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CANADA.

The tremendous impulse which during the last two years has added three and three-quarter million acres to the wheat lands of Canada has this season not resulted in the expansion anticipated. In 1911, it may be recalled, wheat covered a record area of 10,373,958 acres, of which 9,201.939 acres were under the spring and 1,172,119 acres under the winter variety. In the current season, owing largely to heavy losses from winter-kill in Alberta and Ontario and to adverse conditions for seeding spring wheat in the western Provinces, the total wheat area is probably somewhat less than last year. The area under oats is larger than last year, and that under barley has been somewhat extended. A bulletin of the Canadian Census and Statistics Office, Department of Trade and Commerce, published June 14, states:

Throughout the greater part of Canada the spring this year has been cold, wet, and backward. Continuous rains, especially in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Quebec, have greatly interfered with the spring seeding, and at the end of May large areas in these three Provinces, particularly on low-lying lands, were still unseeded. It is impossible therefore to base upon the data at present available complete estimates of the areas sown to this year's principal field crops, and the following are consequently preliminary figures subject to revision at the end of June. The area under fall wheat, deducting the winterkilled in Ontario and Alberta, is placed at 781,000 acres. Spring wheat occupies 9,145,000 acres, and the total wheat area amounts therefore to 9,926,000 acres. Oats show an area of 9.486,000 acres and barley 1,429,000 acres. Rye, peas, and mixed grains have a total acreage of 894,000, the area of hay and clover is 7,904,000 acres, and alfalfa is sown to 112,000 acres. Condition at the end of May, 100 representing the promise of a full crop, is high for all products reported on, excepting fall wheat, the per cent condition of which, viz, 71.46, is lower than in any of the three previous years at the same date. This crop suffered from the exceptionally severe winter in Ontario and from the lack of sufficient snow protection in Alberta, whilst the cold wet spring has been adverse to recovery and good growth. The condition of spring wheat is 94.21, against 96.69 last year; oats, 91.67, against 94.76; barley, 91.08, against 93.49; rye, 87.24, against 90.26; peas, 83.85, against 92.15; mixed grains, 87.72, against 93.84. The condition of hay and clover is 96.10, compared with 74.63 at the end of April and 91.45 at the end of May, 1911. Alfalfa, where grown, shows this year an average condition of 90.65.

three Northwest Provinces the areas are, as estimated as May 31; Wheat, 9,122,000 acres; oats, 5,097,000 acres; and barley, \$37,000 acres.

The condition of these cereals in the Northwest Provinces is over 95 per cent, except fall wheat in Alberta, where it is 76.62 per cent. In Saskatchewan the area under fall wheat is estimated at 53,000 acres; condition May 31, 93.28.

In Ontario and Alberta—the only Provinces where winter wheat is grown extensively—the areas sown last autumn were, respectively, 797,200 and 300,700 acres, a total of 1,097,000 acres. Of this total, 345,000 acres, i. e., 229,000 in Ontario and 116,000 in Alberta, are officially reported to have been destroyed by the rigors of winter. The total area of winter wheat left to be harvested in these two Provinces is, therefore, only 752,000 acres compared with 1,131,656 last year.

In the three western Provinces, where spring wheat is grown almost exclusively, delays in seeding were caused in many districts by cold weather, excessive moisture, and other causes; on May 1 only 50.13 per cent of the spring wheat sowings were completed in Manitoba, and 61.26 per cent in Alberta, whereas at the same date a year ago 70 per cent of the area had been drilled in the former Province and 80 per cent in Alberta. In Saskatchewan, by far the most important producer of the three Provinces, conditions were better, 71.54 per cent of the area being sown on May 1 compared with 70 per cent at the same date in 1911. Sowing was completed in the latter half of May, and germination was, in general, satisfactory. Weather conditions, on the whole, have been auspicious, and the prospect at the end of June was encouraging.

Respecting the outcome of the 1911 crop, it may be of interest to note, the Census and Statistics Office has reported in substance as follows:

Out of a yield of 215.851,300 bushels of wheat harvested in 1911, 188,255,000 bushels, or 87 per cent, were merchantable, and at the end of March, 1912, 58,129,000 bushels, or 27 per cent of the whole, were yet in farmers' hands. At the same date in 1911 the quantity in hand in all Canada was 33,042,000 bushels, or 22 per cent of the total crop of 149,989,600 bushels, of which 141,096,000 bushels, or 94 per cent, were of merchantable quality.

Oats, which in 1911 gave a yield of 348,187,600 bushels, was merchantable to the extent of 310,074,000 bushels, or 89 per cent, and the quantity in hand at the end of March was 153,846,000 bushels, or 44.18 per cent. In the preceding year the quantity in hand out of a total harvest of 323,449,000 bushels was 127,587,000 bushels, or 39,44 per cent, and there was a total of 301,773,000 bushels, or 93,29 per cent, of merchantable quality.

The barley yield of 1911 was 40,641,000 bushels; in hand at the end of March 13,235,000 bushels, or 32,56 per cent. The merchant-

able yield was 36,683,000 bushels, or 90.26 per cent. The barley crop of 1910 was 45,147,000 bushels, and the quantity on hand at the end of March last year was 13,135,000 bushels, or 29 per cent. The merchantable quantity of that crop was 41,505,000 bushels, or 91.93 per cent.

The exports of cereals, flaxseed, apples, and cheese from Canada during the fiscal years 1903 to 1912 are reported by the Ministry of Customs to have been as follows:

Exports of domestic wheat, wheat flour, barley, oats, flaxsced, apples, and cheese, from Canada, 1903-1912.

[From the	Department	of Customs,	Canada.]
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Year ending June 30—	Wheat.	Wheat flour.	Barley.	Oats.	Flaxseed.	Apples.	Cheese.
	Bushels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Barrels.	Pounds.
1903	32,985,745	1,287,766	947, 012	7, 593, 177		1,000,528	229, 099, 925
1904	16,779,028	1,587,600	1,057,670	4,695,241	1.411	1,598,614	233, 980, 716
1905	14, 700, 315	1,321,469	1,041,208	2, 367, 499		1,037,148	215, 733, 259
1906	40, 399, 402	1,532,014	880,028	2,700,303	2, 524	1,217,564	215, 834, 543
1907 1	25,480,127	1,092,123	1,198,130	4.539,436	121,582	977,961	178, 141, 567
1908 2	43, 654, 668	1,962,740	1,990,444	7, 123, 291	. 10,997	1,629,130	189, 710, 463
1909 ²	49, 137, 449	1,738,038	2,959,335	5,255,610	693, 779	1,092,066	164, 907, 139
19102	49,741,350	3,064.028	2,044,901	-3,401,732	1, 997, 648	1,604,477	180, 859, 886
1911 2	45, 802, 115	3,049,046	1,545,253	5,431,662	2,696,119	523,658	181, 895, 724
19122	64,466,286	3, 738, 836	2,061,667	8,880,675	1,504,528	1,664,165	163, 450, 684

Nine months ending Mar. 31, 1907.

Respecting the production of flaxseed in 1911, the Census and Statistics Office states:

Our crop-reporting correspondents were asked at the end of March to state what percentage of the area sown to flax in 1911 was not barvested. The replies indicate that in Manitoba about 20, in Saskatchewan about 40, and in Alberta about 57 per cent of the areas sown to flax was not harvested. Deducting these proportions from the areas sown, as returned by the census of June 1, the revised estimate amounts to 7,730,000 bushels as the yield of flax-seed in the Northwest Provinces, which is 5,054,000 bushels less than the estimate reported at the end of December. The revised yield and value of flaxed in 1911 will therefore be by Provinces as follows:

Province.	Area harvested.	Yield per acre.	Total yield.	Weight per meas- ured bushel.	Average price per bushel.	Total value.
Canada	A cres. 682, 622	Bushels. 11.52	Bushels, 7,867,000		Dollars. 1, 507	Dollars. 11,855,000
Quebec Ontario Manitoba Saskatchewan Alberta	1,719 8,367 62,231 570,030 40,275	11. 31 14. 06 14. 44 11. 25 10. 39	19,000 118,000 899,000 6,413,000 418,000	53, 81 52, 25 55, 31 53, 89 53, 43	1, 706 1, 893 1, 760 1, 503 1, 202	32,000 223,000 1,582,000 9,639,000 502,000

It will be understood that these figures are only approximate, as it is impossible to state exactly the acreage sown to that that was not harvested owing to failure of the crop.

