ¹ | 42. ¹ | 66. ¹ |

¹ Condition September 1. ² 5-year average, 1929-1933. ³ 10-year average, 1922-1931. ⁴ 4-year average, 1928-1931. ⁵ 10-year average, 1921-1930.

Farm and Market Prices for Milk and Dairy Products¹

Table with columns: Year, PRICES PAID PRODUCERS, WISCONSIN, UNITED STATES, WHOLESALE PRICES OF DAIRY PRODUCTS⁴, and WISCONSIN DAIRY RATION COST. Rows represent years from 1910 to 1934, with monthly data for 1935.

1 For monthly quotations prior to 1932 and detailed information regarding sources on all commodities except condensed milk and milk used for butter, see Bulletins 90, 120, and 140, Wisconsin Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.
2 Quotations are the average for the month as reported by Wisconsin crop correspondents. Annual averages are computed by weighting monthly data by milk production per cow.
3 Quotations refer to the 15th of the month as reported by Wisconsin and United States price reporters. Annual prices, except the Wisconsin farm butter price, are weighted averages of monthly data. For the U. S. milk for fluid use is the chief outlet for whole milk sold, hence the U. S. farm price exceeds Wisconsin where the bulk of the output is manufactured.
4 All annual quotations are straight averages of monthly prices. Wholesale price of 92-score butter at Chicago. Wholesale prices on the Wisconsin cheese exchange. Prior to April, 1926 prices were quoted on daisies, thereafter on twins.

Averages of weekly quotations on No. 1 round Swiss at Monroe, Wisconsin as published in the Green County Herald.
5 Averages of weekly quotations at Monroe, Wisconsin from the Green County Herald.
6 Wholesale prices of advertised brands per case of 48 tall cans. Prices from 1910 to 1920, incl. are manufacturer's prices as published in Federal Trade Commission Report on Milk and Milk Products. Quotations from 1921 to date are wholesale prices per case in car-load lots at New York City as published by the Evaporated Milk Association. Size of can was changed from 16 oz. to 1 1/4 oz. in January 1931.
7 Prices of American cheese (twins) on the Wisconsin Cheese Exchange at Plymouth divided by the price of 92-score butter at Chicago, as published in this table to 1920, but following that basic prices are carried further decimally.
8 Value of 1000 pounds of grains and concentrates in a typical dairy ration for Wisconsin.
9 Pounds of feed grains and other concentrates in typical Wisconsin dairy ration which could be purchased with 100 pounds of milk.
10 Preliminary.

lower than indicated earlier. The average now being taken at 27 bushels per acre. This makes the state's crop of barley only a little over 25 million bushels as compared with the record production indicated earlier. Because of rainy weather during harvest some of the grain is discolored and the quality is not as good as that which was harvested a year ago. Spring wheat was seriously affected by rust and the yields are lower than expected earlier. Winter grain is yielding well on most farms.

Hay crops are generally good, the state having a total hay production of over 5 million tons which is the largest since 1930. The alfalfa crop is a record, there being nearly 800 thousand acres and a production of nearly 2 million tons. Because of much rainy weather a good deal of the hay was reduced in quality during harvest.

The potato crop, in which many Wisconsin farmers are interested, is rather

uncertain. The condition of potatoes in the state declined during the past month but about three fourths of the vines were still green on the first of September. The crop is somewhat late and the weather during September will be important in the final production. The present estimate is for a little less than 24 million bushels, which is about one fourth less than the big crop of last year.

United States Crops Decline

Crops for the United States declined about 2 percent during the past month. Dry weather reduced the corn prospects in some states, and extensive damage from rust reduced the wheat estimates about 2 percent. Weather conditions vary considerably in different states but, in general, there are few areas of extreme drought this year.

The nation's corn crop is about 59 percent larger than the small crop of a year ago though it is still under aver-

age. The grain crops while they are all substantially above a year ago are still mostly under average. The rye crop is the only one showing an important increase, it being 35 percent above average production.

The United States potato crop is estimated at 373 million bushels which while about 3 percent under last year is still a little above average. The crop declined during the past month in some of the important northern and north-eastern states. Extreme drought prevailed in Maine, and the crop in that state has suffered greatly. As in Wisconsin, the potato crop in most states is still green and much will depend on the weather during September. Present indications are that the crop will be smaller than last year but there will be a good supply of potatoes.

Fruit Production Large

Fruit crops are generally abundant, apple production being especially large

CROP SUMMARY OF THE UNITED STATES FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 1935

| Crop | Acreage (000 omitted) | | | Production (000 omitted) | | | | | Unit | Average yield per acre | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------|---|--------------------------|-----------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------|-------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| | 1935 (Preliminary) | 1934 | Percent increase (+) or decrease (-) of 1935 acreage compared with 1934 | Sept. 1, 1935 forecast | 1934 | 5-year average 1928-32 | 1935 as a percent of | | | 1935 | 1934 | 10-yr. average 1923-32 |
| | | | | | | | 1934 | 5-year average | | | | |
| Corn..... | 93,590 | 87,795 | + 6.6 | 2,183,755 | 1,377,125 | 2,552,147 | 158.6 | 85.2 | Bus. | 23.3 | 15.7 | 25.7 |
| Potatoes..... | 3,255 | 3,312 | - 1.7 | 372,677 | 385,421 | 363,367 | 96.7 | 102.6 | Bus. | 114.5 | 116.4 | 112.8 |
| Tobacco..... | 1,502 | 1,271 | +18.2 | 1,233,593 | 1,045,660 | 1,432,845 | 120.8 | 88.2 | Lbs. | 841. | 823. | 771. |
| Oats..... | 39,530 | 30,172 | +31.0 | 1,181,692 | 525,839 | 1,217,646 | 224.7 | 97.0 | Bus. | 29.9 | 17.4 | 30.3 |
| Barley..... | 12,957 | 7,095 | +82.6 | 233,339 | 118,348 | 232,841 | 239.4 | 100.2 | Bus. | 21.9 | 16.7 | 22.6 |
| Rye..... | 3,699 | 1,942 | +90.5 | 52,236 | 16,045 | 38,655 | 325.6 | 135.1 | Bus. | 14.1 | 8.3 | 12.2 |
| Winter wheat..... | 31,339 | 32,968 | - 4.8 | 431,709 | 405,552 | 618,186 | 106.4 | 69.8 | Bus. | 13.8 | 12.3 | 15.2 |
| Durum wheat..... | 2,737 | 990 | +176.5 | 27,755 | 7,036 | 53,909 | 391.8 | 51.5 | Bus. | 10.1 | 7.2 | 11.7 |
| Spring wheat other than durum..... | 13,100 | 8,291 | +118.3 | 135,141 | 84,291 | 188,476 | 160.3 | 71.7 | Bus. | 7.5 | 10.2 | 12.6 |
| Buckwheat..... | 464 | 478 | - 2.9 | 7,626 | 9,042 | 8,277 | 84.3 | 92.1 | Bus. | 16.4 | 18.9 | 15.7 |
| Flaxseed..... | 2,138 | 969 | +120.6 | 14,450 | 5,213 | 15,961 | 277.2 | 90.5 | Bus. | 6.8 | 5.4 | 6.9 |
| Cabbage..... | 137.6 | 176.7 | - 22.1 | 995 | 1,229 | 964 ² | 81.0 | 103.2 | Tons | 7.23 | 6.96 | 6.71 ² |
| Onions..... | 100. | 84.7 | + 18.1 | 30,092 | 25,960 | 25,700 ² | 115.9 | 112.3 | Bus. | 300. | 306. | 318. ² |
| Cranberries..... | 27.4 | 27.35 | + 0.2 | 532 | 443 | 531 | 120.1 | 91.6 | Bbls. | 19.4 | 16.2 | 21.2 |
| Tame hay..... | 51,010 | 51,823 | + 2.3 | 74,850 | 52,269 | 69,591 | 143.3 | 107.6 | Tons | 1.41 | 1.01 | 1.31 |
| Wild hay..... | 13,035 | 8,912 | + 46.8 | 12,330 | 4,759 | 10,793 | 259.1 | 114.2 | Tons | .94 | .53 | .82 |
| Pasture..... | | | | | | | | | | 74.3 ¹ | 43.1 ¹ | 71.5 ¹ |

¹ Condition September 1. ² 5-year average, 1929-1933.

in Wisconsin where the crop is estimated at 2,520,000 bushels. For the United States, the apple crop is the largest in several years, it being estimated at 168 million bushels, which is nearly 40 percent larger than the crop of last year. Peaches and grapes are above last year in supply, and pears are a slightly smaller crop. Cranberries, while more abundant than last year, are somewhat below average for the United States. Altogether, there should be an abundant supply of fruit this year, the amount being greatly in excess of last year's low production.

SEPTEMBER DAIRY PRODUCTION

MILK production per cow in herd on September 1 was reported at 16.83 pounds by crop correspondents as compared with 15.12 pounds a year earlier, an increase of 11.3 percent. The production per farm shows an increase of 5.2 percent for September as compared with last year. The increased milk production is due entirely to the increased production per cow which was more than enough to offset the decrease in milk cow numbers. Ideal pasture conditions compared with the drought conditions of last year account largely for the difference in milk flow. Farmers report that they are receiving about 91 percent of the feed of dairy cows from pastures as compared with about 73 percent a year ago. Grain and concentrates fed per cow in herd were reported to be 40 percent less on September 1 than the quantities fed on the same date last year.

Wisconsin farmers have been raising considerable more calves during the last few months than they were during the same period of last year. Improved feed conditions and better milk prices, compared with a year ago, have stimulated the raising of calves to replace milk cows disposed of during the drought of 1934.

