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FARM PRODUCTS DOWN 10 PER CENT. FARMERS CUTTING EXPENSES

According to John B. Shepard of the U. S. Bureau of Crop Estimates, New York State farmers are feeling very keenly the recent drop in the prices of farm products. Those sections producing perishable crops other years are particularly hard pinched. For example, a year ago potatoes were selling on the farms at \$2.71 per bushel; the first of this month the price was \$1.85. Last spring apples were selling on the farms at \$2.40 per bushel; now they are worth only 91c. In the fall apples were so cheap that out of the total crop of 55 million bushels, some 12 million bushels were either fed to hogs or allowed to rot under the trees. Last April cabbage was worth \$30 per ton on the farms in the chief cabbage producing counties. Now the average quotation in the same region is \$7 per ton or 35c per 100 lbs., but there is much more on hand than can be sold, and in some places where farmers have more cabbage than their cows will eat, it can be purchased for just about what it would cost to haul it from the farms. A year ago onions were worth \$3 per bushel. Now they are reported to be worth 47c, but in some of the leading onion-growing sections, the price is below the cost of marketing and thousands of bushels seem likely to be dumped in the fields. These losses seem particularly severe because the cost per acre of producing these crops was higher than ever before.

On account of the high freight rates, grains and some other products have not declined here as much as they have further west, but taking the leading farm products produced for sale in this state, including milk, meat, eggs, fruits and vegetables, the average farm price now is 44 per cent. below the price at this time last year.

As a result of this great drop in the price of all they have to sell and the relatively small decline in the cost of labor and supplies, farmers are in a position where they are compelled to economize closely in the purchase of non-essentials. They must do everything possible to reduce the cost of production. They are buying less machinery and fertilizer, for these are now high in price, in comparison with farm products. The number of all kinds of live stock is being reduced. By the 1st of January the number of horses and cows in this state had been reduced 3 per cent. compared with the previous January. Swine had been reduced 7 per cent. and sheep 3 per cent. On April 1st the number of breeding cows was 10 per cent. below the number on that date last year. Farmers are also feeding less intensively and in consequence the cows are producing less milk.

WHY RUGS?

Our Mr. Haskins, you all know him, he has been with us over 37 years, has just returned from the Smith Rug Sale in New York where he bid in about 300 room size rugs. Just think of it 300 room size rugs! Our buying facilities are such that we buy quantities large enough to get the rock bottom prices and we pass these bargains along to our customers.

In another part of this issue we have given just three prices on rugs. We couldn't take space enough to quote all the prices. We say buy your rugs of us now as our stocks are filled with bright new patterns carefully selected for quality, pattern and price. Further, we have a large clearing lot and you surely fill not omit the new floor coverings this year as the prices are way below what they have been a few years past.

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SHEEP BREEDERS ORGANIZE

Enthusiastic Meeting at Angelica, Friday, the 15th

Thirty-five sheep breeders representing nearly every part of Allegany County, met in the Angelica Grange Hall, on Friday afternoon, April 15th, to discuss methods of disposing of two years wool which most all sheep breeders in this county now have. Farm Bureau Manager Raymond outlined the work that the Bureau had been doing for the past few months. A report of the questionnaire sent to all sheep men in the county showed a great deal of interest in organizing a County Association. Nearly 150 men replied to this questionnaire and all but a very few were anxious to have a County Sheep Breeders Association started.

Mr. Wood, grader for the Federation of County Sheep Breeders Associations of this state, told of the work that the associations have done since last October. Mr. Wood has been in the business of grading and buying large quantities of wool for one woolen manufacturing company for 22 years. Nearly 500,000 pounds of wool are now graded and stored in the G. L. F. warehouses in Syracuse. One carload has been shipped for manufacturing into bed blankets and horse blankets, and these will be sold to the farmers of the counties thru the local associations. Plans are being considered for the handling of a large part of all the wool in some such manner as this.