² Twelve months ending Mar. 31.

BRITISH INDIA.

The Commercial Intelligence Department, India, has published the following estimate, by Provinces, of the area and production of wheat and flaxseed in British India in 1912 as compared with the previous year:

Area and production of wheat and flaxseed in British India, by Provinces, 1912 and 1911.

WHEAT.

	Aı	rea.	Produ	ction.
Province.	1912	1911	1912	1911
Punjab 1. United Provinces Central Provinces and Berar Bombay 1 Sind 1 Bihar and Orissa. Bengal Northwest Frontier Central India Hyderabad Rajputana. Mysore. Total.	7,578,000 3,559,000 1,040,000 384,000 1,285,000 1,203,000 2,850,000 970,000 2,926,000 3,800	A cres. 9, 981, 000 7, 342, 000 3, 585, 000 1, 855, 000 1, 855, 000 1, 312, 000 1, 312, 000 2, 460, 000 2, 1, 104, 000 2, 1, 112, 000 2, 800 30, 489, 800	Bushcls. 138, 320,000 113, 157, 333 32, 256,000 7, 914,667 3, 546,667 1, 568,000 10, 453, 333 29,045, 333 1, 605, 333 7, 690,667 18,667	Bushels. 138, 469, 333 108, 976, 000 36, 325, 333 18, 890, 667 5, 077, 333 21, 280, 000 1, 418, 667 21, 728, 000 3, 621, 333 9, 109, 333 18, 667
FLAXS	EED.		1	
United Provinces. {pure. mixed.} Central Provinces and Berar Bombay 1 Bengal Bihar and Orissa. Assam Hyderabad {pure. mixed.}	1,829,200 129,500 206,800 567,800 13,800 603,500	472, 800 656, 000 1,080, 400 194, 700 196, 900 510, 300 14, 900 631, 300 3, 101, 300 656, 000	6,388,000 5,600,000 5,788,000 380,000 1,528,000 4,804,000 88,000 1,072,000 20,048,000 5,600,000	4, 116,000 5,680,000 4,980,000 1,132,000 1,228,000 96,000 1,216,000 16,864,000 5,680,000

¹ Including Native States.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The bulk of the seed for the 1912 winter-wheat crop went into well-prepared soil last autumn during generally auspicious weather. Germination was, on the whole, gratifying, and during the entire winter and early spring generally mild temperature and copious rains promoted precocious and vigorous growth. The total area is officially returned as not quite 2 per cent larger than in 1911.

The spring months were not wholly favorable to either the agricultural or the pastoral industries. Drought prevailed pretty generally throughout the country from late March to early May, the adverse effects upon the germination of late-sown crops and upon the growth of pastures being intensified by cold east winds and frosty nights after sunny days. In a report on the agricultural situation, June 1, the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries says:

The crop reporters of the board all refer to the droughty conditions of April and the greater part of May as having had a deleterious effect upon the corn

² Excluding Mewar.

(grain) crops. Rain the last 10 days of the month, however, effected a material improvement, but much more was needed. Wheat is now generally healthy and vigorous, though straw is short, but the crop is rather variable and mostly thin on the poorer soils. Barley is hardly satisfactory, as germination has been very irregular nearly everywhere, especially among the later-sown crops, and it is not yet all above ground. There are many reports of damage by wireworm. Oats are also generally uneven and suffering from lack of moisture; still the crop is healthy generally, though thin. The acreage under barley is rather less than last year, that under oats rather more. Beans, although short in straw, are generally promising, except in the west midlands, where frost has done much damage. Peas also promise fairly well.

Potatoes are generally looking fairly well, although they make but slow growth in the absence of rain, and the crops are not all yet above ground. In most districts frosts have done a little damage to the early crops. The area is slightly larger than last year.

Mangolds are backward and germinating slowly; some areas had not yet been sown. Where up, they are looking well, particularly since the recent rains, but in some localities the plant is patchy.

The long-continued drought has told very severely on the "seeds," and both clover and meadow hay will be much below the average. The eastern, south-eastern, and midland districts are very much the worst, and considerable areas of "seeds" have been plowed up. In the north and Scotland many districts report promise of good crops, although they are outweighed by the number of bad reports. The indications on the 1st of June were that in Great Britain, as a whole, the yield per acre of "seeds" hay would be only 87 per cent of the average, while that of meadow hay might be 92 per cent.

Hops are looking strong and healthy and growing freely, though somewhat unevenly in places. There is a great deal of vermin, and washing is already general. A rough survey indicates an area this year 3 to 4 per cent greater than in 1911, most of the increase being in Kent.

Of fruit, strawberries would appear to be somewhat under average. Rasp-berries are fairly promising; still more so are currants and gooseberries. Apples seem variable, but should probably be an over-average crop. Pears are much better, while cherries may possibly reach a bare average. Plums appear likely to be appreciably below average.

Pastures became very bare during the dry weather, but are much improved by the timely rains. Live stock have done fairly well during the month, although in some parts, as a result of the dried-up pastures, their condition is somewhat poor.

Since the publication of the June 1 report the weather has been seasonably warm and the condition of vegetation has, on the whole, improved. The July 1 report of the Board of Agriculture gives the condition of crops on that date as follows:

Year.	Wheat.	Barley.	Oats.	Beans.	Pease.	Potatoes.	Meadow hay.	Hops.
1912	99	99	90	98	102	102	99	100
1911	101	97	94	99	90	102	90	98

The official figures upon the total imports of wheat and wheat flour into the United Kingdom in 1911 show them to have been of somewhat less than average proportions, owing partly to the excellent results of the last harvest. The official figures on imports of wheat (in bushels of 60 pounds) and wheat flour, 1907–1911, by countries of origin, are shown in the following statement:

Imports of wheat and wheat flour into the United Kingdom, 1907-1911.

WHEAT.

Country of origin.	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911
Russia. Roumania. United States Argentina. British East Indies Australia.	Bushels. 21, 336, 187 4, 745, 813 37, 232, 720 40, 881, 120 34, 103, 253 15, 538, 507	Bushels. 9,607,939 2,389,333 48,101,947 59,157,280 5,504,613 10,300,640	Bushels. 33,310,368 984,107 28,940,987 37,403,893 27,315,307 18,106,853 31,016,057	Bushels. 54,024,320 1,753,173 20,437,947 28,246,027 33,444,578 24,486,000	24,153,227 27,530,720 37,634,834 25,966,677
CanadaOther countries	24,678,267 2,864,400	29, 487, 164 5, 562, 667	5,584,021	30,705,173 3,318,373	26,830,907 3,578,251
Total	181, 380, 267	170, 111, 583	182,661,593	196, 415, 591	183, 136, 962

WHEAT FLOUR.

Germany France Austria-Hungary United States Argentina Australia Canada	5,561,174	Barrels. 221, 389 205, 429 143, 031 5, 690, 765 64, 634 131, 600 873, 784	Barrels. 335, 234 305, 531 61, 542 3, 959, 435 48, 800 297, 715	Barrels. 335, 943 250, 800 70, 975 2, 927, 874 57, 943 233, 029 1, 590, 686	Barrels. 161, 157 228, 400 60, 600 2, 923, 663 50, 286 254, 514 1, 867, 867
Other countries		80,714	130, 680	224, 459	205,010
Total	7,598,496	7,411,346	6,315,737	5,691,709	5,751,503
Total wheat and flour 1	215, 573, 499	203, 462, 640	211, 082, 410	222,028,282	209,018,720

¹ Wheat flour expressed as wheat on the basis of $4\frac{1}{2}$ bushels of wheat equal 1 barrel of flour.