MILK PRODUCTION

| | Sept. 1 1935 | Sept. 1 1934 | Sept. 1 1935 as a % of | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------|-------|
| | | | 1925-32 average | 1934 |
| Wisconsin Per farm..... | 235.1 | 223.5 | 224.7 | 105.2 |
| Per cow milked .. | 20.20 | 18.34 | 19.50 | 110.1 |
| Per cow in herd .. | 16.83 | 15.12 | 15.28 | 111.3 |
| United States Per cow in herd .. | 13.53 | 12.55 | 13.21 | 107.8 |

United States Milk Production

Daily milk production in the United States on September 1 appears to have

been about 4 percent above production on that date last year. The number of milk cows on farms is still 4 percent below the number a year ago, but, judging from reports secured from crop correspondents, milk production per cow was about 8 percent higher than it was a year ago, slightly higher than at the same season in any of the previous four years, and only slightly below the September 1 average during the 1926-29 period. Good pastures, decreasing feed costs, and an increasing demand for dairy products are partially responsible for the fairly high average level of production per cow. Since most cows that are due to freshen in the early fall are dry on September 1 the reports confirm other indications pointing to a further shift toward spring freshening.

In the country as a whole, production per cow, as reported, averaged 13.53 pounds compared with 12.55 pounds a year ago. The reports also show 73.7 percent of the milk cows being milked on September 1 as compared with 72.4 a year ago, and 70.9 and 70.8 in 1931 and 1932, respectively, when fall freshening was at its peak in most states.

EGG PRODUCTION

WISCONSIN egg production on the first of September, as reported by crop correspondents, was 2.6 percent greater than it was a year ago and 4.1 percent above the 1928-32 average. The increased egg production was due entirely to a 7.9 percent increase in the number of eggs laid per bird, which was more than enough to offset the 4.7 percent decrease in the number of layers on farms. Egg prices increased 7 percent during the month, which is slightly less than the usual seasonal increase, and on August 15 averaged 32.6 percent higher than a year ago. Chicken prices increased 3.9 percent during the month when ordinarily a decrease is expected and on August 15 averaged 30.1 percent greater than a year earlier. Improved meat prices have a tendency to strengthen chicken and egg prices which are expected to be maintained in spite of increased egg production. Decreasing feed prices and increasing egg prices continue to place the producer in a more favorable position.

In the United States the number of hens in farm flocks continues at the lowest level of the past 10 years. Production of eggs, however, was reported at 18.9 eggs per flock compared with only 18.1 per flock last September and a 5-year September average of 21.6 per flock. The gain over last year is due

to the much heavier production per hen in the Central and Western States. Present layings are almost equal to the 5-year average.

WISCONSIN EGG PRODUCTION

| | Sept. 1 1935 as a % of | | 1928-32 average | 1934 |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|------|-----------------|-------|
| | 1935 | 1934 | | |
| Hens and pullets per farm | 70.5 | 74.0 | 71.2 | 95.3 |
| Eggs per farm | 28.0 | 27.3 | 26.9 | 102.6 |
| Eggs per 100 hens and pullets | 39.7 | 36.8 | 37.8 | 107.9 |

United States Cold Storage Holdings

Cold storage holdings of butter on September 1 of 156,791,000 were 30.2 percent more than on the same date last year and were 20.4 percent more than the 5-year average. The net into-storage movement of butter for August totaled 7,163,000 pounds, an increase in stock for the month of 4.8 percent as compared with 10.8 percent increase for August last year and an average gain of 3.3 percent for that month during the 5 years, 1930-34. Storage stocks of American cheese increased 12.4 percent from August 1 to 92,583,000 pounds on September 1, bringing the level of stocks of this product to 10.8 percent below a year earlier and 7.5 percent above the average for that date during the past 5 years. Storage stocks of all eggs decreased 6.7 percent from August to September, bringing the level to 5.6 percent below a year earlier and 8.4 percent below the average for that date.

UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

| | (000 omitted) | | |
|--|---------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| | Sept. 1 1935* | Sept. 1 1934 | Sept. 1 average 1930-34 |
| Creamery butter, lbs. | 156,791 | 120,467 | 130,194 |
| All cheese, lbs. | 105,668 | 122,495 | 102,745 |
| American, lbs. | 92,583 | 103,805 | 86,145 |
| Swiss, lbs. | 4,854 | 9,501 | 7,087 |
| All other, lbs. | 8,231 | 9,189 | 9,513 |
| Eggs, in shell, cases | 7,336 | 7,938 | 8,447 |
| Eggs, shell and frozen, case equivalent .. | 10,516 | 11,138 | 11,480 |

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THE past month has been rather dry and cool in Wisconsin. In general, the season so far has been favorable for farm work, particularly for the harvesting of late crops. The dry, rather cool weather has favored the ripening of corn, but pastures are not as good as they were earlier, and such late crops as potatoes and cabbage have not yielded as well as was expected.

Corn has made remarkable production considering its late start and the poor prospects earlier. From a poor start the corn crop continued to improve rather steadily all summer until the part of the crop which was still green was frozen during the last days of September or during the first week of October. There is much ripe corn in Wisconsin; the average yield per acre being estimated at 35 bushels. This makes the crop over 79 million bushels for the state, which is the fifth largest crop on record. The state's production of corn is 14 percent above average and 7 percent above last year.

In Wisconsin the feed situation this fall is generally good. The livestock

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population in the state is smaller than it was last year, and with a larger hay crop—the largest since 1930, an excellent corn crop, and about an average crop of grains, there should be an abundance of feed for the state's livestock this winter. Pastures during most of the summer have been good, and the state's livestock, generally, may be said to be in above average condition this fall.

With the state's cash crops the picture is decidedly varied. The potato crop, which leads all other cash crops, is rather disappointing. Potatoes were planted rather late and growing conditions were unfavorable from the beginning. Wet weather in the spring produced uneven stands and many weedy fields. Later the hot weather, which was so favorable to corn, was

Weather Summary, September, 1935

| Station | Temperature Degrees Fahrenheit | | | | Precipitation Inches | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---------|------|--------|-------------------------|--------|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Normal | Sept. 1935 | Normal | Accumulative excess or deficiency since January 1 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Duluth..... | 29 | 77 | 53.0 | 55.1 | 1.96 | 3.31 | +1.51 |
| Escanaba..... | 32 | 73 | 54.7 | 57.1 | 1.48 | 3.32 | -4.54 |
| Minneapolis.... | 34 | 89 | 62.2 | 61.4 | 1.98 | 3.13 | -1.51 |
| La Crosse..... | 37 | 89 | 62.2 | 62.2 | 2.93 | 3.99 | +5.33 |
| Green Bay..... | 35 | 85 | 59.4 | 60.4 | 3.29 | 3.52 | -4.60 |
| Dubuque..... | 38 | 90 | 65.2 | 64.0 | 2.30 | 4.01 | -0.82 |
| Madison..... | 40 | 88 | 62.4 | 62.4 | 1.28 | 3.72 | -3.94 |
| Milwaukee..... | 40 | 89 | 63.8 | 62.5 | 1.12 | 3.29 | -0.05 |

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| Crop | Acreage | | | Production | | | | | Unit | Average yield per acre | | |
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| Corn..... | 2,265,000 | 2,384,000 | - 5.0 | 79,275,000 | 73,904,000 | 69,375,000 | 107.3 | 114.3 | Bus. | 35.0 | 31.0 | 32.8 ³ |
| Potatoes..... | 253,000 | 261,000 | - 3.1 | 22,770,000 | 31,320,000 | 23,385,000 | 72.7 | 97.4 | Bus. | 90. | 120. | 103. ³ |
| Tobacco..... | 12,000 | 8,500 | +41.2 | 16,284,000 | 11,798,000 | 46,825,000 | 138.0 | 34.8 | Lbs. | 1357. | 1388. | 1180. ³ |
| Oats..... | 2,544,000 | 2,334,000 | + 9.0 | 82,680,000 | 65,352,000 | 85,527,000 | 126.5 | 96.7 | Bus. | 32.5 | 28.0 | 35.6 |
| Barley..... | 926,000 | 741,000 | +25.0 | 25,465,000 | 19,256,000 | 22,178,000 | 132.2 | 114.8 | Bus. | 27.5 | 26.0 | 30.3 |
| Rye..... | 290,000 | 221,000 | +31.2 | 3,770,000 | 1,768,000 | 2,334,000 | 213.2 | 161.5 | Bus. | 13.0 | 8.0 | 12.2 |
| Winter wheat..... | 21,000 | 18,000 | +16.7 | 420,000 | 207,000 | 600,000 | 202.9 | 70.0 | Bus. | 20.0 | 11.5 | 19.3 |
| Spring wheat..... | 112,000 | 90,000 | +24.4 | 1,736,000 | 1,440,000 | 1,269,000 | 120.6 | 136.8 | Bus. | 15.5 | 16.0 | 19.1 |
| Buckwheat..... | 24,000 | 24,000 | ----- | 300,000 | 271,000 | 197,000 | 110.7 | 152.3 | Bus. | 12.5 | 11.3 | 12.0 ³ |
| Clover and timothy hay..... | 1,428,000 | 1,242,000 | +15.0 | 2,428,000 | 857,000 | 3,634,000 | 283.3 | 66.8 | Tons | 1.70 | .69 | 1.36 |
| Alfalfa hay..... | 798,000 | 525,000 | +52.0 | 2,035,000 | 788,000 | 729,000 | 258.2 | 279.1 | Tons | 2.55 | 1.50 | 2.24 |
| Other tame hay..... | 416,000 | 683,000 | -39.1 | 557,000 | 777,000 | 224,000 | 71.7 | 248.7 | Tons | 1.34 | 1.14 | ----- |
| All tame hay..... | 2,642,000 | 2,450,000 | + 7.8 | 5,020,000 | 2,422,000 | 4,587,000 | 207.3 | 109.4 | Tons | 1.90 | .99 | 1.44 |
| Wild hay..... | 303,000 | 357,000 | -15.1 | 394,000 | 321,000 | 274,000 | 122.7 | 143.8 | Tons | 1.30 | .90 | 1.18 |
| Dry peas..... | 11,000 | 20,000 | -45.0 | 165,000 | 310,000 | ----- | 53.2 | ----- | Bus. | 15.0 | 15.5 | 15.2 ⁴ |
| Dry beans..... | 5,000 | 6,000 | -16.7 | 56,700 | 38,300 | 46,700 | 95.8 | 78.6 | Bus. | 7.5 | 6.5 | 7.5 |
| Flaxseed..... | 6,000 | 5,000 | +20.0 | 66,000 | 55,000 | 82,000 | 120.0 | 80.5 | Bus. | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.8 ³ |
| Canning peas..... | 122,000 | 112,000 | + 8.9 | 150,050,000 | 142,240,000 | 144,800,000 ³ | 105.5 | 103.6 | Lbs. | 1230. | 1270. | 1380. ² |
| Cabbage..... | 22,900 | 23,000 | - 0.4 | 153,800 | 186,400 | 127,600 ² | 82.5 | 120.5 | Tons | 6.72 | 8.10 | 6.95 |
| Onions..... | 1,150 | 900 | +27.8 | 414,000 | 324,000 | 324,000 ² | 127.8 | 127.8 | Bus. | 360. | 360. | 314. ² |
| Sugar beets..... | 17,200 | 19,100 | - 9.9 | 151,400 | 162,400 | ----- | 93.2 | ----- | Tons | 8.8 | 8.5 | ----- |
| Apples..... | ----- | ----- | ----- | 2,520,000 | 1,204,000 | 1,801,000 | 209.3 | 139.9 | Bus. | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Cherries..... | ----- | ----- | ----- | 5,040 | 4,400 | 6,533 | 114.5 | 76.6 | Tons | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Cranberries..... | 2,000 | 2,000 | ----- | 77,000 | 59,000 | 51,400 | 130.5 | 149.8 | Bbls. | 38.5 | 29.5 | 18.2 |
| Pasture..... | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | 83 ¹ | 69 ¹ | 72 ¹ |

