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TELEGRAPHIC CROP REPORT

Ottawa, June 26, 1930, 4 p.m.- With the valued co-operation of agriculturists of the Dominion Department of Agriculture and of the statisticians of the Provincial Departments of Agriculture, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today the second of a series of twelve weekly telegraphic reports on the crop situation.

General Conditions.

In Manitoba conditions continue favourable. Warm weather with showers has promoted growth of grains. Early wheat is in shot blade, and in southern Manitoba many fields are heading. Some hail damage is reported from central and southeastern districts. Cutworm damage is decreasing. Pastures are good and livestock are improving.

During the past week heavy rains brought about a general improvement in crop growth in northern and eastern Saskatchewan. In the rest of the province rain is still badly needed, particularly in central and southern districts, where the wheat production is largest. On the whole, crops are rather backward, considering the early seeding. High winds occurred in several districts, but little further damage from drifting is reported. Some re-seeding has been done, mostly to coarse grains. Damage from cutworms continues in some parts. Plants are remarkably free from disease. Pastures and livestock are fair.

Central, northern and western Alberta received heavy rains during the past week, which have materially improved crop prospects. South of Calgary present moisture requirements have been met, but there is no reserve. In southern Alberta little change in crop conditions is reported, though light showers have occurred at many points. Some re-seeding has been done in central and eastern Alberta, where damage from wind was great. The Peace River district reports ample moisture.

Reports from Correspondents.

Manitoba

Department of Agriculture,
Winnipeg

Crops looking well. Early wheat in shot blade. Some nice showers lately but water still low in sloughs. Considerable hail in few places. Cutworms numerous, damaging gardens and some fields. Hay prospects fair to good but last year's drouth reduced sweet clover acreage. Animals improving.

Experimental Farm,
Brandon.

Weather warmer and particularly favourable. Crops making rapid growth. Weeds are preventing best growth of crops in some districts. Hail did some damage in a few districts in central and south eastern part of province. Cutworm damage checked by rains.

Experimental Station,
Morden.

Wheat in shot blade, many fields heading. Barley and oats thick in stand, growth excellent, corn and roots backward. Heat will help localize damage from cutworms and soil drifting will be helped by late rains. Some hail damage has been reported. Hay crop looks well, growth excellent, pastures above average.

Saskatchewan

Department of Agriculture,
Regina.

Crops in many parts of the province have benefited by rains during the past fortnight. These rains came mostly on the 13th, 14th and on the 20th of the month. The amount of soil moisture varies considerably in different parts of the province. While in some places sufficient moisture for the present is reported, there are many places, particularly in the southern and central parts of the province where more rain is needed and in many other districts there is far from being sufficient to allay anxiety. Crops in the south central, south western, central and west central parts of the province are only fair. In the northern and in the eastern portions of the province they appear to be better. On the whole they seem to be somewhat backward considering the early date of seeding and as in previous reports many express the need for warm weather as well as rain. Fall rye is coming into head but is generally only a fair crop. Sweet clover varies from only fair to good. Cutworms continue to do damage in some fields and gardens and the total losses from this source will be greater than usual. High winds are reported in several districts, but during the past two weeks very little damage from drifting has resulted. Many of the blown fields have been reseeded, some to wheat, but the greater portion to coarse grains. The plants so far have been very free from disease, although a few cases of root rot are reported in scattered areas. About fifty per cent of the summer-fallow is completed, with the land in good shape but inclined to be dry. Pastures and live stock are fair and are improving.

Experimental Station,
Rosthern.

Inch and quarter rain from 19th to 22nd has saved the grain situation for present and very much improved pastures and hay. Recovery from soil drifting, except where totally blown out, reduces total damage to about fifteen per cent. Wheat and early oats and barley in shot blade.

Experimental Station,
Scott.

General improvement in all crop growth has occurred during the past week when $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches of rain fell, followed by good growing weather. Fields of grain seriously damaged by soil drifting have not recovered but otherwise grain is somewhat better than this date last year.

Alberta

Department of Agriculture,
Edmonton.

Heavy rains have improved crop prospects over central districts. Eastern Alberta damage from blowing 40 per cent. Some reseeded. South of Calgary good, though no reserve moisture. Western and northern parts receiving heavy rains. Vermillion reports 7.4 inches in eleven days. Insect injury above normal. Hay and pasture doing well. Sugar beets good stand, thinning completed.

Experimental Station and
Supervisor of Illustration Stations,
Lethbridge.

Little change in crop conditions southern Alberta during past week. Showers have occurred at many points but in most cases have been light. Early seeded stubble land seriously injured in many districts but summer-fallow fields still fair. Moisture condition in grain-growing area nearer the foothills good.

Experimental Sub-station,
Beaverlodge, June 20.

Persistently cloudy weather since May 24, with 2.71 inches rain in May and 2.62 to date in June has given moisture reserve but retarded growth somewhat. Some yellowing in low spots,, also some wireworm and cutworm damage but general prospect excellent.

British Columbia

Supervisor of Illustration Stations,
Vancouver.

Coast cool with frequent showers. Crops now need sunshine and heat. Hay crop heavy, cutting started. Pastures excellent. Early potatoes delayed by frost in May. Light crop of strawberries. Rain in southern interior relieved expected irrigation water shortage. Fruit crops well advanced with good prospects. Alfalfa heavy. Ranges in fine shape and live stock in prime condition. Crops generally backward in central British Columbia.



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