FRANCE.

Although agricultural conditions have varied widely this season in different regions of France, the dominant complaint throughout the spring was lack of sufficient rainfall and unseasonably cool weather. Owing, however, to the mild open winter autumn-sown wheat, rye, barley, and oats were generally forward in growth, and a temporary check in their development only tended to lessen losses from lodging. The French Ministry of Agriculture reported the condition of winter wheat on July 1 to be 71 per cent on an increased area, compared with 70.0 per cent at the same date last year. To some of the spring-sown crops, on the other hand, the drought and persistent north winds were detrimental; much seed, especially oats, is said to have germinated irregularly; however, on July 1, the date to which the last official report refers, the condition of this important crop was, on a full area, given as 75 per cent, against 69.6 per cent on July 1, 1911, while spring wheat, seeded earlier and hence more advanced in growth, showed a condition of 74 against 70.0 per cent at the same date a The preliminary estimate of the French Ministry of Agriculture on the areas under cereals, potatoes, etc., on May 1, 1912, and the two preceding years, and estimates by the same authority of the

total areas actually sown in 1911 and 1910, as finally determined, are shown below:

Preliminary estimate of areas under grain, etc., in France, May 1, 1912, 1911, 1910; and final estimate of areas sown in 1911, 1910.

		Preliminary.		Fin	al.
Crop.	1912	1911	1910	1911	1910
Wheat: Winter Spring	<i>A стєв</i> . 15,759,396 419,576	A cres. 14,247,761 1,291,641	A cres. 15,523,316 614,637	A cres.	
Total wheat	16, 178, 972	15, 539, 402	16, 137, 953	15,803,900	16, 198, 319
Maslin	320, 810 2, 998, 040	301,882 $2,727,762$	340,726 3,068,117	308, 183 2, 308, 183	337,020 2,994,185
Winter Spring	368, 550 1, 500, 589	353, 860 1, 564, 229	358, 419 1, 487, 715		
Total barley	1,869,139	1,918,089	1,846,134	1,913,604	1,849,494
Oats: Winter Spring.	2,004,450 7,891,311	1,849,568 8,101,421	1, 978, 258 7, 731, 190		
Total oats	9, 895, 761	9,950,989	9,709,449	9,930,300	9,763,662
Potatoes. Sugar beets. Beets for distilling. Mangold. Clover, alfalfa, and sanfoin Grasses and grass mixtures. Meadows. Forage, annual. Vines.	3, 820, 388 610, 040 162, 680 1, 620, 630 7, 404, 783 11, 935, 068 1, 759, 661 4, 100, 479	3,710,577 593,336 133,137 1,623,966 7,405,463 671,593 11,335,465 1,646,872 3,385,877	3,741,341 587,954 127,775 1,594,783 7,430,791 659,164 11,746,393 1,696,144 3,906,033	3, \$37, 463 591, \$29 134, 756 1, 629, 130 (1) (1) (1) (1) (1)	3,822,612 611,301 121,598 1,644,352 7,464,545 693,140 12,069,352 1,849,964 4,027,110

¹ No data.

The surface under wheat this season, although over 600,000 acres larger than last year, is about normal; should no adversity befall the crop between now and harvest, the present appearance of the plants would indicate a yield almost, if not quite, equal to that of last year. During the last two years, it may be recalled, the native crop has been insufficient for domestic requirements, usually estimated at about 340,000,000 bushels annually. Owing to a partial crop failure in 1910, the yield was only 253,000,000 bushels, and in 1911 a decreased acreage, caused mostly by an inclement seedtime, gave an outturn of only 323,000,000 bushels. As a result of these unusual conditions, over 100,000,000 bushels of wheat have been imported into France during the last two years, of which only about 5,500,000 were taken from the United States. It is officially stated, moreover, that supplies of wheat are now sufficient to meet the demands of the country up to the 1912 harvest, but the belief prevails in commercial circles that the carry over will be a rather small one, and that the necessity for an early harvest, which now seems assured, is urgent. The French Ministry of Finance reports imports of wheat in 1911, compared with the four previous years, as follows, by countries of origin.

Imports (special) of wheat into France, by countries of origin, calendar years 1907-1911,

{Bushels	of	60	pound	s.]
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Country.	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
United Kingdom	11,192	8,440	6,367	785, 969	1,107,852
Belgium	1,973	1,922	1,804	624,372	998,560
Russia	2,767,012	104,032	89,646	2,603,033	9,907,825
Jermany		1,315	312	2,720,616	5,186,101
toumania		18,280	386	6,249,582	15,739,363
`urkey	19,952	467	169	9,186	2,609
British India	27,991	8,932	886	1,117,153	3,900,070
Australia	69,302	6,011	125	1,225,956	14, 492, 85
Inited States	243,869	12,651	8,036	1,088,617	4,393,849
Argentina	231,608	46, 256	566	140,701	12,989,603
Algeria		2,033,795	4, 169, 960	5, 782, 416	6, 208, 419
'unis	591,840	86,773	657.118	349,767	2,041,70
Pree zone		413, 329	279,889	358, 982	416,68
Other countries	138, 485	10, 185	33,275	270,490	1,372,27
Total	13, 131, 149	2,752,388	5, 248, 539	23, 326, 840	78,755,778

¹ Includes mastin and spelt,

In 1897 imports were 19,204,429 bushels. In 1898 imports were 71,817,263 bushels.

SPAIN.

During the last five years there has been a constant tendency to augment the cultivation of wheat, the acreage having been steadily enlarged from 9.138,000 acres in 1907 to 9,705,000 in 1911. The official estimate of the total surface sown this season is not available, but, other conditions being favorable, the fiscal regulations governing the admission of imports of foreign wheat would tend to prevent any important delimitation of acreage. Late reports on the appearance of the growing crop indicate that the harvest will give scarcely medium results, some districts having suffered severely from lack of moisture. The revised and final official report on the olive and olive-oil crop of 1911–12 is given below:

Production of olives and olive oil in Spain, 1911-12, by regions.

[Estimates of the Junta Consultiva Agronomica.]

		Pro	luction of o	lives.	Produc	tion of ol	ive oil.
Region.	Area of trees.	Per acre.	Total.	For oil.	Per 100 pounds of olives.	Total.	Per acre.
	Aeres.	Pounds.	Tons.1	Tons.1	Pounds.	Tons.1	Pounds.
New Castile	211, 490	821	87, 167	86,312	18, 24	15,741	150
Jancha and Estremadura	388, 389		166,024	162,870	19, 55	31,844	16
Old Castile	19,046	3,621	34, 488	34, 431	20, 62	7, 101	74
Aragon and Rioga	119,794	1,970	147,540	147,374	19, 67	28,996	38
2001	10,376	794	i, 120	3,933	18, 26	718	14
falicia and Asturias	445	595		132	20, 07	27	12
Savarre and Vizeaya	23,052	389	4,485	4,353	21.41	932	8
'atalonia '	151,551	1,016	229,357	229,145	19.40	14,456	19
evante	269, 537	1,126	151,757	146,198	19, 64	28,718	22
Cast Andalusia	7.56, 808	1,336	505, 905	502,094	20, 65	103,690	27
Vest Andalusia	1,221,845	1,738	1,061,842	971,052	19.67	190,99 1	34
Balearie Islands	61,864	1,658	53,756	53,217	22.02	11,717	36
Grand total	3,567,197	1,371	2, 446, 573	2,341,111	19.86	464,931	27

^{12,000} pointds.

ITALY.

The appearance of the growing crops throughout by far the greater part of the country is reported to differ in no noteworthy respect from that of normal years. The official estimate of the area under wheat—the only cereal, excepting corn, grown in Italy on a really extensive scale—is 11,737,500 acres, compared with 11,741,000 acres harvested last year. Seedtime last autumn, if drought in three Provinces be excepted, was for the most part during propitious weather, and by virtue of an exceptionally mild winter the plants at the opening of spring were in general vigorous and healthy. Virtually the only complaint was of animal and vegetable parasites, the increase of which had probably been fostered by the moderate winter.