¹ Condition September 1. ² 5-year average, 1929-1933. ³ 10-year average, 1922-1931. ⁴ 4-year average, 1928-1931.

CROP SUMMARY OF THE UNITED STATES FOR OCTOBER 1, 1935

| Crop | Acreage (000 omitted) | | | Oct. 1, 1935 forecast | Production (000 omitted) | | | 1935 as a percent of | | Unit | Average yield per acre | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------|--|--------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| | 1935 (Preliminary) | 1934 | Percent in- crease(+) or decrease(-) of 1935 acreage compared with 1934 | | 1934 | 5-year average 1928-32 | 1935 as a percent of | | 1935 | | 1934 | 10-yr. average 1923-32 | |
| | | | | | | | 1934 | 5-year average | | | | | |
| Corn..... | 93,590 | 87,795 | + 6.6 | 2,213,319 | 1,377,126 | 2,562,147 | 160.7 | 86.4 | Bus. | 23.6 | 15.7 | 25.7 | |
| Potatoes..... | 3,256 | 3,312 | - 1.7 | 365,995 | 385,421 | 363,367 | 95.0 | 100.7 | Bus. | 112.4 | 116.4 | 112.8 | |
| Tobacco..... | 1,502 | 1,271 | + 18.2 | 1,272,945 | 1,045,660 | 1,432,845 | 121.7 | 88.8 | Lbs. | 848. | 823. | 771. | |
| Oats..... | 39,530 | 30,172 | + 31.0 | 1,183,870 | 525,889 | 1,217,646 | 225.1 | 97.2 | Bus. | 29.9 | 17.4 | 30.3 | |
| Barley..... | 12,957 | 7,095 | + 82.6 | 290,297 | 118,348 | 282,841 | 245.3 | 102.6 | Bus. | 22.4 | 16.7 | 22.6 | |
| Rye..... | 3,699 | 1,942 | + 90.5 | 52,236 | 16,045 | 38,655 | 325.6 | 135.1 | Bus. | 14.1 | 8.3 | 12.2 | |
| Winter wheat..... | 31,389 | 32,968 | - 4.8 | 431,709 | 405,552 | 618,186 | 106.4 | 69.8 | Bus. | 13.8 | 12.3 | 15.2 | |
| Durum wheat..... | 2,737 | 990 | +176.5 | 27,965 | 7,086 | 53,909 | 394.7 | 51.9 | Bus. | 10.2 | 7.2 | 11.7 | |
| Spring wheat other than durum..... | 18,100 | 8,291 | +118.3 | 139,261 | 84,291 | 188,476 | 165.2 | 73.9 | Bus. | 7.7 | 10.2 | 12.6 | |
| Buckwheat..... | 464 | 478 | - 2.9 | 7,818 | 9,042 | 8,277 | 86.5 | 94.5 | Bus. | 16.8 | 18.9 | 15.7 | |
| Flaxseed..... | 2,138 | 969 | +120.6 | 14,115 | 5,213 | 15,961 | 270.8 | 88.4 | Bus. | 6.6 | 5.4 | 6.9 | |
| Cabbage..... | 137.6 | 176.7 | -22.1 | 933 | 1,230 | 964 ² | 75.9 | 96.8 | Tons | 6.78 | 6.96 | 6.71 ² | |
| Onions..... | 99.2 | 84.7 | +17.1 | 28,864 | 25,960 | 26,700 ² | 111.2 | 108.1 | Bus. | 290. | 306. | 318. ² | |
| Cranberries..... | 27.4 | 27.35 | + 0.2 | 485 | 443 | 581 | 109.5 | 83.5 | Bbls. | 17.7 | 16.2 | 21.2 | |
| Tame hay..... | 53,010 | 51,828 | + 2.3 | 76,707 | 52,269 | 69,591 | 146.8 | 110.2 | Tons | 1.45 | 1.01 | 1.31 | |
| Wild hay..... | 13,086 | 8,912 | +46.8 | 12,330 | 4,759 | 10,793 | 259.1 | 114.2 | Tons | .94 | .53 | .82 | |
| Pasture..... | | | | | | | | | | 73.8 ¹ | 54.0 ¹ | 73.5 ¹ | |

¹ Condition October 1. ² 5-year average, 1929-1933.

October 1. This has been due to excellent pasture conditions which, according to crop correspondents, averaged 83 percent of normal this October and 69 percent of normal last year. Dairy-men continue saving large numbers of calves to replenish depleted herds according to dairy correspondents. Grain and concentrates fed per cow in herd was 13 percent below October 1 last year.

MILK PRODUCTION

| | Oct. 1 1935 | Oct. 1 1934 | Oct. 1 1925-32 average | Oct. 1 1935 as a % of 1934 |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Wisconsin | | | | |
| Per farm | 207.0 | 205.0 | 203.0 | 101.0 |
| Per cow milked | 18.59 | 17.71 | 18.81 | 105.0 |
| Per cow in herd | 14.97 | 13.75 | 13.99 | 108.9 |
| United States | | | | |
| Per cow in herd | 12.24 | 11.87 | 12.40 | 103.1 |

United States Dairy Production

Milk production per cow declined much more than usual during September and on October 1 was only averaging about 3 percent above production on that date last year. With the number of milk cows on farms about 4 percent less than a year earlier, total production on October 1 appears to have been averaging about 1 percent below production at the same time last year. This represents a sharp change from the situation on September 1 when daily milk production was apparently running about 4 percent above production at the same time last year.

The most marked change in the level of production from last month occurred in the West North Central States where production per cow declined 15 percent during September compared with the usual decrease of about 9 percent. A number of states in this area reported production per cow below last year's low levels in spite of greatly improved pastures. Outside of this area the reports from crop correspondents for most states show a production per cow above last year's levels. In the Northeast, where prices have been favorable, production per cow continued at a level above any year on record. The quantity of grain fed per cow continues close to last year's low levels with pasture conditions over much of the country more favorable than in recent years.

EGG PRODUCTION

EGG production on Wisconsin farms on October 1, as reported by crop correspondents, was 14 percent greater than it was a year ago and 6.8 percent above the 1928-32 average. Although there were 1.4 percent fewer hens on farms than a year ago, increased laying of 16 percent was considerably more than enough to offset the decrease in the size of the farm flock, resulting in an increased egg production of 14 percent above a year ago and the largest October 1 average production per hen in over 10 years. Egg prices increased about 14 percent during the month and on September 15 averaged 24.5 percent higher than a year ago, being the highest September 15 price since 1929. Chicken prices increased 10.4 percent during the month, which is more than the average seasonal increase, and on September 15 averaged 28.7 percent greater than a year earlier. The number of pullets of the 1935 hatch being saved for layers on Wisconsin farms averaged 78 per farm on October 1 compared with 72.1 per farm a year ago. About 40 percent of these pullets are now of laying age compared with about 37 percent of laying age a year ago.

In the United States the average number of hens and pullets of laying age in farm flocks on October 1 showed an increase of 1.4 percent over the number a year earlier. The difference, while small, is significant, because it is the first time in two years that reported numbers have not been lower than on the same date in the previous year. Since January, they have averaged about 12 percent below the 5-year average, but on October 1 they were only 8 percent lower. Average production of eggs per hen on October was 6.6 percent greater than last year, and the highest for that date since 1931.

EGG PRODUCTION

| Wisconsin | Oct. 1 1935 | Oct. 1 1934 | Oct. 1 1928-32 average | Oct. 1 1935 as a % of 1934 |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Hens and pullets per farm | 77.8 | 78.9 | 77.0 | 98.6 |
| Eggs per farm | 22.0 | 19.3 | 20.6 | 114.0 |
| Eggs per 100 hens and pullets | 28.3 | 24.4 | 26.8 | 116.0 |

United States

| Hens and pullets per farm | 65.4 | 64.5 | 71.4 | 110.7 |
|-------------------------------|------|------|------|-------|
| Eggs per farm | 16.7 | 15.7 | 18.1 | 115.3 |
| Eggs per 100 hens and pullets | 25.9 | 24.3 | 25.5 | 104.9 |

1935 TURKEY CROP

TURKEY production in Wisconsin for the holiday markets is reported to be about 12 percent smaller than last year's crop, which was slightly above usual. About 54 percent of the turkey crop will be ready for the Thanksgiving market, 37 percent for the Christmas market and the balance of 9 percent will be marketed after the holiday season. About 92 percent of this year's crop will be young birds from the 1935 hatch.

