

FIXING COTTON PRICES.

Cotton and its Relation to the Nation's Welfare Make Absurd Some Suggestions of Cotton Speculators and Buyers.

Manufacturers Record.

The average cotton crop of the five years from 1911 to 1915, as reported by the United States department of agriculture, was 14,175,872 bales, as compared with 11,449,930 bales in 1916 and 10,949,000 bales in 1917.

These figures indicate an acute crisis in cotton production. Notwithstanding the war, the consumption of cotton must go on at an accelerating rate. To some extent it is temporarily halted in some countries, but those countries are draining to the last ounce their supply of cotton goods.

In producing cotton, looking toward the future after the end of the war, the South would, therefore, be not only helping itself, but helping the world situation. In the meantime, however, it seems to be almost impossible for the South under existing conditions to produce enough cotton to meet the actual needs of the hour.

While everything that can be done to increase food production must be done, we should not lose sight of the fact that cotton is essential to civilization. It is absolutely necessary for clothing, for tenting and a thousand and one things for which there is no substitute available.

Some of the suggestions put out by New York speculators and cotton buyers to the effect that a low maximum price should be put on cotton would if put into effect, be a national disaster. The South could stand such a situation much better than the rest of the country, for the South can thrive on the production of other crops, while the rest of the country cannot exist except in terrific suffering without an adequate cotton crop.

Good News For Tobacco Growers!

WE are now able to offer the trade in unlimited quantities the old, reliable and popular brands,

Bonanza Tobacco Guano 8-3-3

Orinoco Tobacco Guano 8-2 1/2-3

Farmer's Bone 8-2-2

No crop is more dependent upon POTASH than tobacco, and those who have been reducing or cutting out POTASH will find it to their interest to return to their old standards.

ROYSTER'S FERTILIZERS

Please remember! WE HAVE THE POTASH, but it will do you no good if you wait so late that the over-worked, congested railroads cannot haul it to you.

F. S. ROYSTER GUANO COMPANY, NORFOLK, VA.

Read the following interesting letters from Royster users:

COLUMBUS COUNTY.

R. F. D. No. 1, Taber, N. C., Sept. 6, 1917. F. S. Royster Guano Co., Norfolk, Va. Gentlemen: I used no other goods but Royster's because I get the best results from it.

VANCE COUNTY.

Henderson, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1, Sept. 17, 1917. F. S. Royster Guano Co., Norfolk, Va. Gentlemen: I used six tons of Royster's 8-3-3 tobacco fertilizer. I am proud to say that I had three acres of tobacco which I got \$710.66.

FORSYTH COUNTY.

F. S. Royster Guano Co., Norfolk, Va. Dear Sirs: I used 800 pounds of ROYSTER'S HIGH GRADE fertilizer this year, and find it to be the best I have ever used.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.

Reidsville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2, Sept. 26, 1917. F. S. Royster Guano Co., Norfolk, Va. Gentlemen: I wish to tell you that I used your 8-2-2 fertilizer for tobacco this year and have the best crop for some years.

SURRY COUNTY.

Rockford, N. C., Sept. 27, 1917. F. S. Royster Guano Co., Norfolk, Va. Dear Sirs: I have been using your fertilizers for 15 or 20 years, and think it is the best there is.

EDGECOMBE COUNTY.

Whitakers, N. C., Sept. 3, 1917. F. S. Royster Guano Co., Norfolk, Va. Dear Sirs: I have used your fertilizers for a number of years and believe that we get better results from it than any other brand that we have ever used.

CASWELL COUNTY.

Felham, N. C., Sept. 1, 1917. F. S. Royster Guano Co., Norfolk, Va. Gentlemen: I used two tons and a half of Farmer's Bone and I received a very good crop.

PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY.

F. S. Royster Guano Co., Norfolk, Va. Gentlemen: I bought DELTA TOBACCO GUANO from Mr. J. J. Whitton, your representative here, and found it to be the best crop I have ever raised.

PITT COUNTY.

Greenville, N. C., Sept. 21, 1917. F. S. Royster Guano Co., Norfolk, Va. Gentlemen: For the past four years I have used your tobacco fertilizers, and this year used it sparingly.