As in many parts of western Europe, the spring weather has been at times disadvantageous to the pursuit of agriculture. The earlier reports showed fruit trees blossoming satisfactorily everywhere and grapevines making seasonable development. But in April a prolonged period of low temperatures, accompanied by frosts and violent winds, set in, and for a time the growth of all vegetation was held at a standstill. It is now claimed, however, that the damage to fruit trees, excepting in a few places, was slight, and the check upon the rapid and abnormal growth of wheat beneficial. The latest reports indicate a generally promising state of agriculture: even in those parts of the south where a prolonged drought, now broken, had caused great anxiety improvement is noted.

BELGIUM.

As might be expected in a country where intensive farming is widely practiced, the areas under the principal cereals ordinarily change little from one year to another. Of late years, however, there has been a slight tendency to diminish the cultivation of rye in Belgium and to expand that of wheat; but, as the movement has not been rapid, the premier crop still occupies upward of 630,000 acres annually, while wheat has scarcely attained the 400,000-acre mark. The annual surface under oats, it may be noted, closely approximates that of rye in extent, and slightly less than 100,000 acres is annually sown to barley. Autumn seeding for the 1912 harvest was in general under favorable conditions, and the areas sown to the respective crops are reported to show no important departures from normal. Excepting during a spell of cold, dry weather in late April and early May vegetation has in general made good progress and prospects for the coming harvest are encouraging.

GERMANY.

Vegetation, seriously retarded in growth by drought and low temperature in April throughout practically the whole Empire, was revivified by the return of showery, springlike weather in early May, and, in a report relative to the crop situation June 1, the Imperial Statistical Bureau shows both winter rye and wheat to promise better than at the same date last year, rye, however, having suffered somewhat more from the adverse conditions than did wheat. The dearth of moisture, occurring as it did at a season when moisture is most wanted, has left regrettable traces. Not in years have the clover and alfalfa fields in June presented so poor a prospect; feeding stuffs in general have to a certain extent been irreparably injured; barley and oats are said to have suffered in some districts from frost; and even if genial weather continues until harvest. delay, it is felt, is almost certain to ensue from the three or four weeks of dry, cold weather in the middle of spring. Potatoes have had a by no means encouraging start.

The areas abandoned from various causes have been quite extensive, especially in the case of clover, alfalfa, and winter wheat. Of the clover acreage, which usually amounts to about 5,000,000 acres annually, 13.7 per cent was turned under, compared with 3.9 last year, and of lucern 2.8 per cent. compared with 3.9. The abandonment of winter wheat was 4.1 per cent of the area sown and of winter rye 0.1 per cent; last year's abandonment of these cereals was, respectively, 2.9 and 2.3 per cent. Winter rye usually covers about 15.000,000 acres and winter wheat about four and one-fourth millions. The Imperial Statistical Bureau's report on the condition of specified crops on June 1 and May 1, 1912, contrasted with those on June 1 in preceding years, is subjoined.

Conditions of crops in Germany.

[1=very good; 2=good; 3=medium; 4=poor; 5=very poor.]

Crop.	June 1, 1912.	May 1, 1912.	June 1, 1911.	June 15, 1910.	June 15, 1909.	June 15, 1908.	June 15, 1907.
Vinter wheat	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.2	3.0	2.1	2.
pring wheat	2.3		2.6	2.5	2.7	2.5	2.
Vinter spelt	2.0		2.5		2.4	2.1	2.
Vinter rye	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.4	2.8	2.3	2.
pring rye	2.4		2.5	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.
pring barley	2.2		2.4		2.5	2.4	2.
Pats	2.4		2.6	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.
otatoes	2.7		2.6	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.
'lover	3.4	3.5	2.9	2.2	3.3	2.0	3.
Malfa	3.8	2.9	2.8	2.2	3.1	2.1	2.

Notwithstanding the fact that wheat culture in Germany is increasing, the demand for foreign wheat, especially from Russia and Argentina, remains at a high level, as may be seen from statistics of

the imports and exports of wheat and wheat flour for the last five years.

Imports (special) of wheat and wheat flour into Germany, by countries of origin, calendar years 1907-1911.

[From "Statistik des Deutschen Reichs" and "Auswürtiger Handel Deutschlands."]

WHEAT.

Country of origin.	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911 1
Assatualia	Bushels.2	Bushels.2	Bushels.2	Bushels,2	Bushels.2
Australia	2,631,264 709	230,755	4, 467, 897	4,621,382 621,826	4,106,979 $3,234,053$
United States	19,943,528	27, 436, 155	11,225,309	6, 194, 349	11,086,279
Argentina	31,630,036	32, 230, 767	21,049,363	11,938,269	19, 757, 269
Roumania	12,616,110	5, 438, 329	4, 406, 136	6, 192, 516	8, 255, 029
Bulgaria	419,392	87, 133	110,399	21,131	90,874
Russia, European	19,789,897	9,441,218	44, 963, 592	55,000,372	41,093,553
Chile	13,595	119,265	647,322	108,580	33,098
Other countries	3, 154, 675	1,828,125	2,530,105	1,418,479	3,671,305
Total	90, 199, 206	76,813,566	89, 400, 124	86, 116, 905	91, 328, 439

WHEAT FLOUR.

United StatesOther countries	Barrels. ³ 53,620 167,679	Barrels. ³ 38, 331 152, 549	Barrels,3 40,856 100,436	Barrels,3 42,171 124,686	
Total	221,299	190,880	141,292	166,857	172,035

¹ Preliminary.

Exports of wheat and wheat flour from Germany, 1907-1911,

Calendar year.	Wheat.	Wheat flour.
1907. 1908. 1909. 1910. 1911 i	3,520,728 9,594,081	Barrels.3 987,594 1,702,845 1,855,560 2,137,285 1,828,533

¹ Preliminary.

AUSTRIA.

From autumn seedtime to the end of March plant life, with some exceptions, was favored by nonrigorous and humid weather, and on April 1 the aspect of the fields of winter wheat, and especially of rye, was exceptionally promising. April in Austria, as in many countries of Europe, was in general cold and dry, and by May 1 crop conditions had deteriorated considerably. Subsequent weather has caused improvement. On June 1 wheat was in head and beginning to bloom in the southern regions; and, excepting some lodging of rye and an excessive growth of weeds in low-lying oats and barley fields, prospects were better than at the same date a year ago. Wheat and rye looked somewhat better than in June last year, but barley and oats are not so satisfactory. The Austrian Ministry of Agriculture, which has this year changed the date of its crop-condition reports from

² Bushels of 60 pounds.

³ Barrels of 196 pounds.

² Bushels of 60 pounds.

³ Barrels of 196 pounds.

the middle to the first of each month, reports upon conditions April 1, May 1, and June 1, with comparisons, as under:

Crop conditions in Austria.

[1=very good; 2=good; 3=medium; 4=poor; 5=very poor.]

	1912			1911			1910		
Crop.	June 1.	May 1.	April 1.	June 15.	May 15.	April 15.	June 15.	May 15.	April 15.
Wheat	2, 1	2.4	2.0	2.5	2. 5	2.6	1.9	1.9	2,
Rye	2.3	2.5	1.8	2.7	3.1	2.9	2.2	2.5	2.
Barley	2.3	2.5		2.4	2.3	2.8	2.6	2, 2	2.
Oats	2.4	2.6		2.5	2.4	2.6	2.8	2.3	2.
Corn	2.3			2.6	2.1		2.2	2.2	
Potatoes	2, 5			2.3	2.2		2.3	2.4	
Sugar beets	2.8			2.9	2.8		2.3	2.7	
Clover	3. 1	3.4	3.1	2.8	2.8	3.0	1.9	2.0	2.

HUNGARY.