For the United States as a whole, there was a sharp gain of about 35 percent in the 1935 commercial production of turkey poulets compared with the 1934 hatch, but the mortality among poulets was much greater than a year earlier. Weather conditions in the main were not as favorable as in 1934, and diseases among young stock were generally more prevalent. However, all the data available at the present time point to some decrease in the number of turkeys raised in 1935 compared with 1934, but there is considerable possibility that the total tonnage marketed may not be greatly different from that of last year. Due to the feed situation last fall, turkeys were sold at relatively light weights, but with more general feed supplies available this year turkeys will likely be fed to heavier weights.

United States Cold Storage Holdings

While creamery butter in cold storage on October 1 this year is 19 percent more than last year's holdings and 24 percent higher than the 5-year average, there has been considerable movement out of storage during September compared to an into-storage movement during the same month last year. Cold storage holdings of all cheese were 114,917,000 pounds on October 1 which is about 10 percent below last year, although into-storage movements for September were 86 percent above last year. While American cheese in storage declined between 5 and 6 percent, Swiss and all other

Prices Paid Wisconsin Producers for Farm Products and Wisconsin Feed Costs¹

Table with multiple columns: Year, Livestock and Wool, Grains, Other Crops, Poultry Products and Feed Costs, Wisconsin by Product Feed Costs. Includes sub-columns for various products like Hogs, Beef, Veal, Milk, Sheep, Lambs, Wool, Horses, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye, Potatoes, Hay, Clover, Chickens, Eggs, and various feed types (Ration, Value, Standard bran, etc.).

¹ All prices based on reports of Wisconsin price correspondents on the 15th of each month. Annual prices are straight averages of monthly data. For monthly data prior to 1933 see Bulletins 90, 120, and 140, Wisconsin Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

² Based on values of ingredients in a typical Wisconsin poultry ration. For further explanation and additional monthly data consult Bulletin 140, page 25. ³ Pounds of poultry ration which could be purchased with ten dozen eggs. ⁴ Wholesale prices in carlots f. o. b. Minneapolis plus freight to Madison. ⁵ Wholesale prices in carlots f. o. b. Chicago plus freight to Madison.

cheese were reduced 42 and 27 percent, respectively, from October 1934. Eggs, shell and frozen, case equivalent in storage declined 5 percent from the same month last year and 9 percent from the 5-year average for October 1. Data on cold storage holdings are shown in the accompanying table.

Table titled 'UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS (000 omitted)'. Columns: Product (Creamery butter, All cheese, American, Swiss, All other, Eggs in shell, Eggs, shell and frozen), 1935, 1934, and Oct. 1 average 1930-34.

CATTLE AND LAMB FEEDING SINCE there is a large supply of feed in Wisconsin, particularly hay and corn, and the demand for fat cattle is

good because of reduced numbers resulting from last year's drought, Wisconsin feeders are increasing their feeding operations this fall. There seems to be an unusually large number of cattle in the southwestern section of the state especially in the Grant and Iowa County area. For the United States, information available at the beginning of October points to a material increase in the number of cattle to be fed for market during the late fall and winter feeding periods this year over the small numbers fed a year earlier. It appears that the increase in feeding will be general both in the Corn Belt and other areas. With large supplies of hay and roughage, and with prices low in nearly all states, and with feed grain production much larger than last year and hog numbers greatly reduced, there is a widespread tendency to turn to cattle feeding to utilize available feed. In the Eastern Corn Belt States, where cattle feeding in the winter and spring of 1934-35 was reduced little, if any, a considerable increase is indicated for this year. In the Western Corn Belt States, where cattle feeding in the winter of 1934-35 was greatly reduced as a result of the drought, a considerable increase in feeding in the winter of 1935-36 over a year earlier is indicated.

Fewer Lambs to be Fed

In Wisconsin the number of lambs being fed for market is substantially reduced this year as compared with last year, the reduction being variously estimated at one-fourth to more than one-third below last year. The high price and scarcity of feeder lambs with too small a spread between fat and feeder prices and the poor profits afforded from last year's feeding operations are reported as the factors responsible for the reduced feeding operations.

In the United States as a whole, the number of lambs to be fed for market during the 1935-36 feeding season is expected to be substantially smaller than the number fed during the 1934-35 season, and probably the smallest number in at least six years. While the total number in the Corn Belt States will be smaller this season than last, it is probable that some of the states where the 1934 drought was most severe will feed more lambs than they did last season. Reports from the Western States show that the number of lambs to be fed in the feeding areas in most of those states will be considerably reduced from last year.

FARM PRICES

MILK prices in Wisconsin averaged \$1.26 per hundred pounds in September, a 3 percent increase over August. Milk utilized by cheese factories was reported to have advanced 5 cents per hundredweight to \$1.22, while milk utilized by creameries and condenseries both advanced 4 cents. Market milk prices averaged \$1.53 for September which was an advance of 2 cents from the previous month.

The price index of Wisconsin farm products for September reached 107 percent of pre-war, an advance of 2 points from August. Poultry products, milk, livestock, and grain groups showed advances while the others showed declines. The sharp upturn in both chicken and egg prices brought a marked advance in this group. Advances in the prices of veal calves, lambs, and hogs were responsible for the increase in the livestock group. The index of prices paid by Wisconsin farmers for commodities bought declined one point from August to 124 percent of pre-war for September. The ratio of prices received to prices paid for the state was 86 percent of the pre-war levels in September compared with 84 percent for August.

United States Farm Prices

For the United States the farm price index advanced 1 point to 107 percent of pre-war for September. Advances occurred in all groups except fruits and cotton and cottonseed. Poultry products, truck crops, and dairy products were responsible for the major part of the upturn. The index of prices paid for September was 125 compared with 126 percent of pre-war for the previous month. Purchasing power of the United States farm dollar advanced from 84 percent in August to 86 percent of pre-war in September.

WISCONSIN DAIRY MANUFACTURES INCREASE

MANUFACTURES of the major groups of dairy products in Wisconsin including creamery butter, cheese, and condensery products have all shown increases in 1934 compared to the previous year. Gallons of ice cream produced in 1934 registered an increase of 14 percent above 1933. Perhaps the most important increases which occurred were in American cheese which increased 6 percent to 252,105,000 pounds in 1934, and creamery butter where a 3 percent upturn was shown to bring the total for 1934 to 161,942,000 pounds. While total cheese production for 1934 rose between 5 and 6 percent above the previous year, there were many fluctuations in the production of the less important types of cheese. Brick and munster cheese producers swelled the state's production to 7 percent above last year while Swiss cheese diminished to a production 9 percent below 1933,

due largely to a holiday throughout the month of August last year in the Swiss cheese area. Limburger cheese production rose slightly, but cream and Neufchatel jumped from 6,487,000 pounds in 1933 to 9,053,000 pounds a year later. While the Italian cheese produced is a small part of the total cheese of the state, its production in 1934 was skyrocketed to a position over twice as high as the 1933 production. Evaporated whole milk at 701,346,000 pounds in 1934 remained at about the 1933 levels while total condensery products moved upward 1 percent due to upturns in the minor products. Wisconsin's proportion of the total milk entering dairy manufactures in the United States has increased from the low point of 17.16 percent in 1933 to 17.89 percent in 1934, which represents the same proportion as existed in 1932 and compares with 17.63 percent in 1929.

United States Dairy Manufactures

Upturns of 7 percent in the manufactures of all cheese and 2 percent in the production of all condensery products was not sufficient to offset a 4 percent decline in creamery butter production until the milk equivalent of all dairy products entering manufactures decline one percent from 1933 to 1934. Creamery butter manufacture for the country as a whole declined 4 percent from the 1933 record high level to 1,694,708,000 pounds in 1934. American cheese manufacture climbed to another record at 435,491,000 pounds which is 7 percent more than 1933. The effect of Wisconsin's cheese holiday was felt in the nation's Swiss cheese production, for although there was a 15 percent increase in the Swiss cheese produced in the remainder of the country this increase was more than offset by the decline in Wisconsin, and, as a consequence, the United States production declined 2 percent. Brick and munster increased 7 percent which is the same rate of increase as in Wisconsin. Production of limburger remained at about the same level as 1933. Cream and Neufchatel cheese manufacture increased to 40,458,000 pounds in 1934 compared to a production of 33,438,000 pounds the previous year. Ice cream

manufactures showed a marked upturn of 21 percent from 1933. The total condensed and evaporated whole milk increased slightly to a total of 1,908,019,000 pounds for 1934.

WAGES OF WISCONSIN FARM LABOR

Farm employment and wage rates as reported by Wisconsin crop correspondents on the first of October were above the levels of a year ago due to more farm work as a result of better crops and some increase in farm income which aided in paying higher wages and employing more workers.

The average number of family workers per 100 Wisconsin farms was reported at 186 the first of this month by crop correspondents while a year ago 184 family workers were employed. A gain in the number hired laborers over a year ago was also indicated. In October 59 hired laborers were employed per 100 farms of crop reporters which is the same as reported last year.

