

Texas Has Floods Next.

Torrent Rains Wash Away Much Good Soil, Make Extensive Replanting Necessary, and Damage a Great Deal of Poorly-Stored Cotton.

Cor. of The Charlotte Observer.

Waco, Tex., May 4.—Torrential rains have fallen all over the eastern half of Texas, including the cotton-growing section. Taking Waco, which is in the center of the most fertile section in this State, or perhaps in the United States, the rainfall has been ten and one-half inches in seven days. In one night five inches fell, and another afternoon and part of a night four inches, the remainder falling another night. The result is that the soil is saturated to its utmost limit. The streams are raging floods, higher than since June, 1902, and great damage is being done, the worst being the setting back of the crops. Inquiries made of farmers and prominent dealers in cotton as to the leteness of the crop bring the responses that it is from three weeks to a month late, and that a great deal of replanting will be necessary, owing to the rains. The spring was very cold and late, and a good deal of cotton is not planted. In favorable seasons a great deal of it is planted in March. Lowland farms are under water for miles and miles. Ten days ago the Brazos river here was but a small creek, one might say, of very red water, and far down under its steep banks men were hauling sand. The rains have brought it up thirty feet, and the danger stage is twenty.

Thousands upon thousands of people of Waco and the adjacent country lined the banks and the bridges to see the raging stream. On one bridge all Sunday night engines were placed, to hold down the structure, threatened by masses of drift wood. A creek which makes into the river and is ordinarily thirty feet wide, is now four miles in width.

In the course of talks with cotton farmers whose crops are on sandy land, they said that the heavy rains had washed these lands badly. It was also learned that some of the more rolling black or wax lands had also been washed. These continued soakings of the ground make greatly in favor of those much dreaded pests, the boll weevil and the boll worm. As has been stated, the farmers appear to dread this worm even more than they do the weevil. Still, they seem to be in good spirits, or at least to take matters easy, and one does not hear a tittle of the grumbling there is on the part of farmers in the Eastern States, particularly among those who raise cotton.

For one thing the farmers here have no money. Up to a couple of months ago they held on very tightly to their cotton, but since then they have been quite free sellers, yet much cotton is left, and never was it less cared for, as probably the great majority of farmers were not prepared to care for it, never having held for any great length of time. A great deal of the cotton is consequently damaged, as I have myself seen, and of course the heavy rains, by causing water to stand where the cotton is laid out on the ground, will increase the damage. Farmers, when asked what they expect to make, say from a quarter of a bale to one-half a bale to the acre. It seems to be the rule here, as everywhere else, that what the farmers say is doubted; for example, if one says he intends to plant very little cotton, it is not believed, but it is thought that his purpose is to plant more, and so take advantage of his neighbor, who he hopes will plant less.

Hence there has been no little amusement at a cartoon, representing two farmers, one on either side of the dividing fence, pretending that they are planting tomatoes, while as a matter of fact both are planting cotton.

Fred A. Olds.

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W. Marcus Estridge, April 12, 1905—1st

An Estray Cow

Strayed, from my Bear Branch place, about three weeks ago, one small, brindled, horned cow, about 4 years old, will find calf soon. Any information of her whereabouts will be appreciated.

H. N. Sowell, May 2, 1905—2t

Weather and Crops

A Complete Review of the Crop Situation in South Carolina and the Weather.

Record, 9th inst. Section Director Bauer today issued his weather and crop report as follows:

The temperature during the week ending Monday, May 8th, was much about normal, and the daily maximum ranged generally above 80 degrees during the last half of the week; the night temperatures were also slightly above normal. The precipitation was heavy, in many places excessive, and damaged lands by erosion and flooding. Farm work was impracticable during the greater part of the week, as the lands were too wet to plow, plant or cultivate. The prevailing high temperature and copious rainfall caused crops of all kinds to grow rapidly, and were particularly favorable on small grain and truck crops, and for transplanting. Many fields have become full with grass and weeds and stand in urgent need of work, this being especially true of early planted corn and cotton; though much early corn has received its first cultivation.

Corn has good stands as a rule, but bad and cut worms are thinning stands in low lands; some corn is turning yellow from too much rain.

Cotton planting is not finished in the western parts, though practically finished in the central and eastern counties, except on bottom or low lands that have been too wet recently to plant. Stands vary greatly, being generally good for that planted since the April killing frost, and very poor for the early plantings, much

of which is being replanted. Some early planted cotton and corn are being replanted on account of being too full of cutworms and grasshoppers. Some cotton has been chopped.

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Washington, May 9.—The weekly crop bulletin, issued by the weather bureau, says:

Much cotton remains to be planted in Arkansas, Northern Mississippi portions of Louisiana and in Northern and Central Texas, and planting is unfinished in the Carolinas, Northern Georgia, Tennessee and Oklahoma. In Central and Northern Texas a large area requires replanting and that up is not in a very promising condition and is in need of cultivation. In Southern Texas the crop is in better condition, although damaged by rain. Good stands are reported from the central and eastern districts of the cotton belt, where the crop is making favorable progress, although needing cultivation in Georgia.

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By Richburg,	7:50 a.m.	4:45 p.m.
By Chester,	8:15 a.m.	5:15 p.m.
By Charlotte, S. C.,	8:55 a.m.	7:10 p.m.
By Columbia, S. C.,	9:11 a.m.	1:05 a.m.
By Yorkville, S. C.,	9:48 a.m.	
By Gastonia, N. C.,	10:33 a.m.	
By Lenoir, N. C.,	11:12 p.m.	
By Atlanta, S. C.,	1:50 p.m.	

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By Gastonia, N. C.,	6:00 p.m.
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