Winter cereals, sown last autumn on increased areas under unusually favorable circumstances and stimulated in growth by an open winter, were exceptionally luxuriant at the advent of spring. A warm, pleasant March aroused further extravagant hopes of an abundant harvest. From the beginning to the end of April, however, low temperatures, accompanied in many places by heavy falls of snow and floods of rain, temporarily suspended field work incident to spring seedings and at the time were believed to jeopardize the chance of expected abundance from the autumn-sown crops. As recovery of vegetation from apparently serious injury during early stages of its growth is a common phenomenon in agriculture, the numerous reports of generally fine, growing weather throughout the greater part of May and June warrant confidence in an average outcome of the 1912 crops. Much of damage to fruit and vineyards is of course irreparable. The Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture. in its June 10 report on the state of agriculture, gives the condition of wheat as good in 43 comitats and medium in 20; rye, good in 36 comitats and medium in 27; barley, excellent in 2 comitats, good in 32. medium in 29; oats, good in 15 comitats, medium in 41, and poor in 7. In the report of June 23 the prospective yield of wheat is put at 173 million bushels against 175 million last year. Wheat, rye, corn, and potatoes have been sown on increased areas, but barley and oats show decreases. The official estimate of areas sown in 1912 and 1911 is shown below:

Area sown to specified crops in Hungary, 1912 and 1911.

Crop.	1912	1911
Wheat Rye Barley	Acres. 8,650,787 2,775,674 2,645,816 2,496,918	A cres. 8, 353, 59 2, 690, 76 2, 736, 08
Oats Ora Potatoes	6, 186, 876	2,736,08 2,653,03 6,089,95 1,534,15

ROUMANIA.

The weather during the spring, excepting a cold spell in late April, was generally propitious, and the appearance of the fields as a whole is said to suggest a prosperous season.

A comprehensive view of the agricultural resources of the country, as illustrated by statistics of the area under and production of different crops during the last three years, has recently been published and is reproduced below:

Area and production of specified crops in Roumania, 1911-1909.

[From Statistica agricola a Romaniei, 1911.]