An average of farm wages paid by Wisconsin crop reporters indicated the

FARM WAGES IN WISCONSIN 1933-1935*

| Year | Rates per Month | | Rates per Day | | Index Numbers (1910-14=100) |
|---------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| | With Board Dollars | Without Board Dollars | With Board Dollars | Without Board Dollars | |
| 1933 | | | | | |
| Jan.--- | 12.75 | 24.00 | .80 | 1.15 | 60 |
| April-- | 15.25 | 25.25 | .85 | 1.25 | 57 |
| July-- | 17.20 | 26.75 | .95 | 1.40 | 64 |
| Oct.--- | 17.25 | 27.50 | .95 | 1.40 | 65 |
| 1934 | | | | | |
| Jan.--- | 13.25 | 23.25 | .90 | 1.30 | 67 |
| April-- | 17.75 | 28.25 | 1.00 | 1.40 | 67 |
| July-- | 18.75 | 29.00 | 1.00 | 1.40 | 70 |
| Oct.--- | 19.50 | 29.75 | 1.10 | 1.50 | 73 |
| 1935 | | | | | |
| Jan.--- | 14.50 | 26.00 | .95 | 1.35 | 56 |
| April-- | 22.00 | 32.75 | 1.05 | 1.50 | 80 |
| July-- | 24.00 | 34.75 | 1.20 | 1.65 | 88 |
| Oct.--- | 25.00 | 35.25 | 1.35 | 1.80 | 93 |

*Wage rates collected by United States Department of Agriculture from crop reporters. Data for previous years 1860 to 1932, are found in Table No. 11, Bulletin 140, "Wisconsin Agriculture", prepared by the Wisconsin Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

rates the first of the month were \$25.00 per month with board and \$35.25 with-

HENRY E. AUSTIN

We learned recently of the death of Henry E. Austin, for many years a crop reporter at Boscobel, Wisconsin. The crop reporting service will miss Mr. Austin's faithful cooperation. Mr. Austin was widely known and he made his mark in other work as he did in his crop reports. We extend our sincere sympathy to his family.

NUMBER OF PERSONS EMPLOYED PER FARM IN WISCONSIN ON THE FARMS OF CROP REPORTERS. 1933, 1934, and 1935*

| | Total Hired and Family Labor | | | Hired Labor | | | Family Labor | | |
|------------------------|------------------------------|------|------|-------------|------|------|--------------|------|------|
| | 1933 | 1934 | 1935 | 1933 | 1934 | 1935 | 1933 | 1934 | 1935 |
| January | 2.22 | 2.15 | 2.31 | .40 | .35 | .40 | 1.82 | 1.80 | 1.91 |
| February | 2.20 | 2.28 | 2.52 | .43 | .40 | .58 | 1.77 | 1.88 | 1.94 |
| March | 2.23 | 2.24 | 2.17 | .42 | .40 | .41 | 1.81 | 1.84 | 1.76 |
| April | 2.21 | 2.31 | 2.23 | .38 | .47 | .47 | 1.83 | 1.84 | 1.76 |
| May | 2.26 | 2.32 | 2.28 | .47 | .50 | .54 | 1.79 | 1.82 | 1.74 |
| June | 2.34 | 2.39 | 2.37 | .53 | .51 | .54 | 1.81 | 1.88 | 1.83 |
| July | 2.52 | 2.50 | 2.44 | .56 | .57 | .56 | 1.96 | 1.93 | 1.88 |
| August ¹ | 2.43 | 2.40 | 2.55 | .52 | .52 | .67 | 1.91 | 1.88 | 1.88 |
| September ¹ | 2.33 | 2.46 | 2.53 | .50 | .58 | .61 | 1.83 | 1.88 | 1.92 |
| October | 2.35 | 2.43 | 2.45 | .52 | .59 | .59 | 1.83 | 1.84 | 1.86 |
| November ¹ | 2.27 | 2.31 | | .47 | .54 | | 1.80 | 1.77 | |
| December ¹ | 2.18 | 2.27 | | .40 | .48 | | 1.78 | 1.79 | |
| Straight average year | 2.30 | 2.34 | | .47 | .49 | | 1.83 | 1.85 | |

*For data in previous years see Table No. 79, Bulletin No. 140, "Wisconsin Agriculture". ¹Interpolated for 1933.

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FALL weather in Wisconsin has been generally favorable for harvesting crops and for farm work. October averaged about normal in temperature, though it was under normal in rainfall. Moisture was above normal in the north-western part of the state and under

Weather Summary, October, 1935

| Station | Temperature Degrees Fahrenheit | | | | Precipitation Inches | | | Accumulative ex- cess or deficiency since January 1 |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|------|--------|-------------------------|--------|-----------------|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Normal | October 1935 | Normal | | |
| | | | | | | | October 1935 | |
| Duluth..... | 21 | 70 | 43.4 | 44.2 | 2.65 | 2.31 | +1.85 | |
| Escanaba..... | 25 | 72 | 46.1 | 46.0 | 1.26 | 2.63 | -5.91 | |
| Minneapolis..... | 21 | 75 | 48.6 | 48.9 | 3.95 | 2.08 | +0.36 | |
| La Crosse..... | 22 | 80 | 49.8 | 50.3 | 3.83 | 2.32 | +6.84 | |
| Green Bay..... | 25 | 71 | 48.1 | 48.5 | 1.21 | 2.54 | -5.93 | |
| Dubuque..... | 26 | 79 | 52.0 | 51.9 | 1.69 | 2.48 | -1.61 | |
| Madison..... | 29 | 75 | 50.5 | 50.3 | 1.60 | 2.43 | -4.77 | |
| Milwaukee..... | 31 | 78 | 51.8 | 51.1 | 1.37 | 2.35 | -1.03 | |

normal elsewhere. While the temperatures averaged close to normal, a severe freeze during the first week practically stopped plant growth. At that time some of the corn was still green as well as potatoes

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in some of the southern counties. The frosts were so severe that practically all vegetation was killed, and such potatoes as had not been dug, in much of central and northern Wisconsin were damaged in the ground.

The state's corn crop has not turned out quite as well as expected earlier. The average yields as now reported indicate a production of 34 bushels per acre, which brings the state total to about 77,000,000 bushels. This is still more than 3,000,000

bushels above last year's crop and nearly 8,000,000 bushels above average. Some of the corn was not yet ripe when frozen, though more of it matured than seemed probable earlier in the season. Silage production has been large this year.

The buckwheat crop in some counties was also damaged by frosts, and the average yields as now recorded are lower than was indicated earlier in the season. November estimates indicate that the state's buckwheat production will be about 269,000 bushels, which is approximately as much as was produced a year ago when the fall was more favorable for the maturing of the crop.

The estimates of potato production were sharply reduced this month because of the widespread frost damage which occurred early in October. It is estimated that the unfavorable weather during early October reduced Wisconsin's production by approximately 12 percent. The estimate of production now is 20,240,000 bushels, which is more than 11,000,000 less than the big crop of last year.

United States Crops

October frosts reduced prospects for several late crops according to the November estimates of the United States Crop Reporting Board. Compared with prospects a month ago, the estimate of grain sorghum production shows a reduction of 16,615,000 bushels or 14 percent, and potatoes a decrease of 12,190,000

CROP SUMMARY OF WISCONSIN FOR NOVEMBER 1, 1935

| Crop | Acreage | | | Production | | | | | Unit | Average yield per acre | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|---|------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------|------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| | 1935 (Preliminary) | 1934 | Percent in- crease(+) or decrease (-) of 1935 acreage compared with 1934 | November 1, 1935 forecast | 1934 | 5-year average 1928-32 | 1935 as a percent of | | | 1935 | 1934 | 10-yr. average 1923-32 |
| | | | | | | | 1934 | 5-year average | | | | |
| Corn..... | 2,255,000 | 2,384,000 | - 5.0 | 77,010,000 | 73,904,000 | 69,375,000 | 104.2 | 111.0 | Bus. | 34.0 | 31.0 | 32.8 |
| Potatoes..... | 253,000 | 261,000 | - 3.1 | 20,240,000 | 31,320,000 | 23,385,000 | 64.6 | 86.6 | Bus. | 80. | 120. | 100. |
| Tobacco..... | 12,000 | 8,500 | +41.2 | 16,044,000 | 11,798,000 | 46,825,000 | 136.0 | 34.3 | Lbs. | 1337. | 1388. | 1195. |
| Oats..... | 2,544,000 | 2,334,000 | + 9.0 | 82,680,000 | 65,352,000 | 85,527,000 | 126.5 | 96.7 | Bus. | 32.5 | 28.0 | 35.6 |
| Barley..... | 926,000 | 741,000 | +25.0 | 25,465,000 | 19,266,000 | 22,178,000 | 132.2 | 114.8 | Bus. | 27.5 | 26.0 | 30.3 |
| Rye..... | 290,000 | 221,000 | +31.2 | 3,770,000 | 1,768,000 | 2,334,000 | 213.2 | 161.5 | Bus. | 13.0 | 8.0 | 12.2 |
| Winter wheat..... | 21,000 | 18,000 | +16.7 | 420,000 | 207,000 | 600,000 | 202.9 | 70.0 | Bus. | 20.0 | 11.5 | 19.3 |
| Spring wheat..... | 112,000 | 90,000 | +24.4 | 1,736,000 | 1,440,000 | 1,269,000 | 120.6 | 136.8 | Bus. | 15.5 | 16.0 | 19.1 |
| Buckwheat..... | 24,000 | 24,000 | | 269,000 | 271,000 | 197,000 | 99.3 | 136.5 | Bus. | 11.2 | 11.3 | 12.1 |
| Clover and timothy hay..... | 1,428,000 | 1,242,000 | +15.0 | 2,428,000 | 857,000 | 3,634,000 | 283.3 | 66.8 | Tons | 1.70 | .69 | 1.36 |
| Alfalfa hay..... | 798,000 | 525,000 | +52.0 | 2,035,000 | 788,000 | 729,000 | 258.2 | 279.1 | Tons | 2.55 | 1.50 | 2.24 |
| Other tame hay..... | 416,000 | 683,000 | -39.1 | 557,000 | 777,000 | 224,000 | 71.7 | 248.7 | Tons | 1.34 | 1.14 | |
| All tame hay..... | 2,642,000 | 2,450,000 | + 7.8 | 5,020,000 | 2,422,000 | 4,587,000 | 207.3 | 109.4 | Tons | 1.90 | .99 | 1.44 |
| Wild hay..... | 303,000 | 357,000 | -15.1 | 394,000 | 321,000 | 274,000 | 122.7 | 143.8 | Tons | 1.30 | .90 | 1.18 |
| Dry peas..... | 11,000 | 20,000 | -45.0 | 165,000 | 310,000 | | 53.2 | | Bus. | 15.0 | 15.5 | 15.2 ^a |
| Dry beans..... | 5,000 | 6,000 | -16.7 | 35,000 | 38,300 | 46,700 | 91.4 | 74.9 | Bus. | 7.5 | 6.5 | 7.53 |
| Flaxseed..... | 6,000 | 5,000 | +20.0 | 65,000 | 55,000 | 82,000 | 120.0 | 80.5 | Bus. | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.8 |
| Canning peas..... | 122,000 | 112,000 | + 8.9 | 150,000,000 | 142,240,000 | 144,800,000 ^b | 105.5 | 103.6 | Lbs. | 1230. | 1270. | 1380. ^c |
| Cabbage..... | 22,900 | 23,000 | - 0.4 | 151,000 | 186,400 | 127,600 | 81.0 | 118.3 | Tons | 6.59 | 8.10 | 6.95 |
| Onions..... | 1,150 | 900 | +27.8 | 322,000 | 324,000 | 324,000 ^d | 99.4 | 99.4 | Bus. | 280. | 360. | 314. ^e |
| Sugar beets..... | 17,200 | 19,100 | - 9.9 | | 162,400 | | | | Tons | | 8.5 | |
| Apples..... | | | | 2,520,000 | 1,204,000 | 1,801,000 | 209.3 | 139.9 | Bus. | | | |
| Cherries..... | | | | 5,040 | 4,400 | 6,583 | 114.5 | 76.6 | Tons | | | |
| Cranberries..... | 2,000 | 2,000 | | 85,000 | 59,000 | 51,400 | 144.1 | 165.4 | Bbls. | 42.5 | 29.5 | 18.2 |
| Pasture..... | | | | | | | | | Bus. | 77. ^f | 74. ^g | |

