

# Department Of Agriculture Sees Outlook Best In Five Years

## SURPLUSES OF NEARLY EVERY FOOD PRODUCT HAVE VANISHED

Indicates Markets Will Still Be Good When Farmer Gets This Year's Crop To Sell; Supplies Grains, Meat And Wool Low.

WASHINGTON, March 14—"It looks like the best opportunity since the spring of 1920 for agriculture to go ahead and do some business. The great feature about the general situation is that the country has finally worked out from under its paralyzing surpluses. Those vast crop yields of four and five years ago, dammed back by the stagnant demand of the deflation period, later worked over and carried along in animal form are disappearing. The decks are fairly well cleaned for a new deal."

So says the monthly statement of the bureau of agricultural economics of the United States department of agriculture, issued today. It contains a forecast of the outlook for the coming year.

The corn situation is obvious. Stocks of the old grain are almost nonexistent. Corn supplies are so short that it has put a sharp brake on livestock production. Wheat surpluses that burdened the west through three long years of near bankruptcy, have likewise disappeared. A burst of market fireworks is now in the air. The whole country is up to its ears in a great staple like wheat, when the normal export countries have to turn buyers. The stage is set to absorb a pretty sizeable world crop for a year or two to come. So with cotton and wool—world reserves still needing to be replenished and supplies increasing but not too much.

**Livestock Markets Better.**  
The surplus of livestock has especially depressed agriculture for a couple of years and perhaps the most significant item in the situation is that these are passing. The case is obvious for sheep, which are already high in price. Liquidation of hogs has been going on at a rate which we shall begin to appreciate in about a year. Cattle are still numerous, but the market is not so bad as it was. Apparently the corner toward diminished numbers and higher prices, though this is a slow movement. Dairy cattle have passed a crisis in numbers through the east though they are still increasing in western butter territory.

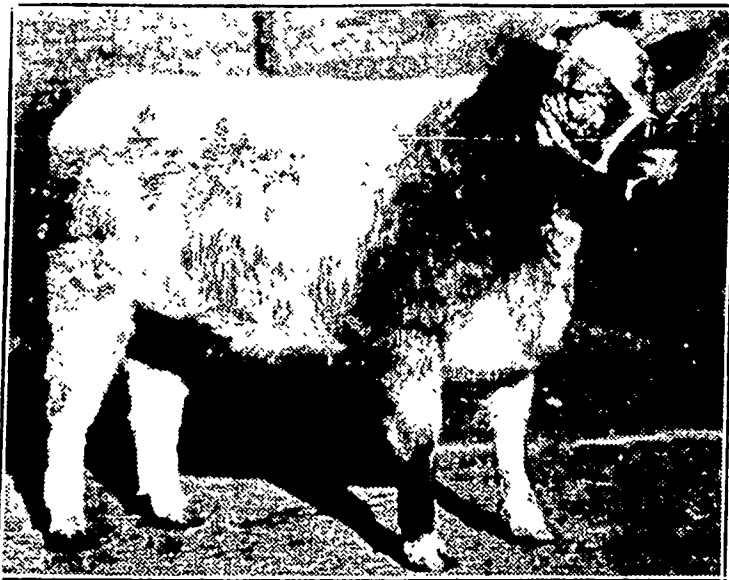
In the case of more localized products like potatoes, leading truck crops, tobacco, sugar beets and so on, the outlook is not the rosiest in every case, but it is as good or better than any spring in five years. The one great crop which appears to face an absolute readjustment in acreage—and for good and permanent reasons—is timothy hay.

**Best Outlook In 5 Years.**  
What does all this mean? It means that we have closed one chapter in this after-war period and are about to open a new one, that the first and most painful readjustment has been accomplished. Does it mean that this is a year to expand to plow? Most emphatically no. This and some years to come are a time for conservation, for field economy, for cautious management, as every good farmer knows. But taxes and interest have to be met somehow. The average individual does not pay debts by holding back the plow when the odds are anything like even. The chances this spring appear a little better on the whole, than they have in five years.

## Canton Farm Bureau Plans An Extensive Program March 17

Special to The Gazette.  
SHEPHERD, March 14.—The Canton farm bureau will have an all day meeting Tuesday, March 17, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hattfield. A basket dinner will be served at noon. All who wish to wear a shamrock to honor St. Patrick will pay a forfeit. The program includes a history of St. Patrick's day by Inez Dickson, much by Mr. and Mrs. Warren Pangburn, a current events of the farm bureau by Gordon Bixby and a song by the farm bureau.

