

Ontario Crops.

The following statistics of the principal field crops of Ontario for 1916 shows the acreage, as compiled from individual returns made by farmers to the Ontario Bureau of Industries, and the yields as estimated by a large and experienced staff of correspondents, who give probable yields according to conditions on August 10, 1916.

Fall wheat—704,867 acres will produce 15,684,923 bushels, or 22.2 per acre, as against 811,185 acres, 24,737,011 bushels and 30.5 in 1915; 685,692 acres yielded 14,333,548 bushels and 20.9 in 1914. The annual average for 34 years, 1882-1915, was 21.3.

Spring wheat—144,305 acres, 259,257 bushels or 17.7 per acre, as against 162,142 acres, 3,439,949 bushels or 21.2 per acre in 1915; 118,607 acres, 2,169,425 bushels or 18.3 per acre in 1914. Average 16.1.

Barley — 527,886 acres, 13,748,158 bushels or 26.0 per acre, as against 522,318 acres, 19,893,129 bushels and 36.0 in 1915; 579,473 acres, 18,096,754 bushels or 31.2 per acre. Average, 28.1.

Oats — 2,689,762 acres, 77,974,156 bushels or 29.0 per acre, as against 2,871,755 acres, 120,217,952 bushels or 41.9 in 1915; 2,776,883 acres, 103,564,322 bushels or 37.3 in 1914. Average, 35.9.

Rye — 148,738 acres, 2,594,253 bushels or 17.4 per acre, as against 173,736 acres, 3,210,512 bushels and 18.5 in 1915; 138,913 acres, 2,315,532 bushels or 16.7 in 1914. Average, 16.5.

Peas — 95,542 acres, 1,444,406 bushels or 15.1 per acre, as against 126,943 acres, 2,043,049 bushels and 16.1 in 1915; 177,856 acres, 2,609,585 bushels or 14.7 per acre in 1914. Average 19.1.

Beans—53,999 acres, 740,719 bushels or 13.7 per acre, as against 62,865 acres, 882,819 bushels or 14.0 per acre; 51,149 acres, 835,895 bushels or 16.3 in 1914. Average, 17.0.

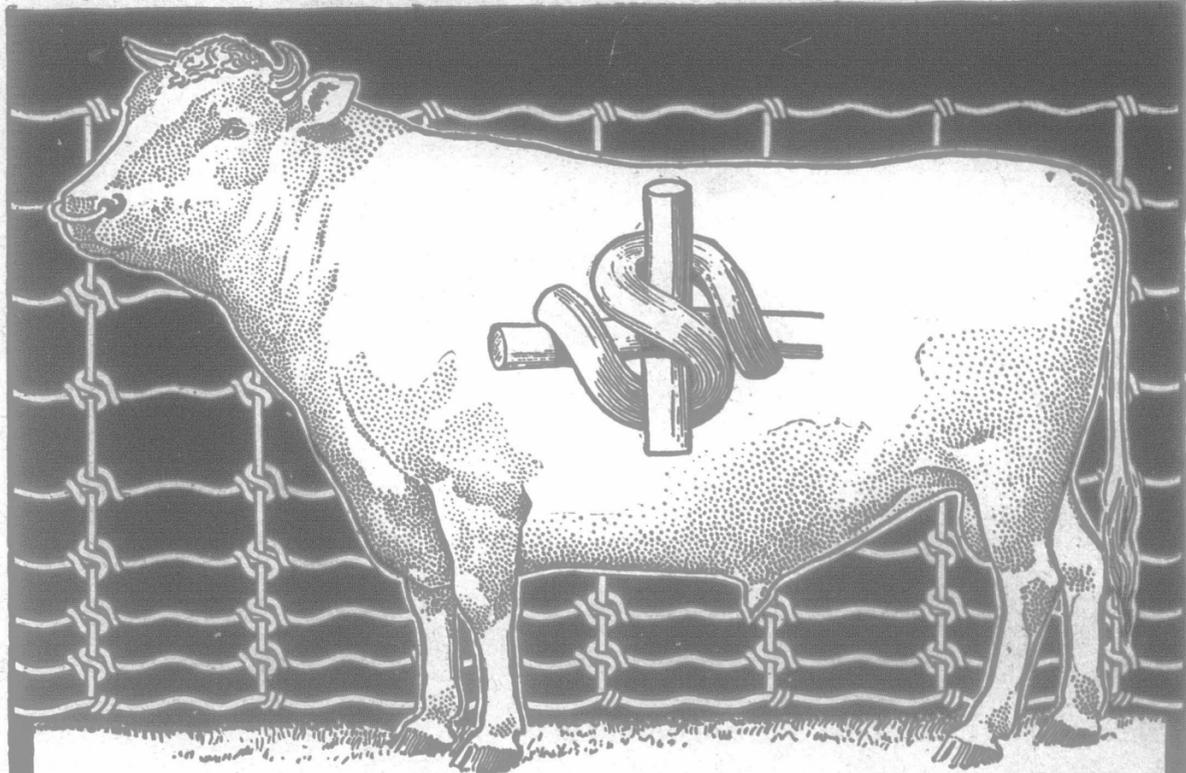
Hay and clover (not including alfalfa) —3,294,419 acres, 6,739,259 tons or 2.05 per acre, as against 3,066,468 acres, 3,825,026 tons and 1.25 in 1915. Average, 1.43.