^aCondition November 1.

^b5-year average, 1929-1933.

Farm and Market Prices for Milk and Dairy Products¹

Table with columns: Year, PRICES PAID PRODUCERS, WISCONSIN (Milk Prices by uses), UNITED STATES (Milk), WHOLESALE PRICES OF DAIRY PRODUCTS (Cheese, Evaporated milk, Butter), WISCONSIN DAIRY RATION COST (Cost per 1,000 lbs, Index 1910-1914, Pounds of milk required, Pounds of milk to buy). Rows list years from 1910 to 1935 with monthly data for 1934 and 1935.

1 For monthly quotations prior to 1932 and detailed information regarding sources on all commodities except condensed milk and milk used for butter, see Bulletins 90, 120, and 140, Wisconsin Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

2 Quotations are the average for the month as reported by Wisconsin crop correspondents. Annual averages are computed by weighting monthly data by milk production per cow.

3 Quotations refer to the 15th of the month as reported by Wisconsin and United States price reporters. Annual prices, except the Wisconsin farm butter price, are weighted averages of monthly data. For the U. S. milk for fluid use is the chief outlet for whole milk sold, hence the U. S. farm price exceeds Wisconsin where the bulk of the output is manufactured.

4 All annual quotations are straight averages of monthly prices.

5 Wholesale price of 92-score butter at Chicago.

6 Wholesale prices on the Wisconsin cheese exchange. Prior to April, 1926 prices were quoted on daisies, thereafter on twins.

Averages of weekly quotations on No. 1 round Swiss at Monroe, Wisconsin as published in the Green County Herald.

7 Averages of weekly quotations at Monroe, Wisconsin from the Green County Herald.

8 Wholesale prices of advertised brands per case of 48 tall cans. Prices from 1910 to 1920, incl. are manufacturer's prices as published in Federal Trade Commission Report on Milk and Milk Products. Quotations from 1921 to date are wholesale prices per case in car-load lots at New York City as published by the Evaporated Milk Association. Size of can was changed from 16 oz. to 14 1/2 oz. in January 1931.

9 Prices of American cheese (twins) on the Wisconsin Cheese Exchange at Plymouth divided by the price of 92-score butter at Chicago, as published in this table to 1920, but following that basic prices are carried further decimally.

10 Value of 1000 pounds of grains and concentrates in a typical Wisconsin dairy ration for Wisconsin.

11 Pounds of feed grains and other concentrates in typical Wisconsin dairy ration which could be purchased with 100 pounds of milk.

*Preliminary.

bushels or 3 percent. The November estimate of corn production is practically the same as the forecast on October 1. Decreases in the western part of the Corn Belt were about offset by increases in the eastern part. In comparison with average the corn production is very short in an area centering about Nebraska and ample in an area centering about Indiana.

In the case of apples the allowance for the severe freeze in the Pacific Northwest which occurred during October was nearly offset by increases in prospects in Eastern States. While a substantial winter supply of fresh vegetables is still expected, some temporary shortages of certain kinds may result from the heavy frosts on the Pacific Coast, which severely damaged the tomato, green pea and cauliflower crops and from the storm in south Florida which will necessitate extensive replanting. Late reports on soybeans

show that a very large crop, estimated at 36,500,000 bushels, was threshed. This is nearly double the production last year when the crop was the largest harvested up to that time. The increase in production resulted chiefly from 86 percent increase in the acreage threshed.

NOVEMBER WISCONSIN DAIRY REPORT

FOR the second successive month milk production as reported by crop correspondents has shown far more than the usual seasonal decline for the state. Production per cow in herd on November 1 at 12.72 pounds was 3 percent below a year earlier. The number of milk cows per farm has increased slightly, while milk produced per farm has declined 2 percent from last year to an average of 181.8 pounds, according to crop reporters.

Condition of pastures according to crop correspondents is a little better than last year. The percentage of feed being secured from pasture as reported by dairy correspondents was 51 compared with 48 percent last year and a 3-year average, 1932-34, for November 1 of 32 percent. In spite of the fact that about the same percentage of feed is being secured from pasture and the fact that the amount of feed being fed per cow in herd is about 26 percent above last year, milk production has declined. The percentage of cows milked is somewhat below last year, and the decline in the production suggests that cows are probably rather far along in the lactation period. Compared with last year dairy correspondents indicate a continued increase in the number of calves being raised.

CROP SUMMARY OF THE UNITED STATES FOR NOVEMBER 1, 1935

| Crop | Acreage (000 omitted) | | | Production (000 omitted) | | | | | Unit | Average yield per acre | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------|---|--------------------------|-----------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------|-------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| | 1935 (Preliminary) | 1934 | Percent increase(+) or decrease(-) of 1935 acreage compared with 1934 | Nov. 1, 1935 forecast | 1934 | 5-year average 1928-32 | 1935 as a percent of | | | 1935 | 1934 | 10-yr. average 1923-32 |
| | | | | | | | 1934 | 5-year average | | | | |
| Corn..... | 93,590 | 87,795 | + 6.6 | 2,211,268 | 1,377,126 | 2,562,147 | 160.6 | 86.3 | Bus. | 23.6 | 15.7 | 25.7 |
| Potatoes..... | 3,256 | 3,312 | - 1.7 | 353,805 | 385,421 | 363,367 | 91.8 | 97.4 | Bus. | 108.7 | 116.4 | 112.8 |
| Tobacco..... | 1,502 | 1,271 | +18.2 | 1,300,036 | 1,045,660 | 1,432,845 | 124.3 | 90.7 | Lbs. | 865.7 | 823.0 | 771.4 |
| Oats..... | 39,530 | 30,172 | +31.0 | 1,183,870 | 525,889 | 1,217,646 | 225.1 | 97.2 | Bus. | 29.9 | 17.4 | 30.3 |
| Barley..... | 12,957 | 7,095 | +82.6 | 290,297 | 118,348 | 28,841 | 245.3 | 102.6 | Bus. | 22.4 | 16.7 | 22.6 |
| Rye..... | 3,699 | 1,942 | +90.5 | 52,236 | 16,045 | 38,655 | 325.6 | 135.1 | Bus. | 14.1 | 8.3 | 12.2 |
| Winter wheat..... | 31,389 | 32,968 | - 4.8 | 431,709 | 405,552 | 618,186 | 106.4 | 69.8 | Bus. | 13.8 | 12.3 | 15.2 |
| Durum wheat..... | 2,737 | 990 | +176.5 | 27,965 | 7,036 | 53,909 | 394.7 | 51.9 | Bus. | 10.2 | 7.2 | 11.7 |
| Spring wheat other than durum..... | 18,109 | 8,291 | +118.3 | 139,251 | 84,291 | 188,476 | 165.2 | 73.9 | Bus. | 7.7 | 10.2 | 12.6 |
| Buckwheat..... | 464 | 478 | - 2.9 | 7,787 | 9,042 | 8,277 | 86.1 | 94.1 | Bus. | 16.8 | 18.9 | 15.7 |
| Flaxseed..... | 2,138 | 969 | +120.6 | 14,213 | 5,213 | 15,961 | 272.6 | 89.0 | Bus. | 6.6 | 5.4 | 6.9 |
| Cabbage..... | 139.4 | 176.7 | - 21.1 | 952 | 1,230 | 964 ² | 77.4 | 98.7 | Tons | 6.83 | 6.96 | 6.71 ² |
| Onions..... | 98.8 | 84.8 | + 16.5 | 23,742 | 26,014 | 26,804 ² | 110.5 | 107.2 | Bus. | 290.0 | 306.0 | 318.0 ² |
| Cranberries..... | 27.4 | 27.35 | + 0.2 | 486 | 443 | 531 | 109.7 | 83.6 | Bbls. | 17.8 | 16.2 | 21.2 |
| Tams hay..... | 53,010 | 51,823 | + 2.3 | 76,707 | 52,269 | 69,591 | 146.8 | 110.2 | Tons | 1.45 | 1.01 | 1.31 |
| Wild hay..... | 13,035 | 8,912 | + 46.8 | 12,330 | 4,759 | 10,793 | 259.1 | 114.2 | Tons | .94 | .53 | .82 |
| Pasture..... | | | | | | | | | | 69.4 ¹ | 54.0 ¹ | |

¹Condition November 1.

²5 year average 1929-1935.

