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TELEGRAPHIC CROP REPORT

Ottawa, September 5, 1934, 4 p.m.- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issued to-day the last of a series of 15 weekly telegraphic reports covering crop conditions in the three Prairie Provinces. Forty-two correspondents distributed over the agricultural area supply the information on which the reports are based. Most of these correspondents are agriculturists of the Dominion and Provincial Departments of Agriculture but in Manitoba and Alberta, a number of selected private observers and grain men also co-operate in this service. The Meteorological Service of Canada, Toronto, supplies the official weather data.

SUMMARY

Harvesting is well advanced throughout the Prairie Provinces in spite of delays occasioned during the past week by light to heavy rains received over wide areas of the west. Threshing is nearly completed in southern Manitoba but there is considerable threshing still to be completed in northern districts. In Saskatchewan wheat cutting is nearing completion in central and southern areas and in the northern districts only ten to fifteen per cent of the wheat crop is still standing. In southern Saskatchewan about sixty-five per cent of the wheat crop is threshed. A smaller amount of threshing is completed in central areas and about ten per cent is finished in northern districts. In Alberta harvesting is well advanced in southern districts with about thirty per cent of threshing completed. Cutting is nearing completion in central areas and threshing is under way. Good progress has been made with wheat cutting in northern Alberta but practically no threshing has been done. Frost damage is evident in central and northern Alberta and northern Saskatchewan where yields and grades have suffered.

MANITOBA.- Harvesting is more advanced in Manitoba than in either Saskatchewan or Alberta. Light to heavy showers were received throughout the province during the past week and threshing was interrupted. In southern Manitoba threshing is nearly completed and great variation in yields is reported. There is considerable threshing still to be completed in the northern part of the grain-growing area of the province. The rains of the past week improved the condition of the soil in some districts and facilitated fall cultivation. Fall tillage is dependent upon additional rains in many districts. Pastures have benefited to a limited extent as a result of recent rains, but the feed problem is acute in drought areas. There is evidence of frost damage to corn.

SASKATCHEWAN.- Harvesting proceeded rapidly in Saskatchewan until delayed by rains during the past week. Wheat cutting is nearing completion in the southern and central districts of the province with only about five per cent of the wheat crop still standing. Rapid progress has been made in the northern areas of the province where eighty-five to ninety per cent of the wheat crop has been cut. Harvesting of coarse grains is also well advanced. It is estimated that ninety-five per cent of the coarse grains crop has been cut in the southern part of the province; seventy five per cent in the central districts and about fifty per cent in the northern areas. There is a wide variation in the amount of threshing completed in the various parts of the province. In the southern part of the province about sixty-five per cent of threshing is completed. In central districts about thirty-five per cent of threshing is completed while threshing is just under way in northern areas. Frost damage is evident in northern Saskatchewan and both grade and yield will be reduced as a result. Very little fall ploughing has been done in Saskatchewan.

ALBERTA.- During the past week rains interrupted harvesting at many points in Alberta. In southern Alberta harvesting is well advanced in spite of recent delays. About thirty per cent of threshing is completed in the southern districts. In the Calgary district a few more fine days will be required to complete cutting and threshing is under way. In central Alberta cutting is well advanced but very little threshing has been done. Frost lowered yields and grades according to reports received from Lacombe, Camrose and Stettler. In northern Alberta rapid progress has been made with cutting. In the Edmonton district about eighty per cent of wheat cutting is completed and in the Athabasca district about seventy-five per cent of the wheat crop has been cut. Practically no threshing has been done in these areas. In the Peace River area wheat cutting is about half completed. Considerable wheat has been cut prematurely on account of frost danger.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORT

The Dominion Meteorological Service, Toronto, reports the following precipitation in the week ending Tuesday, September 4, at 7 a.m. (in inches):

Manitoba

Swan River	0.2
Emerson	0.2
Morden	0.3
Dauphin	0.4
Minnedosa	0.5
Cypress River	0.6
Boissevain	0.7
Winnipeg	0.8
Russell	0.9
Portage la Prairie	0.9
Pierson	0.9
Virden	1.0