The acreages in other crops for which no estimates as to yield have been made at this date are as follows: buckwheat, 229,205, against 193,497 in 1915; corn for husking, 258,332 and 309,773; corn for silo, 439,411 and 443,736; potatoes, 139,523 and 173,934; mangel wurzels, 42,793 and 50,799; sugar beets, 22,482 and 22,890; carrots, 2,391 and 2,439; turnips, 91,670 and 97,451; mixed grains, 485,986 and 475,738; alfalfa, 177,565 and 165,284.

There are 3,409,581 acres of cleared land devoted to pasture; 331,736 in summer-fallow; 280,653 in orchard; 22,817 in small fruits; 9,807 in vineyard; 57,107 in farm gardens; 38,566 in rape; 5,880 in flax; 7,997 in tobacco, (Essex 5,826, Kent 1,444).

All classes of orchard trees made a fine show of bloom, but frequent and heavy rains then washed off much of the pollen, and the setting of fruit was more or less a disappointment. Apples will be comparatively light in yield, more especially the winter varieties. There has been much "dropping" during the summer, and considerable scab has been complained of. Pears have done relatively better, but will be only about half a crop. Statements regarding the yields of peaches range from poor to good; the crop will probably be about a medium. Cherries were almost a failure. The sour varieties did much better than the sweeter sorts. Grapes will be a good crop where properly looked after. Strawberries started out with promise of a great yield, but fell off with the drouth. Raspberries were more or less a failure, much of the fruit drying on the canes owing to the intense heat and drouth of July, but currants did better.

Pastures were of the best until the drouth began to tell about the latter part of July. Later on most of the fields, especially in Western Ontario, were browned by the continued drouth, and in some quarters cattle on the grass had to be helped out by hay or other extra feed. Notwithstanding this drawback, and the extremely warm temperature prevailing during the summer, live stock generally are in good condition—somewhat thin, but hearty. It is thought that there will be plenty of



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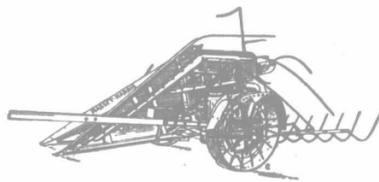
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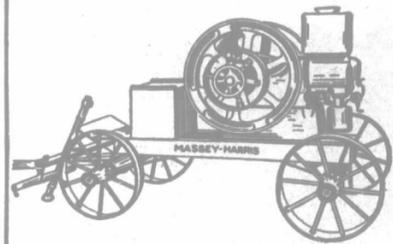
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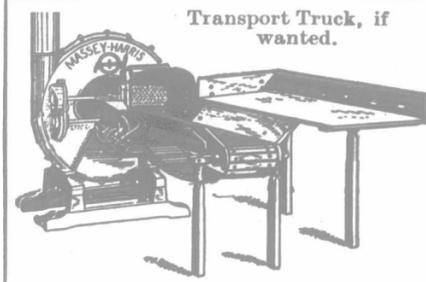
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