## KEEP FEW GOOD CATTLE IS IDEA OF CEDAR COUNTY MEN



—Cut by Tru Art Engravers

In years when the purebred beef business has been dragging the bottom and many herds have been sacrificed at the markets the Gall meyer brothers, three miles north of Mechanicsville, Cedar county, have continued to make money with their Shorthorns.

Their formula sounds simple but is hard to attain. Keep a small herd of outstanding individuals.

Although the Gallmeyers have been in the Shorthorn business for many years they only have twenty breeding cows in their herd at present. But they are real cows. "This allows them to keep a herd of beef cattle at moderate cost and the farm not only supplies enough feed to last the entire year but there is often corn to sell. The expense of maintaining the herd, the rock on which many a purebred establishment has splintered is held low."

At the same time the income from the herd is high, due to the quality of the animals and the demand for the same. The Gallmeyers have done considerable showing at fairs with a large degree of success. This year for example, they went to the Chicago International Livestock exposition and won junior champion heifer and senior champion cow. Other awards against the stiffest competition to be met anywhere.

Their list of show winners over

## "IACOP" NOW KING OF THE CABBAGES

Iacop cabbage, a new variety that is resistant to cabbage yellows or wilt, is proving a life saver for truck gardeners who are finding it more difficult every year to raise a healthy crop.

The name "Iacop" is derived from combining "Iowa" and "Copenhagen." The plant is the result of much careful work on the old Copenhagen variety.

Cabbage yellows is a disease well known to most gardeners. It is a fungus disease which enters through the fibrous root system grows in the stalks and finally shows off all elongation of water and nourishment from the part of the plant in which it is growing causing it to wilt and turn yellow.

**Disease Lives 20 Years.**  
As the disease will live over in the soil as long as 20 years treating the plant from year to year will do but little good. The only solution has been in finding a variety resistant to the disease.

This plant disease specialists at Iowa State college did by going into a field badly infested with yellows and searching until they had found a few specimens that were apparently healthy. They put them in cold storage and planted them next year on infected ground. Again they selected the few plants that remained healthy.

After keeping this up for a period of years a strain of the Copenhagen cabbage that would resist disease was finally developed and was called Iacop.

It is said this variety has saved the cabbage raising industry of Iowa.

**HIS OWN WITH INTEREST.**  
Halle Cauliflowerer said a facetious young man to a farmer who was driving along a country road. "Give a fellow a lift to Lumberton?"

"Without waiting for a reply he jumped into the car. I might as well ride with you as walk."

After two or three miles had been covered the young man paused for a moment in his chatter. "It's farther to Lumberton than I supposed," he remarked.

It's a good distance," said the farmer. Another twenty minutes passed and then the young man inquired, "About how far is it to Lumberton?"

"Well," replied the farmer, "keep it straight on the way we're going now. I should say it would be a matter of several thousand miles but if you was to get out of my car and walk it back it won't be very much above eight miles." — Edinburgh Scotsman.

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## BEING A VET ISN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE

Says "Doc" Griffith As He Passes His Thirtieth Year As Practitioner In Cedar Rapids.

Just thirty years ago "Doc" Griffith, well known veterinarian in eastern Iowa, came to Cedar Rapids, hung up his tools, put out his shingle and began an eventful career of service to stockmen in this part of the state.

Since that time "Doc" has made a wide circle of friends by his willingness to go anywhere anytime to be of help, by his unselfishness in giving out helpful advice, often gratuitously, and by his genial good nature.

"Doc" is one of the pioneer veterinarians in Iowa. Twenty-nine years ago he was appointed assistant state veterinarian and has been at that position every year without further application. They have acquired the habit of appointing "Doc" down at Des Moines. Although now there is an assistant to the state veterinarian in every county twenty-nine years ago there were but three in Iowa.

Sitting in his office at B avenue in Second street "Doc" reminisced of his early experiences.

**No T. B. Test Then.**  
Times were different in 1895. Vets were known as horse doctors then. There was no hog cholera vaccination, no testing for tuberculosis, but little knowledge of bacteriology, and few instruments.

"I remember when they first discovered the tuberculosis test," "Doc" mused. "I was practicing in Ontario, Canada, at the time. A friend of mine went to a medical conference in Paris where they had the first tuberculosis ever made. He brought some back with him and gave it to me. It was a new thing then but I believe it has proven the greatest discovery in the history of the medical profession. I have always kept fully abreast of the times."

**Had His Territory.**  
It was nothing unusual in the early days for "Doc" to take a little jaunt over to Strawberry Point, West Union, Clarence, Maquoketa, West Liberty or Toledo to see a sick animal. Veterinarians were few and far between then. He is said to be one of the few remaining pioneers of that time still practicing in Iowa.

