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ECONOMICS OF THE COTTON SITUATION

(By W. W. Morrison)

The cotton crops of the five-year normal period immediately preceding the war averaged 14,713,000 bales. During this period consumption steadily outgrew production, as it had done, in fact, during the ten previous years. It is practically certain that 1919 will end a five-year period in which the crops have averaged from 3,500,000 to 4,000,000 bales below what would have been the needs of the world had not the war intervened.

This indicates that it will take a series of at least five crops averaging around 15,000,000 bales to restore such normal conditions as existed throughout the world previous to the war.

The normal increase in the population of the world, the steadily increasing use of cotton in other products besides that of clothing and the general trend of consumption during the last quarter of a century indicates that normal conditions, once restored, must be maintained by an annual increase of from a half to three-quarters of a million bales if the world's economic life is to be kept on a sound basis.

Where is this increase to come from? That question not only vitally concerns the consumer, but just as vitally concerns the well-being of organized society during the period of readjustment through which every country must now pass. The history of the last hundred years points rather definitely to this country as being the only source from which such an increase can reasonably be expected. The fact is, this is so evident that it

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would be an act of folly to deal with this most important problem upon any other assumption, and especially so during the next twenty-five years.

How to immediately increase the American crops to where they will meet these indicated needs that will come with the return of normal conditions and how to maintain that increase on such an expanding basis as will secure the orderly processes of the world's economic life, clearly dominates in importance every other problem with which the cotton world will have to deal, both in the near and the distant future. Certainly no question can take precedence over this in the forthcoming world cotton conference at New Orleans if the conference meets adequately what the world has a right to expect of it.

To increase the output of American cotton in any appreciable degree it is obvious that work in the production of cotton must be made more attractive to the laborer, whether he receives wages or is an independent cropper, than work in the production of any other products. When we consider this in connection with the steady movement of labor away from the farm, especially during this era of higher prices, we are justified in assuming that the consumer will ultimately have to pay a price well above any that has been so far recorded. It is well to remember that 75 per cent of the agricultural products of the South are now grown by white labor, which definitely minimizes the

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far-reaching readjustment is taking place in the agricultural labor of the South. It means that labor is demanding a much higher living standard than obtained under the old regime. In fact, it figures about eight times more than the standard cost twenty-five years ago. Wherever this demand has not been met it has been followed by a defection in cotton labor that has become increasingly acute during recent years. To this defection and the consequent inferiority of cultivation is due, in a very large measure, the short crops of the last five years.

These conditions have been exercising, and no doubt will continue to exercise, a decisive influence on the output and price of American cotton. A large section of the consuming and speculating public, however, have made no effort to find out the extent of this influence; on the contrary, they have been, and continue to be intent on bolstering up opinions based on outworn theories and the thoroughly discredited standards of the past.

The government's forecast of 10,696,000 bales indicates that consumption this season notwithstanding the unusual difficulties, will again be well above the amount produced.

Believe the market is a purchase at this level.

New Orleans, La., Oct. 4, 1919.

SELECTION AND CARE OF SEED CORN

Clemson College, October 7.—"No other work on the farm will pay such dividends for time and labor expended as will seed selection," says G. H. Collings, Assistant Agronomist. The selection of seed corn is just as important as the selection of breeding stock. Selection should be made in the field as soon as the

corn is in a dented condition. Plants of medium size that produce their ears about the middle of the stalk should be selected. The shanks should be of medium length and diameter. The ears should point downward so as to shed water, and the tips should be well covered with shucks so as to lessen insect injury. Be sure to get enough, about one bushel for every six acres to be planted the following spring.

After the seed has been selected it should be hung on corn trees in well ventilated, dry rooms, or sus-

pending by wires or strings in such a way that each ear does not touch other ears. Another good practice is to spread the corn on wire shelves, or even on the floor of an attic, but care should be taken always to see that there is good circulation of air around the ears. If the corn is spread on the floor it should be turned every day until thoroughly dry, because if this is not done, sufficient decay may take place to prevent germination of the kernels on the under side of the ears.

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