United States Milk Production

Milk production in the United States, which declined very sharply during September, showed another sharp decline during October. In each of these months production appears to have decreased more rapidly than at the same season in any of the last ten years. With production per cow about the same as a year ago, and with about 3 percent fewer cows on the farms, total milk production on November 1 was apparently about 3 percent lower than on that date last year. On October 1 total production was only about 1 percent below last year, and on September 1 it was about 4 percent above last year.

The causes of this rapid decrease in production are not fully known but one of the chief factors appears to be a rather general decrease in the proportion of the cows freshening in the fall months. The reports received indicate that an unusually large proportion of the milk cows were being milked on the first of this month, but many of them were producing but little milk, apparently because they were far along in their lactation periods. Another factor that is contributing to the reduction in milk production is the tendency to feed cows less than the usual quantity of grain in the butterfat producing areas where returns from milk cows have recently been low in comparison with returns from other classes of livestock. Although light grain feeding has been the practice all summer in some of the butterfat producing states, the effects are becoming more noticeable now that pastures are beginning to fail. The exceptionally heavy October decrease in production shown by reports from the Corn Belt States suggests a low level of winter milk production there unless prices of dairy products rise enough to encourage heavier feeding. In the Northeast and in some of the Market Milk Areas elsewhere, milk production per cow declined sharply during October but was still above average on November 1.

MILK PRODUCTION

| | Nov. 1 1935 | Nov. 1 1934 | Nov. 1 1925-32 average | Nov. 1 1935 as a % of 1934 |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Wisconsin Per farm..... | 181.8 | 185.8 | 193.8 | 97.8 |
| Per cow milked..... | 17.15 | 17.27 | 18.49 | 99.3 |
| Per cow in herd..... | 12.72 | 13.09 | 13.29 | 97.2 |
| United States Per cow in herd..... | 11.31 | 11.35 | 11.95 | 99.6 |

EGG PRODUCTION

WITH the number of hens and pullets on Wisconsin farms 3.7 percent larger than it was a year ago and the rate of laying per 100 birds 13.7 percent larger, the production of eggs on Wisconsin farms on November 1 was 18.5 percent larger than it was a year ago. Feed is relatively abundant, and prices of eggs on October 15 averaged 27.9 cents per dozen in Wisconsin compared with 22.8 cents a year earlier. Poultry prices are also considerably higher than they were a year ago.

With abundant feed supplies in Wisconsin and good egg and poultry prices, the present high level of egg production is expected to continue throughout the winter and spring, but egg prices may take more than the usual seasonal decline because of increased egg production.

In the United States the number of layers in farm flocks on November 1 was 2 percent greater than a year ago, but about 7 percent less than the 5-year average. The rate of laying is the largest for that date in over ten years, and the egg production per farm is considerably larger than it was a year ago when drought conditions reduced feed supplies available for poultry.

EGG PRODUCTION

| | Nov. 1 1935 | Nov. 1 1934 | Nov. 1 1928-32 average | Nov. 1 1935 as a % of 1934 |
|--|-------------|-------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Wisconsin Hens and pullets per farm..... | 89.6 | 86.4 | 85.0 | 103.7 |
| Eggs per farm..... | 17.9 | 15.1 | 13.4 | 118.5 |
| Eggs per 100 hens and pullets..... | 19.9 | 17.5 | 15.8 | 113.7 |
| United States Hens and pullets per farm..... | 70.8 | 69.4 | 76.5 | 102.0 |
| Eggs per farm..... | 13.9 | 12.6 | 13.6 | 110.3 |
| Eggs per 100 hens and pullets..... | 19.5 | 17.7 | 17.6 | 110.2 |

United States Cold Storage Holdings

An out-of-storage movement in October of creamery butter more than twice as great as last year has brought storage holdings to 120,038,000 pounds for November 1. These holdings are 8 percent above last year and 19 percent above the

5-year average 1930-34. Storage stocks of all cheese, at 111,729,000 pounds on November 1, were 5 percent below last year but 13 percent above the 5-year average, 1930-34. American cheese stocks were 100,682,000 pounds for November 1, which was 2 percent below a year earlier. Eggs, in shell and frozen, in storage are about the same as last year, but remain 6 percent below the 5-year average, 1930-34, inclusive. Data on cold storage holdings are shown in the accompanying table.

UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS (000 omitted)

| | Nov. 1 1935* | Nov. 1 1934 | Nov. 1 5-year average 1930-34 |
|---|--------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| Creamery butter, lbs. | 120,038 | 111,073 | 100,848 |
| All cheese, lbs. | 111,729 | 118,008 | 98,894 |
| American, lbs. | 100,682 | 102,832 | 83,752 |
| Swiss, lbs. | 5,235 | 7,189 | 7,337 |
| All other, lbs. | 5,812 | 7,987 | 7,805 |
| Eggs, in shell, cases | 4,632 | 4,633 | 5,113 |
| Eggs, shell and frozen, case equivalent | 7,137 | 7,168 | 7,619 |

MORE CATTLE AND FEWER LAMBS ON FEED

CATTLE on feed in Wisconsin about November 1 are estimated to be from 25 to 30 percent more than a year ago. The largest increases are in the southwestern section of the state in Rock, Dane, Iowa, Lafayette, and Grant counties. There is an increase quite generally throughout the state, and many farmers who have never fed before are feeding cattle this year to use up surplus feeds.

Lambs on feed in Wisconsin about November 1 are estimated to be from 25 to 30 percent less than the number on feed a year earlier. Because of a short supply of lambs this fall, the spread between fat and feeder prices has been too narrow to encourage lamb feeding here in the state.

In the United States developments during October gave further support to the expectation that cattle feeding during the winter will be on a considerably larger scale than during last winter. Shipments of stoker and feeder cattle from stockyards markets into the Corn Belt States in October were 40 percent larger than in

General Trend of Farm Prices and Purchasing Power

Table with columns for Wisconsin and United States, and rows for various farm products and purchasing power indices from 1910 to 1935. Includes sub-headers for 'Index Numbers of Wisconsin Farm Prices' and 'Index Numbers of United States Farm Prices'.

1Prepared by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture. 2Includes potatoes, tobacco, canning peas, and clover seed. 3Includes dry beans, flaxseed, hay, dry peas, sugar beets, and wool. 4New indexes of prices paid by Wisconsin farmers for commodities bought for use in farm production and family maintenance reported quarterly for March, June, September, and December. Indexes for other months are interpolations from the quarterly data. 5The ratio of the Wisconsin index of prices received to the Wisconsin index of prices paid for commodities farmers buy. 6The ratio of the index of Wisconsin milk prices to the Wisconsin index of prices paid for commodities farmers buy, 1912-14=100. 7These index numbers are based on retail prices paid by United States farmers for commodities used in living and production, reported quarterly for March, June, September, and December, revised. Indexes for other months are interpolations from the quarterly data. 8Purchasing power of the farmer's dollar expressed as the ratio of the index of prices received to the revised index of prices paid for commodities farmers buy. 9Preliminary.

October 1934, and showed about the usual seasonal increase over September shipments.

Lamb feeding in the United States will be smaller this year than last. Present indications are that most of the decrease will be in the Corn Belt States, and that the number fed in the Western States, including Texas, may be little different from last year.

STOCKS OF WHEAT IN INTERIOR MILLS AND ELEVATORS

In Wisconsin stocks of wheat in interior mills, elevators and warehouses are estimated to have been 90,000 bushels on October 1, 1935 compared with 75,000 bushels a year earlier. Stocks of wheat in interior mills, elevators, and warehouses in the United States are estimated to have been 103,382,000 bushels on October 1, which is about 11 percent below stocks of a year ago. As compared with a year ago, stocks in this position are generally greater in the Eastern States and in the Northern Corn Belt, but are smaller in

the Pacific Northwest and in the Southern Great Plains.

FARM PRICES IN WISCONSIN

AT 108 percent of the pre-war level for October, the index of prices received for Wisconsin farm products is at one of the highest points since 1930. While the index remains unchanged from last month it is 21 points above a year ago. Increases were reported in the prices of milk, eggs, and all of the grains except corn. In the livestock group sharp declines in hog and beef cattle prices more than offset some upturns in prices of milk cows, sheep, and lambs.

About the usual seasonal increase occurred in milk prices from September to October bringing the average to \$1.32 per hundred pounds for October. Prices in all outlets except city market milk rose 5 cents per hundredweight. The current demand for cheese has evidently brought milk for cheese making to the same price as milk utilized by condenseries. Milk made into butter averaged 8 cents per hundredweight below that used in cheese.

While milk, poultry products and grain

prices rose considerably, declines in price occurred in livestock and other groups. Purchasing power of the Wisconsin farm dollar for October remains unchanged from September at 89 percent of prewar, which is a gain of 19 points from last year.

United States Farm Prices

A gain of 2 points in the index of farm prices received for the country as a whole brought the index of prices received to 109 percent of pre-war for October, which is the highest point since 1930. Gains were made in nearly all price groups except meat animals. The greatest increases occurred in the truck crops and poultry products groups although strength was shown in the grain, cotton and cottonseed, and dairy products groups as well. The index of prices paid for products bought by farmers remained unchanged at 123 percent of pre-war for October. The purchasing power of farm commodities rose from 87 percent of pre-war for September to 89 percent in October.

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THE FALL PIG CROP in Wisconsin this year is estimated at 816,000 head, an increase of 38 percent from the fall pig crop of 591,000 head a year ago and an increase of 3.5 percent from the 1930-34 average. This is the largest fall pig crop since 1932, but it is 10.9 percent smaller than the fall crop of 1931, which was the largest during the 5-year period. The combined spring and fall pig crop of 1935 is 6.5 percent larger than the combined 1934 crop but it is 9.8 percent below the 5-year average. The number of sows farrowed in the fall season of 1935 is estimated at 124,000 head, an increase of 35 percent from the number farrowed in the fall of 1934 and 2.3 percent above the 5-year average. Although the average size of litter this fall was larger than in 1934, being 6.58 pigs per litter compared with 6.42 a year ago, the increase in the pig crop this fall is primarily the result of an increase in the number of sows farrowing.

