

REPORTS ON ONTARIO CROPS

The following statement regarding crop conditions in Ontario has been issued by the Department of Agriculture:
FALL WHEAT—This crop received a partial setback in April from alternate dews which killed out an estimated to be about one-third of the crop. Leaving many fields very patchy. This handicap was fall wheat has not done so well as the standing of recent years is the matter of general yield. The crop, also, has been very uneven in ripening, and has been suffering, mainly in the south about two weeks later than the very early cut of last year. Some were caught by showery weather at the time of cutting, and several reports were made of some of the crop sprouting in the shock, but the bulk of the grain is reported to be of fair quality. The straw is of medium length, and there are more complaints of rust than usual. Yields range from 10 to 35 bushels per acre. The Lake Erie counties are the poorest of the fall wheat districts so far as yield and general conditions are concerned.
BARLEY—There will be a fair yield of plump barley in nearly every county in the province.
OATS—Oats have developed into a first-class crop. Although the straw is hardly up to the standard in length it is usually clean and presentable, while the heads are well filled and give a good yield.
PEAS—Peas are doing better this year as the average than for several seasons, although the yields are very uneven. From 10 to 20 bushels an acre, some of the crop having been affected by the wet weather, followed by the intense heat early in August. A portion of the crop is yet green, and pulling is expected to continue from the 12th of August into the first week of September.
BEANS—It is estimated that the crop will be about an average.
RYE—There has been a fair crop of hay of good quality, notwithstanding the wide range of yield. Timothy is said to have been relatively better than clover.
GRASS—The early crop will likely be the poorest for years, for while some favorable reports have been made most of the season, rather than unfavorable. The weather at the time of planting was too wet and cold for the best results, and much of the seed rotted or otherwise failed to germinate, necessitating considerable replanting. A period of drought early in the growing season, and prolonged hot and cool weather following, have combined to check the growth of the plant, and the crop at present is backward in appearance. In some of the western counties the white grub also did some injury to corn.
TOBACCO—This is likely to be a poor crop, especially on low land.
POTATOES—Prospects of a good yield are most promising.
FRUIT—There will be a fairly fall yield of fall apples, but the better class of winter varieties will be rather scarce. San Jose scale and caterpillars are still complained of, but very little mention is made of scab. Pears will range from poor to fair in yield. Plums will be a fair crop, and the yield of cherries upon the whole has been a good one. Grapes give promise of a large yield, although considered a little late in growth this season. Small fruits with the exception of strawberries, which suffered from drought, have done well.
STRAWBERRIES—Plantings were very dry in July, but August rains have greatly revived them, and at present they are green and inviting.
FARM LABOR—Farm labor is reported to be as scarce or scarcer than ever. Wages range from \$1.35 to \$1.50 a day, and from \$20 to \$40 a month, with board.

Ontario Crop Statistics—August Forecast

The following statement of the principal field crops of Ontario for 1912 show the acreage as compiled from individual reports 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 10th, 1912.

FALL WHEAT—759,868 acres will produce 14,626,499 bush., or 19.3 per acre as against 12,922,282 acres, 17,265,986 bush. and 21.4 in 1911. Annual average for 30 years, 17,879,855 bush. and 21.0.
SPRING WHEAT—153,000 acres, 2,810,571 bush., or 18.3 per acre as against 135,711 acres, 2,286,534 bush. and 17 1/2 in 1911. Average 14.9.

BARLEY—647,325 acres, 18,938,497 bush., or 29.3 per acre as against 61,977 acres, 16,586,339 bush. and 26.3 in 1911. Average 27.7.
OATS—2,601,735 acres, 95,115,119 bush., or 36.5 per acre as against 2,699,530 acres, 94,829,232 bush. and 31.4 in 1911. Average 35.2.
RYE—105,949 acres, 1,861,875 bush., or 17.6 per acre as against 92,652 acres, 1,569,971 bush. and 16.9 in 1911. Average 16.4.
PEAS—221,524 acres, 4,106,863 bush., or 18.5 per acre as against 204,491 acres, 4,462,182 bush. and 14.7 in 1911. Average 19.3.
BEANS—49,703 acres, 1,303,430 bush., or 17.3 per acre as against 45,568 acres, 698,212 bush. and 17.4 in 1911. Average 17.2.
RAY AND CLOVER—3,177,410 acres, 4,766,022 tons, or 1.5 per acre as against 3,301,469 acres, 4,238,362 tons and 1.29 in 1911. Average 1.45. Area in 1911 included alfalfa.

The acreages in other crops for which no estimates as to yield have been made at this date are as follows: Buckwheat, 296,893, against 393,039 in 1911; corn for husking, 391,251 and 308,350; corn for silo, 377,982 and 335,932; potatoes, 185,886 and 162,457; mango-warrers, 42,163 and 64,885; sugar beets, 21,654 and 24,664; carrots, 2,742 and 3,207; turnips, 101,259 and 100,593; mixed grains, 446,403 and 486,111; alfalfa, 189,859 (included in 1911 with hay and clover).

There are 3,062,671 acres of cleared land devoted to pasture, 278,652 in summer fallow; 310,956 in orchard; 24,609 in small fruits; 11,624 in vineyard; 55,716 in farm gardens; 44,830 in flax; 9,125 in flax; 10,749 in tobacco (Essex 5,665, Kent 5,132).

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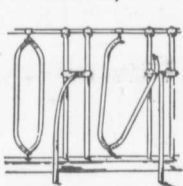
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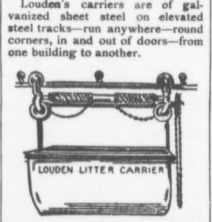
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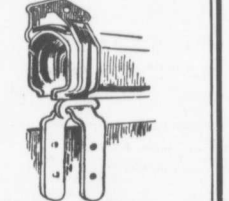


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