Wheat	1911 4 cres. 769, 435 325, 668 253, 294 991, 896 1, 532 157, 788 9, 916 552, 197 15, 224 31, 950 2, 132 21, 97 252, 273 252, 273 260, 932 60, 932 119	1910 Acres. 4, \$14, 044 429, 611 1, 357, 545 1, 103, 944 4, 908, 046 67, 263 1, 661 237, 404 1, 661 14, 352 23, 299 5, 896 3, 588 1, 70, 055 21, 127, 330 1, 25, 432 2, 49, 887	1909 Acres. 4,173,628 37,450 1,357,039 1,197,209 5,247,102 3,467 170,860 1,544 30,079 15,968 32,852 6,395 6,395 176,413 21,202,443 121,374 250,996	1911 Bushels. 93, 723, 825 4, 989, 346 26, 157, 144 26, 222, 133 110, 712, 338 1, 626, 238 1, 626, 238 1, 626, 272 206, 272 602, 648 103, 221 576, \$50 21, 164 9, 004 11, 049, 433 23, 543, 521 14, 239, 971 21, 428, \$38	1910 Bushels. 110,760,519 7,884,782 20,358,651 29,645,557 103,665,228 939,923 21,975 3935,581 62,177 362,950 93,769 494,438 70,605 4,200 4,200 4,22,984,568 13,846,772 2,999,095	1909 Bushels. 56, 750, 819 3, 090, 321 19, 955, 246 25, 945, 196 70, 137, 958 974, 512 27, 730 1, 195, 920 21, 112 205, 418 79, 086 389, 840 65, 789 8, 033 1414, 917 2, 299, 070 12, 151, 520 21, 130, 925 21, 360, 925
Wheat Rye	769, 435 325, 668 2253, 294 991, 896 152, 655 97, 380 1, 532 157, 788 9, 916 52, 197 15, 224 31, 950 2, 132 5252, 273 252, 273 260, 932 262	4, \$14, 044 429, 611 1, 337, 545 1, 103, 944 4, 908, 046 67, 263 1, 661 237, 404 1, 661 14, 352 23, 299 5, 896 358 170, 057 21, 127, 330 125, 432 249, 887	4, 173, 628 37, 450 1, 357, 039 1, 197, 209 5, 247, 102 150, 190 3, 467 170, 860 1, 544 30, 079 15, 968 32, 852 6, 395 680 1 76, 413 1 21, 202, 443 1 21, 374 2 50, 996	93, 723, 825 4, 989, 346 26, 157, 144 26, 222, 133 110, 712, 338 1, 626, 238 16, 975 1, 800, 575 206, 272 602, 648 103, 221 576, 850 21, 164 9, 004 1, 049, 433 2, 3, 543, 521 1, 4, 239, 971 2, 1, 428, 838	110, 760, 519 7, 884, 782 29, 358, 651 29, 645, 557 103, 665, 228 939, 923 21, 978 3, 935, 581 62, 177 302, 950 93, 769 44, 488 70, 605 4, 200 1728, 194 22, 984, 568 3, 846, 777	56, 750, S15 3, 090, 321 19, 955, 244 25, 945, 199 70, 137, 955 71, 142 27, 733 1, 495, 956 21, 112 205, 418 79, 038 389, 846 65, 786 8, 033 1, 414, 917 2, 299, 077 2, 129, 151, 152
Wheat Rye	769, 435 325, 668 2253, 294 991, 896 152, 655 97, 380 1, 532 157, 788 9, 916 52, 197 15, 224 31, 950 2, 132 5252, 273 252, 273 260, 932 262	4, \$14, 044 429, 611 1, 337, 545 1, 103, 944 4, 908, 046 67, 263 1, 661 237, 404 1, 661 14, 352 23, 299 5, 896 358 170, 057 21, 127, 330 125, 432 249, 887	4, 173, 628 37, 450 1, 357, 039 1, 197, 209 5, 247, 102 150, 190 3, 467 170, 860 1, 544 30, 079 15, 968 32, 852 6, 395 680 1 76, 413 1 21, 202, 443 1 21, 374 2 50, 996	93, 723, 825 4, 989, 346 26, 157, 144 26, 222, 133 110, 712, 338 1, 626, 238 16, 975 1, 800, 575 206, 272 602, 648 103, 221 576, 850 21, 164 9, 004 1, 049, 433 2, 3, 543, 521 1, 4, 239, 971 2, 1, 428, 838	110, 760, 519 7, 884, 782 29, 358, 651 29, 645, 557 103, 665, 228 939, 923 21, 978 3, 935, 581 62, 177 302, 950 93, 769 44, 488 70, 605 4, 200 1728, 194 22, 984, 568 3, 846, 777	56, 750, S15 30, 090, 322 19, 955, 244 25, 945, 199 70, 137, 955 21, 713 205, 418 79, 034 65, 786 8, 033 1414, 917 22, 299, 077 22, 491, 595
Rye Rye Barley 1, Oats 5, Corn 5, Buckwheat 6, Colza 5, Sunflower seed Flaxseed Hemp seed Peas Lentils Beans Haricots \$21, Potatoes \$21, Anise seed 9 Mustard seed 9 Poppy seed Rice Sugar beets 0 Onions Alfalfa and clover Other artificial meadows 1	325, 668 253, 294 991, 896 152, 655 97, 380 1, 532 157, 788 9, 916 52, 197 15, 224 31, 950 2, 132 252, 273 252, 273 269, 729 260, 932 262	429, 611 1, 103, 944 4, 908, 046 67, 263 1, 661 237, 404 1, 661 33, 116 14, 352 23, 299 5, 896 170, 055 2 1, 127, 330 1 25, 432 2 49, 887	337, 450 1,357,039 1,197,209 5,247,102 150,190 3,467 170,860 1,544 30,079 15,968 32,852 6,395 680 176,413 21,202,443 121,374 250,996	4,989,346 26,157,144 26,222,133 110,712,338 1,662,238 1,662,238 1,6975 2,06,272 602,648 103,221 576,850 21,164 9,004 11,049,433 23,543,521 14,239,971 21,428,838	7, 884, 782 29, 358, 651 29, 645, 557 103, 665, 228 939, 923 21, 978 3, 935, 581 02, 177 362, 950 93, 769 494, 438 70, 605 4, 200 1, 728, 194 22, 984, 688 3, 846, 777	3, 090, 321 19, 955, 244 25, 945, 196 70, 137, 95 974, 515 27, 730 1, 495, 956 21, 112 205, 416 79, 036 65, 788 8, 033 1, 414, 917 2, 299, 076 12, 1451, 592
Barley	$\begin{array}{c} 253, 294 \\ 991, 896 \\ 152, 655 \\ 97, 380 \\ 1, 532 \\ 157, 788 \\ 9, 916 \\ 52, 191 \\ 15, 224 \\ 31, 950 \\ 2, 132 \\ 539 \\ 91, 973 \\ 252, 273 \\ 29, 792 \\ 60, 932 \\ 262 \end{array}$	1, 357, 545 1, 103, 944 4, 908, 046 67, 263 1, 661 237, 404 1, 661 14, 352 23, 299 5, 896 358 170, 057 21, 127, 330 125, 432 249, 887	1, 357, 039 1, 197, 209 5, 247, 102 5, 247, 102 150, 190 3, 467 170, 860 1, 544 30, 079 15, 968 32, 852 6, 395 680 1 76, 413 2 1, 202, 443 1 21, 374 2 50, 996	26, 157, 144 26, 222, 133 110, 712, 338 1, 626, 238 1, 697, 5 206, 272 602, 648 103, 221 576, \$50 21, 164 9, 004 1, 049, 433 2, 3, 543, 521 1, 4, 239, 971 2, 1, 428, \$88	29, 358, 651 29, 645, 557 103, 665, 228 939, 923 21, 975 3, 935, 581 62, 177 362, 950 93, 769 494, 438 70, 605 4, 200 1728, 194 22, 984, 568 3, 846, 777	19, 955, 24(25, 945, 199 70, 137, 955 974, 515 27, 736 1, 495, 956 205, 418 79, 036 389, 846 65, 788 8, 033 4, 414, 917 2, 299, 076
Oats Corn 5, Millet 5, Millet 6, Buckwheat Colza 6, Colza 7, Sunflower seed 7, Flaxseed 6, Hemp seed 8, Peas 6, Earlis 8, Beans 9, Haricots 8, Potatoes 7, Anise seed 9, Mustard seed 9, Poppy seed 8, Rice 8, Sugar beets 9, Dnions 1, Lifalfa and clover 7, Other artificial meadows 1, Total 1, Total 2, Total 3, Total 3, Total 3, Total 4, Total 4, Total 5, Total 4, Total 6, Total 7, Tot	$\begin{array}{c} 991,896 \\ 152,655 \\ 97,380 \\ 1,532 \\ 157,788 \\ 9,916 \\ 52,197 \\ 15,224 \\ 31,950 \\ 2,132 \\ 539 \\ 191,973 \\ 252,273 \\ 262,273 \\ 262,273 \\ 262,262 \\ 262 \end{array}$	1,103,944 4,998.046 67,263 1,661 237,404 1,661 33,116 14,352 23,299 5,896 170,055 21,127,330 125,432 249,887	1, 197, 209 5, 247, 102 150, 190 3, 467 170, 860 1, 544 30, 079 15, 968 32, 852 6, 395 6, 395 176, 413 2 1, 202, 443 1 21, 374 2 50, 996	26, 222, 133 110, 712, 338 1, 626, 238 16, 975 1, 800, 575 206, 272 602, 648 103, 221 576, 850 21, 164 9, 004 1, 1, 049, 433 23, 543, 521 14, 239, 971 21, 428, 838	29, 645, 557 103, 665, 228 393, 923 21, 975 3, 935, 581 62, 177 362, 950 93, 769 494, 438 70, 605 4, 200 1, 728, 194 2, 984, 568 3, \$46, 777	25, 945, 194 70, 137, 95; 974, 51; 27, 73; 1, 495, 95; 21, 11; 205, 41; 79, 03; 389, 84; 65, 78; 8, 03; 414, 91; 2, 299, 04; 2, 249, 15;
Corn	$\begin{array}{c} 152,655\\ 97,380\\ 1,532\\ 157,788\\ 9,916\\ 52,197\\ 15,224\\ 31,950\\ 2,132\\ 539\\ 191,973\\ 252,273\\ 129,729\\ 260,932\\ 262\\ \end{array}$	4,908,046 67,263 1,661 237,404 1,661 33,116 14,352 23,299 5,896 1,70,055 21,127,330 1,25,432 2,49,887	5,247,102 150.190 3,467 170.860 1,544 30,079 15,968 32,852 6,395 680 176,413 21,202,443 121,374 250,996	110, 712, 338 1.626, 238 16, 975 1, 800, 575 206, 272 602, 648 103, 221 576, 850 21, 164 9, 004 11, 049, 433 23, 543, 521 14, 239, 971 21, 428, 838	103, 665, 228 939, 923 21, 975 3, 935, 581 62, 177 362, 950 93, 769 494, 438 70, 665 4, 200 1728, 194 2 2, 984, 568 3, \$46, 777	70, 137, 95; 974, 51; 27, 73; 1, 495, 95; 21, 11; 205, 41; 79, 03; 389, 84; 65, 78; 8, 03; 414, 91; 2, 299, 07; 2, 451, 59;
Millet Buckwheat Olza Sunflower seed Flaxseed Hemp seed Peas Lentils Beans Haricots Potatoes Anise seed Mustard seed Poppy seed Rice Sugar beets Dnions Alfalfa and clover Other artificial meadows	$\begin{array}{c} 97.380 \\ 1,532 \\ 157.788 \\ 9,916 \\ 52,197 \\ 15,224 \\ 31,950 \\ 2,132 \\ 539 \\ 191,973 \\ 252,273 \\ 129,729 \\ 260,932 \\ 262 \end{array}$	67, 263 1, 661 237, 404 1, 661 33, 116 14, 352 23, 299 5, 896 358 1, 70, 055; 21, 127, 330 1, 25, 432 2, 49, 887	150, 190 3, 467 170, 860 1, 544 30, 079 15, 968 32, 852 6, 395 680 1, 76, 413 21, 202, 443 1, 21, 374 250, 996	1.626, 238 16, 975 1.800, 575 206, 272 602, 648 103, 221 576, \$50 21, 164 9, 004 11, 049, 433 23, 543, 521 14, 239, 971 21, 428, 838	939, 923 21, 975 3, 935, 581 62, 177 362, 950 93, 769 494, 438 70, 605 4, 200 1, 728, 194 2, 984, 568 3, 846, 777	974, 51: 27, 73 1, 495, 95 21, 11: 205, 41: 79, 03: 389, 844 65, 78: 8, 03: 414, 91' 22, 299, 076: 2, 299, 076:
Buckwheat Colza Sunflower seed Flaxseed Hemp seed Peas Lentils Beans Haricots Anise seed Mustard seed Poppy seed Rice Sugar beets Onions Alfalfa and clover Other artificial meadows	1,532 157,788 9,916 52,197 15,224 31,950 2,132 539 1,973 252,273 252,273 260,932 262	$\begin{array}{c} 1.661\\ 237,404\\ 1,661\\ 33,116\\ 14,352\\ 23,299\\ 5,896\\ 358\\ ^{1}70,055\\ ^{2}1,127,330\\ ^{1}25,432\\ ^{2}49,887\\ \end{array}$	3, 467 170, 860 1, 544 30, 079 15, 968 32, 852 6, 395 680 1 76, 413 2 1, 202, 443 1 21, 374 2 50, 996	16, 975 1, 800, 575 206, 272 602, 648 103, 221 576, 850 21, 164 9, 004 11, 049, 433 23, 543, 521 14, 239, 971 21, 428, 838	21, 978 3, 935, 581 62, 177 302, 950 93, 769 494, 438 70, 605 4, 200 1728, 194 2 2, 984, 568 3, 846, 777	27, 73 1, 495, 95 21, 11: 205, 41: 79, 03 389, 84 65, 78 8, 03: 1414, 91: 2, 299, 07 2, 451, 59:
Colza Sunflower seed Flaxseed Hemp seed Peas Lentils Beans Haricots Anise seed Mustard seed Poppy seed Rice Sugar beets Onions Alfalfa and clover Other artificial meadows	$\begin{array}{c} 157,788 \\ 9,916 \\ 52,197 \\ 15,224 \\ 31,950 \\ 2,132 \\ 539 \\ 91,973 \\ 252,273 \\ 29,729 \\ 260,932 \\ 262 \end{array}$	237, 404 1, 661 33, 116 14, 352 23, 299 5, 896 358 170, 055 21, 127, 330 125, 432 249, 887	170, 860 1, 544 30, 079 15, 968 32, 852 6, 395 680 176, 413 21, 202, 443 121, 374 250, 996	1,800,575 206,272 602,648 103,221 576,850 21,164 9,004 11,049,433 23,543,521 14,239,971 21,428,838	3.935, 581 62,177 362,950 93,769 494,438 70,605 4,200 1728,1984 22,984,568 13,846,777	1, 495, 956 21, 115 205, 415 79, 036 389, 846 65, 786 8, 033 1, 414, 91 2, 299, 076 1, 2, 451, 596
Sunflower seed	9, 916 52, 197 15, 224 31, 950 2, 132 539 191, 973 252, 273 129, 729 260, 932 262	1, 661 33, 116 14, 352 23, 299 5, 896 358 170, 055 21, 127, 330 125, 432 249, 887	$\begin{array}{c} 1,544\\ 30,079\\ 15,968\\ 32,852\\ 6,395\\ 680\\ {}^{1}76,413\\ {}^{2}1,202,443\\ {}^{1}21,374\\ {}^{2}50,996\\ \end{array}$	206, 272 602, 648 103, 251 576, 850 21, 164 9, 004 11, 049, 433 23, 543, 521 14, 239, 971 21, 428, 838	62,177 362,950 93,769 494,438 70,605 4,200 1728,194 22,984,568 13,846,777	21, 11; 205, 41; 79, 03; 389, 84; 65, 78; 8, 03; 1, 414, 91; 2, 2, 299, 07; 1, 2, 451, 59;
Flaxseed	52, 197 15, 224 31, 950 2, 132 539 191, 973 252, 273 129, 729 260, 932 262	33, 116 14, 352 23, 299 5, 896 3, 170, 055 170, 055 21, 127, 330 125, 432 249, 887	30,079 15,968 32,852 6,395 680 176,413 21,202,443 121,374 250,996	602, 648 103, 221 576, 550 21, 164 9, 004 11, 049, 433 23, 543, 521 14, 239, 971 21, 428, 838	362, 950 93, 769 494, 438 70, 605 4, 200 728, 194 2, 984, 568 1, 3, 846, 777	205, 418 79, 036 389, 846 65, 786 8, 038 1, 414, 917 2, 2, 299, 076 1, 2, 451, 593
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Hemp seed	31, 950 2, 132 539 1 91, 973 252, 273 1 29, 729 2 60, 932 262	23, 299 5, 896 358 170, 055 21,127, 330 125, 432 249, 887	32, 852 6, 395 680 1 76, 413 2 1, 202, 443 1 21, 374 2 50, 996	576, \$50 21, 164 9, 004 11,049, 433 23, 543, 521 14, 239, 971 21, 428, 838	494,438 $70,605$ $4,200$ $728,194$ $22,984,568$ $3,846,777$	389, 840 65, 789 8, 039 1 414, 917 2 2, 299, 070 1 2, 451, 599
Peas . Lentils . Beans . Haricots . Potatoes . Anise seed . Mustard seed . Poppy seed . Rice . Sugar beets . Onions . Alfalfa and clover . Other artificial meadows	31, 950 2, 132 539 1 91, 973 252, 273 1 29, 729 2 60, 932 262	23, 299 5, 896 358 170, 055 21,127, 330 125, 432 249, 887	32, 852 6, 395 680 1 76, 413 2 1, 202, 443 1 21, 374 2 50, 996	576, \$50 21, 164 9, 004 11,049, 433 23, 543, 521 14, 239, 971 21, 428, 838	494,438 $70,605$ $4,200$ $728,194$ $22,984,568$ $3,846,777$	389, 840 65, 789 8, 039 1 414, 917 2 2, 299, 070 1 2, 451, 599
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Beans. Haricots. Potatoes. Anise seed. Mustard seed. Poppy seed. Rice. Sugar beets. Onions. Alfalfa and clover. Other artificial meadows	539 1 91, 973 252, 273 1 29, 729 2 60, 932 2 62	358 170,055 21,127,330 125,432 249,887	$\begin{array}{c} 680 \\ {}^{1}76, 413 \\ {}^{2}1, 202, 443 \\ {}^{1}21, 374 \\ {}^{2}50, 996 \end{array}$	9,004 11,049,433 23,543,521 14,239,971 21,428,838	$\begin{array}{r} 4,200 \\ 1728,194 \\ 22,984,568 \\ 13,846,777 \end{array}$	8,03 ¹ 414,91 ² 2,299,076 ¹ 2,451.59
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Anise seed	260, 932 262	2 49,887	² 50, 996	2 1, 428, 838		
Anise seed	262				- 330,000	
Mustard seed. Poppy seed. Rice. Sugar beets. Onions. Alfalfa and clover. Other artificial meadows				3,113	1,853	52
Poppy seed		116	7	142	536	1.
Rice	151	96	27	837	1.098	17
Sugar beets Onions	2	15	21	48	108	171
Onions		10		Tons.3	Tons.3	Tons.
Onions	33,613	32.909	28, 184	289, 962	339,658	229, 13
Alfalfa and clover Other artificial meadows	8,908	8,686	9, 306	28,707	30,836	34.06
Other artificial meadows	143,896	119, 727		271, 957	221,640	
Furnips swedes etc	255,650		105,428		278, 383	171,873 262,403
		212, 106	277, 973	343,522	18, 542	
	2,224	2,110	1,176	17, 531		8,48
	984, 711	977,676	1,010,216	864, 172	910,976	746,98
Plums	180,264	173,946	170,966	115,546	327,018	40, 47,
2-1	0.1.000			Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.
Tobacco	24,690	23,544		20,509,394	15, 433, 743	12,098,18
Chicory	255	156	49	1,931,891	1.651,245	238, 979
John				Number.	Number.	Number.
ablage	13,425	14,008	15,975	49,728,300	55, 979, 800	57, 356, 100
Watermelons and melons	17,658	20,885	19,921	19,004,300	20,564,900	19,255,200
Pumpkins	1 680	$^{-1}437$	1 432	1 445, 400	1 215, 100	1 72, 200
\21,1	102,790	2 975, 091	2 1,014,536	² 164, S39, 900	² 117, 120, 700	2 122, 842, 400
				Gallons.	Gallons.	Gallons.
ines	176,523	183, 385	182,800	26, 243, 625	45,260,986	33, 549, 854