For the United States the fall pig crop is estimated at 20,272,000 head, an increase of 4,750,000 head, or 30.6 percent over the number saved in the fall of 1934, but a decrease of 27 percent from the average number for the five years, 1929-33. The greater part of the increase was in the North Central (Corn Belt) States and was relatively greatest in the Western Corn Belt. The increase in this area amounted to 4,112,000 head, or 42.2 percent. The percentage increases in other areas were North Atlantic 18.3, South Atlantic 5.6, South Central 8.1, and Western 31.2. The number of sows farrowed in the fall season of 1935 is estimated at 3,344,000 head, an increase of 25.9 percent over the number farrowed in the fall of 1934. The average number of pigs saved per litter this fall was 6.06 compared with 5.84 in the fall of 1934. Although the average size of litter this fall was 3.8 percent larger than a year ago, the increase in the fall pig crop was mostly the result of increased farrowings.

The combined spring and fall pig crop of 1935 for the United States is estimated at 50,674,000 head, a decrease of 2,655,000 head, or 5.0 percent from the combined crop of 1934. In the Corn Belt States the combined pig crop of 1935 of 37,566,000 head was 2,678,000 head or 6.7 percent smaller than that of 1934. Nearly all of the decrease in the Corn Belt was in the States west of the Mississippi River. In the North Atlantic and South Atlantic areas the combined pig crop of 1935 was larger than that of 1934.

MORE SOWS BRED FOR NEXT SPRING

In Wisconsin the number of sows bred for farrowing in the spring season of 1936 is estimated at 285,000 head. This is an increase of 28 percent over the small number farrowed in the spring of 1934 and is equal to the farrowing in the spring of 1931, the largest of the past five years, and slightly above the average for the Corn Belt.

In the United States the number of sows to farrow in the spring season of 1936 (Dec. 1, 1935 to June 1, 1936) is estimated at 6,220,000 head. This is an increase of 23.9 percent over the very small number farrowed in the spring season of 1935, but is 4 percent smaller than the number farrowed in the spring of 1934 and 29.2 percent below the spring average of 1932 and 1933. There is a wide variation among States and regions in the increases estimated for next spring, although increases are indicated in all States. The largest increases are in the Western Corn Belt States where the 1934

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drought drastically reduced hog production in 1935.

These estimates of 1936 spring farrowing are based upon an interpretation of the breeding intentions reported about December 1, which assumes that the relationship between breeding intentions this year and subsequent farrowings in most States will be about the same as in recent years prior to 1934.

The large increase in the number of sows to farrow in the spring season of 1936 will come largely from gilts from the small 1935 spring pig crop. This situation is reflected in the December pig survey returns which show the ratio of sows bred for spring farrow to all hogs over 6 months old on December 1 to be the largest ever shown in the 13 years covered by these surveys. The survey also reflects the delayed marketing of the 1935 spring pig crop in that the percentage decrease in hogs over 6 months of age on December 1 this year from last year is considerably smaller than the percentage decrease in the 1935 spring pig crop from that of 1934.

Fall weather in Wisconsin on the whole has been favorable to the pig crop. The season has been somewhat drier than normal and during September and October weather conditions were rather uniform. November was a cold month, but the fall pigs by that time had made sufficient growth so that it was not serious.

The supply of feed grains in Wisconsin is sufficient for liberal feeding of all livestock. With a corn crop larger than last year and the 5-year average, there is ample for the feeding of hogs during the winter and spring seasons. Prices of feed are favorable relative to the higher prices of pork and the hog-corn ratio is the most favorable since March of 1933.

The estimated pig crops beginning with 1930 are shown in the accompanying table.

SPRING AND FALL PIG CROPS (1930-1936) (000 omitted)

| WISCONSIN | Spring | | Fall | |
|-----------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| | Sows Farrowed | Pigs Saved | Sows Farrowed | Pigs Saved |
| 1930 | 266 | 1,726 | 121 | 793 |
| 1931 | 285 | 1,872 | 141 | 916 |
| 1932 | 271 | 1,691 | 127 | 833 |
| 1933 | 255 | 1,637 | 125 | 808 |
| 1934 | 237 | 1,505 | 92 | 591 |
| 1935 | 223 | 1,416 | 124 | 816 |
| 1936 | 285* | --- | --- | --- |

| CORN BELT** (12 North Central States) | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| 1930 | 6,782 | 40,503 | 2,815 | 17,277 |
| 1931 | 7,340 | 44,300 | 3,299 | 20,170 |
| 1932 | 6,916 | 39,885 | 3,474 | 21,443 |
| 1933 | 7,090 | 41,867 | 3,612 | 21,493 |
| 1934 | 5,165 | 30,493 | 1,634 | 9,751 |
| 1935 | 3,848 | 23,703 | 2,245 | 13,863 |
| 1936 | 4,854 | --- | --- | --- |
| UNITED STATES | | | | |
| 1930 | 8,300 | 49,457 | 4,049 | 24,647 |
| 1931 | 8,913 | 53,662 | 4,721 | 28,739 |
| 1932 | 8,695 | 50,342 | 5,040 | 30,668 |
| 1933 | 8,877 | 52,089 | 5,020 | 29,668 |
| 1934 | 6,473 | 37,807 | 2,657 | 15,522 |
| 1935 | 5,021 | 30,402 | 3,344 | 20,272 |
| 1936 | 6,220 | --- | --- | --- |

* Estimates based on intentions of farmers as reported in the December pig survey and subject to revision.

** Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas.

Weather Summary, November, 1935

| Station | Temperature Degrees Fahrenheit | | | | Precipitation Inches | | |
|----------------|--------------------------------|---------|------|--------|----------------------|--------|---|
| | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Normal | Nor. 1935 | Normal | Accumulative excess or deficiency since January 1 |
| Duluth..... | 22 | 37 | 23.2 | 30.0 | 1.00 | 1.45 | +1.40 |
| Escanaba..... | 9 | 50 | 32.2 | 33.1 | 2.35 | 2.13 | -5.69 |
| Minneapolis... | 5 | 50 | 28.6 | 32.4 | 0.69 | 1.27 | +0.22 |
| La Crosse..... | 13 | 53 | 33.0 | 35.2 | 1.75 | 1.56 | +7.03 |
| Green Bay..... | 13 | 55 | 33.6 | 34.0 | 1.53 | 1.26 | -6.56 |
| Dubuque..... | 10 | 60 | 34.7 | 37.0 | 3.44 | 1.70 | +0.13 |
| Madison..... | 13 | 56 | 34.0 | 35.2 | 2.83 | 1.78 | -3.72 |
| Milwaukee..... | 14 | 59 | 37.8 | 37.3 | 3.43 | 1.77 | +0.63 |

WISCONSIN DECEMBER DAIRY REPORT

Unusually large seasonal declines in milk production which have taken place since September 1, continued throughout November, contrasted with a rather steady flow of milk during November in past years. Milk production per cow in herd declined less than 1 percent from a year ago, while the number of cows per farm declined 4 percent from last year. The production of milk per farm averaging 173 pounds for December 1 was 4.5 percent below a year earlier.

With the milk-feed ratio very favorable for feeding this year, the amount of feed fed per cow, in herd of dairy reporters, was 3.39 pounds, a gain of 40 percent above last year. In November 100 pounds of milk would buy 139 pounds of feed. This is the highest ratio which has existed since December 1933 and should result in some increases in milk production in coming months. The percentage of calves being raised as reported by dairy correspondents continues above last year. Data on milk production for Wisconsin and the United States are shown in the accompanying table:

Farm and Market Prices for Milk and Dairy Products¹

Table with columns: Year, PRICES PAID PRODUCERS, WISCONSIN, UNITED STATES, WHOLESALE PRICES OF DAIRY PRODUCTS, WISCONSIN DAIRY RATION COST. Rows include years 1910-1935 and monthly data for 1934-1935.

1 For monthly quotations prior to 1932 and detailed information regarding sources on all commodities except condensed milk and milk used for butter, see Bulletins 90, 120, and 140, Wisconsin Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

2 Quotations refer to the 15th of the month as reported by Wisconsin and United States price reporters. Annual prices, except the Wisconsin farm butter price, are weighted averages of monthly data.

3 All annual quotations are straight averages of monthly prices.

4 Wholesale price of 92-score butter at Chicago.

5 Wholesale prices on the Wisconsin cheese exchange. Prior to April, 1926 prices were quoted on daisies, thereafter on twins.

Averages of weekly quotations on No. 1 round Swiss at Monroe, Wisconsin as published in the Green County Herald.

6 Averages of weekly quotations at Monroe, Wisconsin from the Green County Herald.

7 Wholesale prices of advertised brands per case of 48 tall cans. Prices from 1910 to 1920, incl. are manufacturer's prices as published in Federal Trade Commission Report on Milk and Milk Products.

8 Prices of American cheese (twins) on the Wisconsin Cheese Exchange at Plymouth divided by the price of 92-score butter at Chicago, as published in this table to 1920, but following that basic prices are carried further decimally.

9 Value of 1000 pounds of grains and concentrates in a typical dairy ration for Wisconsin.

10 Pounds of feed grains and other concentrates in typical Wisconsin dairy ration which could be purchased with 100 pounds of milk.

*Preliminary.

MILK PRODUCTION

Table showing Milk Production for Wisconsin and United States, comparing Dec 1 1935, Dec 1 1934, and Dec 1 1935-32 average.

UNITED STATES MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production on December 1 was still rather light for that season of the year because of the decrease in the number of milk cows last winter...

ing a very sharp decrease in production during September and October, towards the close of the pasturage season, there was only about the usual seasonal decline in milk production during November...

EGG PRODUCTION

Egg production on Wisconsin farms on December 1, as reported by crop correspondents, was 3.5 percent larger than

it was a year ago and about 42 percent above the 1928-1932 average. Although there was a slight increase in the rate of laying per 100 hens and pullets...

In the United States the number of layers in farm flocks on December 1 was between 1 and 2 percent greater than in 1934.



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