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TURKEYS SHY IN PENNSYLVANIA

Only Seventy-Seven of the Average Crop to Be Found on Farms of the State

Pennsylvania will be shy on Thanksgiving turkeys of the home-grown variety because of the extremely wet weather which prevailed during the season when the turkeys were being raised. In many parts of the State where turkey raising is quite a business thousands of young turkeys were lost last Spring and in the summer, the weather being very unfavorable for raising them. From reports made from over 800 townships the bureau of statistics of the Department of Agriculture estimates that the number of turkeys this year is only 77 per cent. of the average of turkeys in Pennsylvania in the last ten years. The condition of the turkeys is about 8 per cent. less than the average. In many counties the birds have all been bought up for shipment to large cities and Pennsylvanians may be dependent on New England or southern fowls for the big dinner.

The same wet weather is responsible for the unfavorable condition of the potato crop. The production is estimated at only 75 bushels per acre against 106 last year, while the total is given as 20,502,000 bushels against 25,408,000. The acreage this year was 2 per cent. greater than the potato acreage last year, but in spite of this the weather kept down the crop. The potato rot or blight seriously affected some counties. Wagon for instance, reporting a loss of 50 per cent. of the crop, while Lancaster and Franklin suffered loss of 7 per cent. A general estimate for the State made from first-hand reports by Statistician L. H. Wible is that 22 per cent. of the potato crop was affected.

The good prices realized for wheat have caused the acreage for this grain planted this Fall to be greater than last year. It is estimated that 1,338,000 acres, or 13,250 acres more than last year, were seeded for wheat. This information is from first-hand sources and the weather conditions have been favorable. The wheat was sown very late to avoid the Hessian fly.

Estimates of the area seeded for rye are for 246,000 acres, a smaller area than last year, and the condition is rather backward.

The corn harvest is estimated at 54,720,000 bushels against 58,920,000 bushels last year. The area was 1,522,000 acres and the yield ran about 36 bushels per acre, which was lower than hoped. The wet weather and storms interfered with corn. Eastern wheat shows an average crop of 20 bushels per acre, or approximately 5,540,000 bushels, which is less than last year.

Tobacco figures show 45,675,000 pounds, a decline of about 1,700,000 pounds. The yield per acre was 1,450 pounds. Lancaster raises nearly all of the tobacco.

The state had three cuttings of alfalfa in most counties and the production per acre 2.8 tons. The crop was 4 per cent. better than in 1914. The cloverseed yield was disappointing.

The number and condition of hogs is up to the average in every county. Much attention is being given to this branch of livestock.

HARRISBURG GIRL TO FLY IN EQUADOR

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which Miss Sheaffer's father is the general superintendent. The flight lasted about twenty minutes, during which time the machine-bird traveled a distance of nearly twenty miles.

Senor Figueroa, the Chilean aviator has been making a series of flights from the Jockey Club for the entertainment of a party of distinguished Ecuadorians and another party of Americans, who are guests at the club this week. In honor of the celebration a great party of Guayaquil was taken on a holiday appearance and a great part of the population is observing a fete.

Miss Sheaffer Takes the Dare To-day's flight is the third successful air voyage made by the dare-devil Chilean but the first upon which he carried a passenger. It was while slipping tea on the veranda of the Jockey Club that the aviator bantered a group of admirers to have one of their number fly with him. Of the group of a score or more Miss Sheaffer was the first to volunteer. With the characteristic gallantry of the South American, Senor Figueroa at once accepted the pretty American girl's offer and began to prepare for the flight.

When the aviator began to unbolt the single seat from his machine and placed a double seat in its place the thousands of spectators who had lined the green slopes of the club grounds saw that a passenger was to accompany the daring Chilean.

10,000 Cheer Flight As Miss Sheaffer came down the steps from the clubhouse and began to button up her heavy sweater for the flight, the big crowd recognized her as "the beautiful American" and they cheered wildly. While the aviator was tuning up his machine the news that the American girl was to fly spread through the city and inside half an hour more than 10,000 cheering Ecuadorians lined the club grounds and the roofs of the buildings, between the Jockey Club and the National Shoe Factory on the outskirts of the city.

When the reports of the spitting engine of the aeroplane had reached a sharp staccato and the whirling propeller threw a current of air backwards that bent the grass low, he made the light machine tug at its restraining ropes, the pretty American lass stepped forward and took her seat beside the Chilean who helped her fasten the straps which held her into the seat.

The Two Shoot Skyward As soon as Miss Sheaffer was safely in place the Chilean gave the signal to release the ropes. In long graceful swoop the light machine ran a few yards along the ground and then shot skyward in a long graceful curve.

While the thousands of Ecuadorians cheered madly and threw their hats into the air to vent their enthusiasm the dare-devil Chilean and the plucky American girl in their machine-bird rose higher and higher. High above the shoe factory more than a mile away the machine sailed, growing smaller and smaller to the sight of the Jockey Club crowds.

Then the machine curved, headed back towards the city and landed with a graceful swoop in a big field near the National Shoe Factory, on the edge of the city. As the daring aviator and his pretty passenger stepped from the machine they were cheered madly, and hundreds rushed up to the American girl to extend congratulations.

Miss Sheaffer is the daughter of Jacob Sheaffer, general superintendent of the National Shoe Factory who came to Guayaquil from Harrisburg Pa., six years ago. Miss Sheaffer was born in Harrisburg and her brother is now a student at the Academy of Harrisburg.

The Americans are well known in Guayaquil and the young heroine has increased the love of the Ecuadorians for the Americans.

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