

United States Crop Report.

The October returns to the Washington department of agriculture make the general condition of corn 95.5 per cent. against 96.4 for the month of September. In most of the southern states the condition has fallen since last report. The averages of addition in the large and surplus corn growing states are as follows: Tennessee 99; Kentucky 99; Ohio 87; Michigan 89; Indiana 92; Illinois 99; Wisconsin 87; Minnesota 94; Iowa 96; Missouri 111; Kansas 80; Nebraska 50.

The returns of yield per acre of wheat indicate the production of 12.5 bushels per acre, being 6-10 of a bushel less than the preliminary estimate of a year ago.

The rate of yield of wheat per acre in the important winter and spring wheat states is as follows. New York 18.1; Pennsylvania 15; Ohio 12; Michigan 12; Indiana 9; Illinois 11; Wisconsin 15; Minnesota 19; Iowa 18.8; Missouri 12; Kansas 7.5; Nebraska 12; South Dakota 10.3; North Dakota 19; Washington 14; Oregon 20; California 10. The average quality of the crop is low, being represented by 85.7, as compared with 93.6 a year ago.

The preliminary estimate of the yield of oats is 29.6 bushels per acre; of rye 14.4; barley 26.4.

Winnipeg Clearing House.

Clearings for the week ending October 17, were \$1,605,016; balances, \$228,520. For the previous week clearings were \$1,728,674. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were \$1,421,321. For the month of September clearings were \$4,008,906, as compared with \$3,975,406 for Sept last year.

Following are the returns of other Canadian clearing houses for the weeks ended on the dates given:

	Oct. 10.	Oct. 3.
Montreal..	\$11,923,006	\$11,732,599
Toronto...	6,687,751	5,737,929
Halifax...	1,318,285	1,282,084
Winnipeg.	1,728,614	1,170,887
Hamilton.	802,819	667,178
Total	\$22,460,355	\$20,541,568

Silver.

The long expected advance in silver has at last come, almost without warning. The advance has been from 30½d. to 31½d. per ounce in London, and from 67½c. to 69 to 69½c. in New York. Another feature is the revival of dealings in the silver bullion storage certificates, which have been traded in on the Stock Exchange to the amount of 366,000 ounces at from 67½c. to 69½c. Silver prices on Oct. 11 were: London, 31½d. New York, 69 to 69½c.

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