

# **GOVERNMENT GROP REPORT**

Washington, D. C., June 8, 1917 .-A summary of the June crop report for the State of South Carolina and for the United States, as compiled by the Bureau of Crop Estimates, (and transmitted through the Weather Bureau), U. S. Department of Agriculture, is as follows:

# All Wheat.

State.-June 1 forecast, 1,760,000 bushels; production last year, final estimate, 2,226,000 bushels.

United States .- June 1 forecast, year, final estimate, 639,886,000 bush- age of 89.5.

# Oats.

bushels: production las year, final estimate, 9,000,000 bushels.

United States .- June 1 forecast, 1,-380,000 bushels: production last year, final estimate, 1,251,992,000 bushels. Rye.

State.-June 1 forecast, 50,000 oushels: production last year, final estimate, 49,000 bushels.

United States .- June 1 forecast, 57,900,000 bushels: production last year, final estimate, 47,383,000 bush-

### All Hay.

State.-June 1 forecast, 330,000 tons: production last year, final estimate, 340,000 tons.

United States.-June 1 forecast, 102,000,000 tons: production last year, final estimate, 109,786,000 tons.

# Pasture.

State.-June 1 condition, 84, compared with the ten-year average of

·United States .- June 1 condition, 656,000,000 bushels: production last 83.8, compared with the ten-year aver-

# Apples (Agricultural

final estimate, 196,000 barrels. United States.-June 1 forecast,

25,400,000 barrels of 3 bushels: production last year, final estimate, 67,- and 74.1 cents per bushel. Oats, 69.9 415,000 barrels. Peaches.

bushels: production last year, final estimate, 545,000 bushels.

United States .- June 1 forecast 45,400,000 bushels: production last year, final estimate, 35,939,000 bush-

# Cotton.

State.-May 25 condition, 70, compared with the ten-year average of 77. United States .- May 25 condition, 69.5, compared with the ten-year average of 79.1.

# Prices.

The first price given below is the average on June 1 this year, and the second, the average on June 1 last

State.-Wheat, 274 and 119 cents per bushel. Corn, 200 and 101 per bushel. Oats, 102 and 69 per bushel. 357 and 159. Hay, \$22.20 State.-June 1 forecast, 5,000 bar- and \$16.80 per ton. Cotton, 20.7 and State.—une 1 forecast, 5,100,000 rels of 3 bushels: production last year, 12.3 cents per pound. Eggs,—and 19 cents per dozen.

United States. Wheat, 248.5 and 100.0 cents per bushel. Corn, 160.1 and 42.1 cents per bushel. Potatoes, 274.0 and 98.8 cents. Hay, \$15.25 and State.-June 1 forecast, 1,012,000 \$12.46 per ton. Coton, 20.2 and 12.2 cents per pound. Eggs, 31.1 and 19.0 cents per dozen.

#### PRESERVING GREEN BEANS BY DRYING

Clemson College, S. C., June 11 .-All varieties of string beans can be dried. If desired to dry them whole, use only young string beans. Wash and string, put in wire basket or cheese cloth bag and blanch in boiling water from 6 to 10 minutes; depending on the age of beans. If it is desired to preserve the green color, add 1-2 teaspoonful of soda to each gallon of blanching water. Drain well and spread on cloths or in sunshine, in order to remove the surface moisture. Place on drying trays and put in evaporator or oven at 110 degrees Slowly increase temperature to 140 or 145 degrees (in about 1 to 1 1-2 hours) and finish drping at this temperature. They will dry in about 2

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string beans (not ripe) are hulled or degrees centigrade) increasing to 145

shelled, blanched in boiling water 6 degrees F., (or 63 degrees C.). In order to take the correct temperature of the oven or evaporator for drying fruits and vegetables, put a thermometer in a cylinder glass filled with sweet oil, cooking oil, or

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