"Doc's" love of horses made him an ardent devotee of racing and in the days of the track he was for many years secretary of the Cedar Rapids speed association. Throughout his thirty years experience his circle of acquaintances has widened and his friendships increased. "Doc" Griffith is now well known in a score of eastern Iowa counties for his service to the early and present day livestock business of the state.

## Money On Hand For Farm Needs, Cooper Tells President

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Farmers of the United States are now using \$60,835,421 of government money loaned them under the federal intermediate credit banks, it was disclosed today in figures made public by the treasury department.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—After an extensive tour at the instance of the President, R. A. Cooper, commissioner of the federal farm loan board, has returned to Washington from a tour of the west, and announced his belief that there are sufficient funds immediately available for the livestock and other farm industries for every purpose except the repopulation of breeding herds on the range.

The cattle industry, which has recovered slowest of all agricultural pursuits, said Mr. Cooper, unquestionably has struck bottom, and it is already on the road to betterment. "Banks in all the principal states have great reserves of funds and there is sufficient money available for cattle production to those who have proper collateral. There is a special need of credit, however, to increase breeding herds and to put cattle back on the range."

"Nevertheless, since the liquidation in cattle has gone so far even conservative banks are beginning again to regard such loans as perfectly safe investments."

## RATH PACKING COMPANY ENLARGES ITS PLANT

Special to The Gazette.  
WATERLOO, March 14.—Rath Packing company has launched building operations on a \$75,000 office building at their plant here. The building will complete a program extending over three years and representing an investment of approximately \$1,000,000. The company has trebled its kill of hogs during the last few years, it is said.

## PRODUCERS CO. CLAIMS INCREASING BUSINESS

CHICAGO, March 24.—The Producers' Livestock Commission company claims an increasing business in the market here in a statement issued today. The company points out that on March 6 it handled twenty-two carloads of hogs, twice as many as other agencies.

Nineteen of these loads sold above \$14, though \$14.30 was the extreme for the day.

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## DAIRYMEN NOW LOOK FOR HIGHER TARIFF

Think Commission's Report Showed Plenty Of Need For It; Would Help Butter Markets.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 14.—Dairy farmers of the mid-west won an \$8,000,000 victory when the tariff commission gave out a report this week showing that the present tariff is insufficient to keep Danish butter from our shores, believes J. P. Meyer, sales manager of the Minnesota Co-operative creameries association.

The commission's report said that Danish butter could be produced about 12 cents a pound cheaper than American butter and that it could be laid down in New York for less money than some of our product manufactured in this section of the country.

Although a formal hearing on butter tariffs has been set for April 21 it is believed the battle for a higher rate was practically won when the commission made this sort of report.

"We know President Coolidge is favorable to a higher butter tariff," Meyer said, "and we believe this report will be all that is needed to uphold his hand so that when foreign butter comes in again he can raise the tariff fifty per cent, or four cents a pound, as allowed under the flexible feature of the law."

"This four cents will strengthen the market by that much the year around. We don't expect an influx of foreign butter now until next fall."

He computed his figure of \$8,000,000 by multiplying the total output of this territory by a nominal increase in the butter price.

## OLD CREAMERY ONE OF TRAEER'S FIRST BUILDINGS

Special to The Gazette.  
TRAER, March 14.—The old frame building occupied by the Traer Creamery company, which is now being torn down to make room for a new and modern structure of cement blocks and brick, was one of the two or three remaining original business buildings of Traer.

The building was erected by the firm of Gally and Newcomer, of Toledo, as a dry goods and grocery store the year Traer was founded—1873.

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## Daily Farm News For Farm Folk

Edited by C. P. STREETER

## SEASON'S WORK GOES ON IN CEDAR COUNTY

Special to The Gazette.  
TIPTON, March 14.—Despite the fact that road conditions have not been the best for a few weeks, the farm bureau has kept busy in Cedar county.

Several pruning demonstrations have been held recently, the last one at the H. L. Phelps home in Iowa township Thursday. The attendance was good and much interest was shown in the work on fruit trees of all ages and varieties, grapes and shrubs, as demonstrated by H. N. Stephenson, county agent. While men have been busy throughout the county holding seed corn demonstrations and testing soil before planting alfalfa and sweet clover, the women have been busy with their home project work.

Cheese making demonstrations have been held in all parts of the county. Many women have had excellent success in making cream and plimento cheese, following directions given by the Extension Service.

Clothing work is also coming in for its share of attention. Local leaders who received the first five months course in 1924 are now passing that work on to their neighbors in order that all may participate in the advanced course which will begin in September this year.

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