Saskatchewan

Prince Albert	-0.1
Kindersley	-0.1
Elbow	-0.1
Outlook	-0.1
Shaunavon	-0.1
Yorkton	0.1
Moose Jaw	0.2
Battleford	0.2
Humboldt	0.2
Melfort	0.2
Assiniboia	0.2
Estevan	0.2
Macklin	0.3
Lloydminster	0.4
Consul	0.4
Swift Current	0.5
Moosomin	0.5
Yellow Grass	0.5
Qu'Appelle	0.7
Indian Head	0.9
Saskatoon	1.2
Broadview	1.3

Alberta

Edmonton	-0.1
Medicine Hat	-0.1
Fairview	-0.1
Empress	0.1
Vegreville	0.2
Drumheller	0.2
Beaverlodge	0.3
Macleod	0.3
Cardston	0.3
Foremost	0.3
Coronation	0.4
Red Deer	0.6
Stettler	0.6

Note: The minus signs denote less precipitation than amount indicated.

HAIL DAMAGE

Alberta.-

No damage from hail in Alberta in the past two weeks.

REPORTS OF CORRESPONDENTS

MANITOBA

Department of Agriculture, Winnipeg.

Threshing was delayed by weather latter part last week. Considerable threshing unfinished. Rain will aid soil condition. Corn somewhat frozen in some fields but not in others. Potato tops mostly escaped damage. Considerable ploughing done in south.

Dominion Experimental Station, Morden.

Point thirty-five inches of rainfall during week. Threshing practically completed. Wheat yielding from eight bushels to thirty per acre, averaging around thirteen bushels. Corn crop is short, ready for ensiling. Pastures drying up. Vegetable crop fair. Fruit crop very light. Moisture badly needed for ploughing.

Agricultural Representative, Carman.

Ninety per cent of threshing completed. Wheat average, around twenty; barley about eighteen; oats fifteen. Weather showery and cool, plenty of moisture for present. Gardens fair. Live stock doing well. Hoppers mostly disappeared.

Dominion Experimental Farm, Brandon.

Weather cool with rain of over three-quarters of an inch. This stopped threshing but gave encouragement to fall ploughing. Pastures also benefited. Leaves on corn cobs whitened by frost. Potatoes likely to be a poor crop. Considerable grain unthreshed in north.

MANITOBA - Cont'd.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Dauphin.

Broken weather past few days has delayed the finish of threshing. Weather cool with odd scattered showers. Stock improving on stubble and should go into winter in fair shape. Coarse grain will be scarce and do not anticipate many cattle will be stall fed. Fall tillage waiting on rain.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Teulon.

One inch and half rain August thirty-first has delayed threshing for few days but greatly added to soil moisture. Barley ninety per cent threshed; oats forty; wheat fifty. Yields wheat probably twenty-three to twenty-five bushels; barley forty; oats forty-five. Potato crop sixty per cent compared with 1933. Field crop and gardens touched with frost.

SASKATCHEWAN

Department of Agriculture, Regina.

Wheat cutting is nearing completion in the southern and central districts. Around five per cent remains to be cut in these sections. In the northern districts wheat cutting is also well advanced with only ten to fifteen per cent still standing. Cutting of coarse grains is also well advanced in the southern and central portions of the province. About ninety-five per cent is completed in the southern districts and about seventy-five per cent in the central districts. In the north somewhat better than half the coarse grain crop is cut. Favourable weather for harvesting and threshing prevailed until about the middle of last week when rains interfered with operations in most districts. There is a wide variation in the amount of threshing completed in different parts of the province. The south-eastern portion is most advanced in this respect while in the north threshing is just started. In the southern districts about sixty-five per cent of the wheat threshing is completed, about thirty-five in the central areas and between five and ten per cent in the north. A large portion of the coarse grains in the southern districts is being put up for fodder. There is a very wide variation in the yields in different fields but on the whole the average seems to be about as expected. Several frosts occurred during the past two weeks which injured many gardens and damaged late crops mostly in the northern section. The quality so far appears to be satisfactory but in many sections of the north it is feared that the recent frosts will affect the grades. Apart from the frost the crop has suffered little injury during the past two weeks. Very little fall ploughing has been done.