GREENE COUNTY.

Hobbsville, N. C., Sept. 11, 1917. F. S. Royster Guano Co., Norfolk, Va. Gentlemen: I purchased some of your guano from Mr. J. J. Whitton and used it under my tobacco.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Haysville, N. C., Sept. 21, 1917. F. S. Royster Guano Co., Norfolk, Va. Gentlemen: I have the best crop of tobacco I ever grew. Unless prices were low I shall not grow any more.

PITT COUNTY.

Greenville, N. C., Aug. 25, 1917. F. S. Royster Guano Co., Norfolk, Va. Dear Sirs: You will doubtless be interested in knowing how we are getting on with our tobacco crop.

With kindest personal regards and your wishes for success, we are, Very truly yours, GORMAN & JENKINS, Proprietors.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY.

F. S. Royster Guano Co., Norfolk, Va. Dear Sirs: Having used your fertilizers for the past two seasons and having obtained very satisfactory results, I feel that you should be interested to know how I feel about them.

WAIVE COUNTY.

Weldon, N. C., Oct. 27, 1917. F. S. Royster Guano Co., Norfolk, Va. Dear Sirs: I have used your guano for several years and have been very successful.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Henderson, N. C., Sept. 1, 1917. F. S. Royster Guano Co., Norfolk, Va. Dear Sirs: I have used your guano for several years and have been very successful.

EDGECOMBE COUNTY.

Rocky Mount, N. C., Sept. 4, 1917. F. S. Royster Guano Co., Norfolk, Va. Dear Sirs: It gives me pleasure to say a word of praise for Royster's fertilizers.

LUNenburg COUNTY.

Port Mitchell, Va., Sept. 22, 1917. F. S. Royster Guano Co., Norfolk, Va. Dear Sirs: Will say I have been using your goods for the past fifteen years and it is a very good matter for me to say that it is better, especially the Bonanza.

PITT COUNTY.

F. S. Royster Guano Co., Norfolk, Va. Dear Sirs: Having used your fertilizers for the past two seasons and having obtained very satisfactory results, I feel that you should be interested to know how I feel about them.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY.

Weldon, Va., Sept. 17, 1917. F. S. Royster Guano Co., Norfolk, Va. Dear Sirs: I have used your guano for several years and have been very successful.

TRUNEWICK COUNTY.

Weldon, Va., Aug. 28, 1917. F. S. Royster Guano Co., Norfolk, Va. Dear Sirs: I had your guano this year for the first time and compared it with other guano.

higher prices of the last two years have been bringing a few rays of sunlight into the homes of cotton growers and even of cotton farm laborers, but much yet remains to be done before there can be the same general prosperity among the cotton growers of the South as exists among the grain growers of Kansas and Nebraska and other Western States.

extent the production of foodstuff in the South for the needs of this section and for shipment elsewhere, there must be adequate production of cotton. Cotton is not only essential for its lint and for its use in the manufacture of explosives, but is essential for the enormous food value in cottonseed oil and the feed value in cottonseed cake and hulls.

the suggestion which has been made of 18 cents a pound as a maximum price is absurd to any intelligent man. Meeting of Women. Editor The Daily Item. The meeting called by the committee from women's organizations should be largely attended by the ladies of our community and city.

stroying, or to trying to destroy the food ships, not the ships carrying troops. In her cessation of hostility Germany does not count that her gain is in the men, she can use against the French, English and American forces; she cannot her gain in the fact that the Russian land is a wheat growing land, and that she can trade for that wheat.

as it used to be consumed. We thought there was plenty of sugar till all of a sudden sugar gave out. So too it will be with beef and pork and wheat. To keep from his giving out altogether after awhile we must use it sparingly all along. That is the whole story. The ladies calling the meeting wish to discuss in a practical way the new housekeeping problems confronting them. The meeting should be very largely attended. HERBERT A. MOSES, Food Administration Representative for the City of Sumter. FOOD PROTECTOR PUNISHED. Columbia, Feb. 15.—A South Carolina wholesaler today gave the Red Cross a check for four hundred and fifty dollars, representing excess charges on sugar. The food administration a real not to revoke his license on this condition. His name was not revealed.