A number of fleeces of wool were brought to the meeting by different breeders and these were all grades, and the quality of the wool described in terms used by the manufacturers, so that the relative value of the different grades was made clear to the breeders present. At the close of Mr. Wood's talk every breeder present voted in favor of forming a County Association and uniting with the other County Associations of the state for the grading and selling of their wool. The Allegany County Sheep Breeders Association was then organized and the following directors elected for the first year: L. B. Chaffee of Angelica, Frank Morton of Almond, Frank Cooks of Canaseraga, Fred Nusbick of Dalton, C. L. Sisson of Almond, Erwin Seaberry of Friendship, and Roy Smith of Wellsville. The directors elected the following officers: Frank Morton, president; C. L. Sisson, vice president; and S. R. Hooker of Angelica, secretary-treasurer.

FEWER PEOPLE ON THE FARMS

The investigation just completed by Dr. G. R. Warren of the State College of Agriculture with the co-operation of the U. S. Bureau of Crop Estimates, shows there are sixteen thousand fewer people on the farms of New York State than there were at this time last year. This is a decrease of 2 per cent. During the preceding year the decrease was 3 per cent. and during the year ending in February, 1918, the decrease was 4 per cent.

A decreasing farm population is not a new problem for this state, for the number of people on the farms has been declining gradually for nearly three generations, but during late years the rate of movement has been much increased. More than a sixth of the total movement has taken place during the last three years.

Judging by the records of 3,300 farms in all parts of the state which have just been tabulated at Ithaca, there are 20,000 more people left on the farms of this state last year to take up other work and only 16,000 left other work to go to farming. Eleven per cent. of the habitable houses on the farms of the state were reported vacant on February 1st. Last year 10 per cent. were reported vacant.

How to Improve Farm

An effort was recently made to find out what it would cost to improve the farm houses of New York State with modern conveniences and 24 per cent. was found that to supply the farm houses with running water, bathrooms, equipment for sewage disposal, and some sort of furnace, would cost the neat little sum of \$10,000,000. Providing the basis, fences, drains and fire needed to put the farms on a good business basis, would cost \$308,000,000 more. These figures along amount to a quarter of the total value of the farms, but they are by no means the only improvements that would be desirable or that would be provided if the farmers had the incomes to pay for them.

For some of those who wonder why young people are leaving the farms, the figures make interesting reading. Records of 3,000 farms in all parts of the state were secured by the voluntary-crop reporters of the U. S. Bu-

reau of Crop Estimates and the results were tabulated by Dr. G. F. Warren of the State College of Agriculture. Of the farms homes reported, 19 per cent. do not even have running water; 85 per cent. do not have bathrooms and 77 per cent. do not have furnaces of any sort. These figures represent better than average conditions for the farms reported are a third larger than the average of the state and two-thirds a proportion of them are in the more prosperous farming sections. The figures also relate only to the houses occupied by farm owners, and do not take into consideration the houses occupied by hired men.

The reports on the farm improvements needed indicate that, of the cleared land available for crops, three-tenths need more or less drainage and three-fourths need lime. Only about two-thirds of the farms have adequate barns in a fair state of repair and two-thirds are adequately fenced. The time when these needed im-

provements can be made from farm profits seems far off when one looks over the latest official reports on the prices being received by New York farmers, and makes a comparison with the retail prices of manufactured goods. With wool at 21c and hides at 2 1/2c per pound, cabbage at \$7 per ton and onions at 47c per bushel, it takes 170 lbs. of wool to buy a suit of clothes, 20 lbs. of hides to buy a pair of shoes, 150 lbs. of cabbage to buy one dinner in town, and 20 lbs. of onions to buy one handkerchief.

MEN'S SHOES

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72-in. Mercerized Damask, been \$1.25, Sale 97c yd.
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All Wool French Serges 42-in., been \$5.00, Sale \$1.49 yd.
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