¹ Planted alone.

BULGARIA.

According to the latest advices, the prospects for the cereals—wheat, rye, barley, oats, and rye-were very good in northern Bul-

² Planted with corn

^{3 2.000} pounds

garia. The autumn-sown crops in general looked well and the promise was, if favorable weather prevailed up to harvest, for yields as abundant as those of 1912.

RUSSIA.

According to a recent report of the Central Statistical Committee. the areas sown to cereals for the 1911 harvest in 89 provinces and territories of the Russian Empire were as follows: Spring wheat 60,-353.000 and winter wheat 19,733.000 acres; spring rve 1,952,000, and winter rve 72.046,000 acres; barley, 30.915.000 acres; oats, 46.183.000 acres; and corn, 4,908,000 acres. The areas sown for the 1912 harvest have not yet been officially estimated; but the indications are that the progressive movement of the last few years in the sowing of spring wheat, barley, and oats has continued to some extent in the present season. Last autumn the seeding of winter rye and wheat was effected under good conditions, and, as crop reports in the spring were singularly free from references to winter-kill, the assumption seems warranted that no more than the usual losses have resulted from this cause. The sowings of spring wheat and rvc. on the other hand, though delayed over wide areas by adverse weather, are believed not to have been diminished, excepting, perhaps, in the springwheat provinces of southeastern Russia, where difficulty was experienced in obtaining seed because of the crop failure last year.

