

Both are Necessary

Ed. The Dairyman and Farming World,—I have been much interested in your articles on free rural mail delivery, also in the articles that you have published regarding the telephone. It seems to me that both of these are necessary in every farm home. Although we live within a distance of a mile and a quarter of the post office, I am sure we would all appreciate the convenience of having our mail delivered at our gate. I do not presume to understand all the pros and cons in connection with the expense that would be necessary to bring about a free rural delivery system, but so far as my personal knowledge is concerned, I believe that it would prove highly satisfactory.

We had occasion to visit some friends in New York state last fall. There they have both the telephone and the free rural mail delivery service. They seemed well pleased with both, and are not backward about expressing themselves regarding these. They have no desire to go back to the old system of having to drive to town for their mail.

We are much pleased with the change in your paper, and we wish you every success. It is a paper that should be in every farm house in Canada. Trusting that we and many of our neighbors will be enjoying the free rural mail service, and have the telephone in our homes in the near future, I remain,—Jas. McLachlan, Wellington Co., Ont.

Conditions of Crops in United States

The Crop Reporting Board of the Bureau of Statistics, of the Department of Agriculture, finds, from reports of correspondents and agents of the Bureau, as follows:

The preliminary estimate of the acreage planted in corn is 100,996,000 acres, an increase of 1,065,000 acres, or 1.1 per cent., as compared with the final estimate of the acreage planted last year. The average condition of the corn crop on July 1st was 82.8 per cent. of a normal, as compared with 80.2 on July 1, 1907; 87.5 on July 1, 1906; 85.6, the ten year average on July 1.

The average condition of spring wheat, on July 1, was 83.4 per cent. of a normal, as compared with 95.0 last month; 87.2 on July 1, 1907; 91.4 on July 1, 1906; and 87.6, the ten year average on July 1.

The average condition of winter wheat at time of harvest was 80.6, as compared with 86.0 on June 1, 78.3 at harvest 1907; 85.6 in 1906; and 80.3, the average at time of harvest for the past ten years.

The average condition on July 1, of spring and winter wheat combined was 85.9, as compared with 89.4 last month; 81.6 on July 1, 1907; 87.8 on July 1, 1906, and 82.0 the ten year average.

The amount of wheat remaining on farms on July 1, is estimated at 5.3 per cent. of last year's crop, equivalent to 35,707,000 bushels, as compared with 54,853,000 on July 1, 1907, and 49,012,000, the average for the past ten years of the amount on farms on July 1st.

The average condition of the oats crop on July 1, was 85.7, as compared with 92.9 last month, 81.0 on July 1, 1907; 84.0 on July 1, 1906; 92.1 on July 1, 1905; and 87.5, the ten year average on July 1.

The average condition of barley on July 1, was 86.2 per cent. of a normal, as compared with 89.2 last month, 84.4 on July 1, 1907; 92.5 on July 1, 1906, and 88.3 the ten year average on July 1.

The acreage of tobacco is estimated as 757,000 acres, that is, 7.0 per cent., or 58,000 acres less than last year. The condition of the crop on July 1

was 86.6 per cent. of a normal, as compared with 81.3 on July 1, 1907; 86.7 on July 1, 1906, and 86.0, the ten year average on July 1.

The acreage of flax is estimated as 2,657,000 acres; that is, 7.2 per cent., or 207,000 acres less than last year. The condition of the crop on July 1 was 92.5 per cent. of a normal, as compared with 91.2 on July 1, 1907; 93.2 on July 1, 1906, and 90.0, the average on July 1 for five years.

The average condition of the hay crop on July 1 was 92.6 per cent. of a normal, as compared with 96.8 last month, and approximately 82 per cent. on July 1, 1907. The condition of timothy on July 1, was 90.2 per cent., as compared with 82.2 on July 1, 1907, and 86.0 the ten year average on July 1; clover 95.5 on July 1, as compared with 76.4 on July 1, 1907, and 84.0, the ten year average on July 1.

C. G. Clark,
Acting Chief of Bureau, Chairman.

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