Dominion Experimental Farm, Indian Head.

Rain during week beneficial to late crops and pastures. Threshing well advanced, yield and quality of grain quite satisfactory. Feed shortage southern area. Precipitation during week decimal nine five.

Dominion Experimental Station, Swift Current.

Ninety per cent wheat cut. Threshing twenty per cent completed in fair crop districts and nearly completed in less favoured areas. Wheat in poor crop districts yield nothing to five bushels per acre, better districts promise ten to fifteen. Average all districts, wheat six to eight bushels, grades One and Two Northern; oats twenty bushels; barley fifteen bushels. Ample feed roughage for winter but prospects of feed and seed grain shortage next spring. Some fall rye sown. Fall rye seed scarce. Late oat crops benefited by rain.

Dominion Experimental Station, Rosthern.

Temperatures very variable with several damaging frosts. Practically all grain cut and nearly fifty per cent threshed. Wheat yields running from four to twenty-five and averaging ten bushels per acre. Oats and barley practically a failure. Pastures very poor.

Dominion Experimental Station, Scott.

Cutting is completed except in the north where some grain remains standing and south where scattered fields are to be combined. Light showers are delaying threshing operations but yields reported are generally below expectations with returns gradually higher proceeding northward. Feed situation not as acute as last year.

ALBERTA

Dominion Range Experiment Station, Manyberries.

Light rains and colder weather recently have delayed threshing operations. Approximately 30 per cent of threshing done. Wheat of good quality with small portion going No. One Hard. Average yield below normal. Feed and water situation not improved in range areas. Heavy rains would be welcomed by the ranchers.

Dominion Experimental Station, Lethbridge.

Light rains during week interfered with threshing but it was resumed generally Monday. No damage done by frost. Sugar beet crop exceedingly promising.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Calgary.

Harvesting again delayed by rains but weather now fine and cutting will be practically completed with a couple more days fine weather. Combining about eighty per cent finished and later fields yielding and grading somewhat better than earlier returns indicated. Threshing well under way. Rains too light to be of much benefit to pastures.

Dominion Experimental Station, Lacombe.

Following frost August twenty-third and week dry, hot weather practically all crops ripe. Frost lowered yields and grades on twenty per cent wheat and forty per cent barley and oats. Germination much of latter will be doubtful. Ninety per cent cutting done. Three weeks fine weather will finish threshing of light crops.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Stettin.

One-half inch rain. Weather cloudy and cool. Cutting well advanced. No threshing yet. Eighty per cent of sown acreage either ploughed up or cut for feed. Frost did heavy damage to late grain. Pastures fair.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Camrose.

Approximately 90 per cent of wheat cut. Threshing will start last of this week. Frost damage will reduce grades and yield on all wheat. Late oats will be cut for feed. Look for average yield of wheat to run about 18 bushels.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Vermilion.

Most grain has been cut and threshing has started but is stopped by showers. Yields so far have been disappointing as fields with straw enough for forty bushels have turned out twenty to thirty. Am cutting my estimate from twenty-five to twenty. The oat crop is so poor that few cars will be shipped. The district has lots of hay and feed. Pastures are good and gardens fair.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Edmonton.

Eighty per cent wheat cutting completed. Coarse grain cutting well advanced. Clear and warm last few days but raining and cool all to-day. Expect threshing to start in about a week's time provided weather clears. Estimates of yields could be difficult to make.

Telegraphic Correspondent, Athabasca.

Past week has been ideal for harvest, seventy-five per cent wheat cut. Heavy rain last night, decimal seven inches. Weather dull and showery delaying cutting. Threshing has been done.

Dominion Experimental Sub-station, Beaverlodge.

Wheat cutting over half done and one district completed. Oat harvest progressing rapidly. Grain phenomenally well filled where not prematurely harvested but much green cutting fear of frost. Heavy frost Fort Vermilion and east-end Lesser Slave but only light touches in Upper Peace. No recent hail or other damage.

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