According to a semiofficial authority the appearance of the crops in early June was encouraging. The condition of winter wheat and the spring-sown crops was in general above average and that of winter rye good. The only adverse reports were from Northern Poland, where all crops were rated as unsatisfactory. Meteorological conditions since the date of the report have been generally favorable; present appearances give rise to hope of abundant harvests.

EGYPT.

Agriculture, occupied for the greater part in raising corn, cotton, and wheat, has in late years made noteworthy progress, principally along the lines of cotton production. Almost a half million acres have been added to the cultivation of this crop within the past decade. The area under corn, the principal crop, has not increased in like proportion, nor has wheat, while the surface devoted to beans and barley has declined. Below is a statement of the acreage under different crops for the last five years for which official estimates are available.

Area of specified crops in Egypt, 1905-6 to 1909-10.

Crop.	1905-6	1906–7	1907-8	1908-9	1909–10
Cotton Corn Rice Wheat Beans Barley Sugar canc Fodder and miscellaneous crops Orchards and gardens Total.	1, 266, 548 604, 332 472, 669 52, 570 1, 710, 703 26, 443	Acres. 1, 663, 914 1, 867, 654 249, 157 1, 264, 643 618, 319 475, 833 42, 566 1, 743, 346 27, 820 7, 953, 252	Acres. 1,702,320 1,865,094 258,216 1,212,556 561,646 457,349 40,027 1,757,379 28,560 7,886,147	4 cres. 1, 657, 686 1, 865, 021 282, 149 1, 296, 736 588, 222 439, 378 45, 653 1, 755, 635 31, 487 7, 961, 967	A cres. 1,705,43 1,910,59 298,05 1,299,28 581,93 403,84 50,77 1,722,25 33,11

According to the Egyptian Department of Agriculture, cotton in 1912 was planted 10 days earlier than last year. The crop was in excellent condition on July 1 and is from 15 to 20 days in advance of last year. An unusually large number of cotton worm egg masses are being picked daily throughout the Delta, and it is hoped to keep the pest under control by the energetic measures which are now in force.

No effect on the cotton crop from shortage of water is apparent at present, except in a few isolated cases; but cultivators are urged to exercise the utmost economy in the use of the available supply, as any waste or needless watering will endanger the crops of those less favorably situated on the distributory canals.

ALGERIA AND TUNIS.

Harvest began in late May, about two weeks earlier than usual, and is expected to give rather medium results. A prolonged drought in early spring in the coastal districts of Algeria and throughout Tunis is believed to have injured crops to an extent not wholly reparable by the subsequent abundant rains. In the interior districts of Algeria conditions are more favorable.

AUSTRALIA.

The Monthly Summary of Australian Statistics, March, 1912, published at Melbourne under the authority of the Minister for Home Affairs, contains a statement of the area, production, and exports of wheat in the Commonwealth of Australia from the year of its establishment up to 1912. During the first decade the area under wheat made no permanent increase; in fact, the extent of land under this grain in 1908-9 was smaller than 10 years previous. But from 1909-10 to 1911-12 occurred a marked revival of interest in its culture,

due largely to good prices; and in the three years an addition of almost 24 million acres was made to the area sown. Owing to unfavorable meteorological conditions, the 1911-12 yield was about 20 million bushels less than that of the preceding year. The statistics follow:

Area, production, and exports of wheat in Australia, 1900-1912.

[From Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics.]

		D I.	Calen-	Exports.		
Crop year.	Area.	Produe- tion.	dar year.	Wheat.	Wheat flour.	
1900-1. 1901-2. 1902-3. 1903-4. 1904-5. 1906-6. 1906-7. 1907-8. 1908-9. 1909-10. 1911-11.	5,566,340 6,269,778 6,122,746 5,982,186 5,383,911 5,262,473 6,586,236	Bushels. ¹ 49, 877, 259 39, 776, S88 12, 768, 163 76, 486, 460 56, 254, 271 70, 680, 204 68, 514, 628 46, 662, 997 64, 563, 551 93, 202, 982 98, 109, 437 75, 161, 977	1901 1902 1903 4 1904 1905 1906 1907 1908 1909 1910 1911 1912	Bushels. ² 20, 260, 058 8, 999, 282 1, 172, 838 33, 071, 653 24, 648, 182 30, 262, 335 28, 784, 130 15, 027, 384 17, 761, 895 54, 970, 289	Barrels.3 987, 898 336, 948 62, 214 1, 052, 490 1, 573, 663 1, 702, 806 1, 667, 724 1, 191, 867 1, 326, 214 1, 428, 020 1, 808, 255	

Winchester bushels reduced from imperial.

Wheat cultivation is on the most extensive scale in Victoria, South Australia, and New South Wales, but there is also a notable increase in late years in the smaller area of Western Australia. The area and vield in the different States is shown in the following statement:

Area and production of wheat in Australia, by States, 1911-12 to 1907-8.

[From Monthly Summary of Australian Statistics, January, 1912.]

AREA.

State.	1911-12	1910–11	1909-10	1908-9	1907-8
Queensland	Acres. 47,538 2,267,845 2,164,066 2,300,000 559,145 41,905	Acres. 106, 718 2, 128, 826 2, 398, 089 2, 104, 719 581, 862 52, 242	.4 cres. 117, 160 1, 990, 180 2, 097, 162 1, 895, 738 448, 918 37, 078	Acres. 80,898 1,394,056 1,779,905 1,693,501 285,011 29,102	Acres. 82, 461 1, 390, 171 1, 847, 121 1, 753, 755 279, 609 30, 794
Total Commonwealth	7, 380, 499	7, 372, 456	6,586,236	5,262,473	5,383,911

² Bushels of 60 pounds.

³ Barrels of 196 pounds. Grop failure; imports, 9,114,490 bushels, practically all from Argentina and United States.
 Preliminary.

Area and production of wheat in Australia, etc.—Continued.

PRODUCTION.

State.	1911-12 1	1910–11	190910	1908-9	1907-8
Queensland New South Wales Victoria South Australia Western Australia Tasmania	25,391,876 21,550,24 21,661,815 5,312,188	Bushels,2 1,054,593 28,793,242 35,910,151 25,111,985 6,683,401 1,156,064	Bushels. ² 1,621,118 29,431,216 29,687,105 25,925,944 5,778,927 818,672	Bushels. ² 1,240,705 15,971,231 24,081,387 20,008,990 2,538,376 722,862	Bushels. ² 715, 384 9, 444, 432 12, 482, 136 19, 738, 614 3, 017, 893 664, 538
Total Commonwealth	75, 161, 977	98, 109, 436	93, 262, 982	64,563,551	46,062,997

¹ Preliminary.

RUSSIA.

An official report has been recently received showing the condition of the crops in Russia on July 1, 1912, as compared with June 1, 1912, and July 1, 1911. The figures follow:

Condition of crops in Russia.

[1=very good; 2=good; 3=medium; 4=poor; 5=very poor.]

Crops.		June 1, 1912.	July 1, 1911.	Crops.		June 1, 1912.	
Winter wheat. Spring wheat. Winter spelt Winter rye. Spring rye Spring barley Oats. Peas	2.3 2.1 2.5 2.7 2.3	2.5 2.4 2.1 2.7 2.9 2.4 2.5 2.6	2.7 3.1 2.5 2.8 3.2 2.8 3.0 3.0	Beans. Vetch. Potatoes. Sugar beets Winter rapeseed. Clover. Lucerne.	2.5 2.7 2.6 2.9 3.3	2.6 2.7 2.8 2.8 2.9 3.6 3.0	3.1 2.8 2.6 3.1 2.7 3.3 3.2

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² Winchester bushels reduced from imperial.

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