

DROUGHT CUTS COUNTY CROPS

Agricultural Reports Show Effects Of Extreme Heat

This summer's drought is the most severe in Oakland county since July, 1910, with the crops from 60 to 84 per cent normal, according to the August report of the United States and Michigan departments of agriculture, issued this week.

estimate the percentage condition of crops as: beans, 69; potatoes, 79; oats, 84; corn, 72. Rye averages 15 bushels an acre and winter wheat 21 bushels.

"The period of heat and drought," reads the August report, "the severest since July 1910, began to seriously affect crop prospects shortly after July 15. Within two weeks the corn crop was shortened by more than 8,500,000 bushels, the bean crop by more than 1,000,000 bushels, and potato crop by more than 3,000,000 bushels.

"Michigan's hay crop is relatively short, the average yield being only 1.25 tons per acre compared with 1.68 tons last year and 1.36 tons for a 10-year average. The indicated yield of alfalfa

is 2.0, which is also below average. New seedings have been severely injured during the past month, indicating another year of low production in 1931.

"The winter varieties of apples, especially Baldwins and Spies, are very light. The condition is reported as 30 per cent as compared with 56 per cent for summer and fall apples."

FAIRGROUNDS READY FOR BIG EVENT SUNDAY

Record Crowds Expected To Attend 81st Annual State Fair

MANY MORE ENTRIES

With cattle, horses, poultry and other livestock arriving throughout the week, everything is in readiness at the state fair grounds for the opening on Sunday of the eighty-first Michigan State Fair.

On the infield, tepees were being erected and corrals constructed for the Indian village and for the housing of the horses and cattle to be used in the Stampede. Chutes have been built along the entire length of the racetrack facing the grandstand in which the cowboys will climb aboard the horses they are to ride. Cowboys and cowgirls are busy looking out for the stock which is constantly arriving and the entire grounds are teeming with activity.

Midway attractions were being

erected by the Johnny J. Jones shows while tons of hay and straw were being unloaded at the exposition buildings for use of the prize stock which will be quarantined there for the week of the fair.

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That the Michigan State Fair has outgrown sectional lines was indicated by the record-breaking entry list this year, with exhibitors from practically every state in the union. Many stock raisers who have not been represented at the Michigan event before have entered herds of cattle, poultry or horses. Judges of prominence from all parts of the country will be here to judge the events. Andrew M. Stodel is coming all the way from Los Angeles to officiate as judge in the cavies and rabbits division of the pet stock department. J. Miller Ward of Paris, Ky., will judge the hunters and jumpers and Prof. Don Kayes of Columbus the draft horses. In the cattle classes the Shorthorns and Polled Shorthorns will be judged by John Miller of Ashburn, Ont.; Herefords by F. C. Jerseys by W. J. Kennedy of South St. Joseph, Mo.; Milking Shorthorns by J. L. Torney of Chicago; Red Polled by Hugh K. Pope of Yorkville, Ill.; and Jersey-Friesians and Brown Swiss by J. P. Eves of Des Moines, Iowa; Guernseys by E. G. Woodward of Taylor, Conn.; Jerseys by Prof. S. M. Salisbury of Columbus, Ohio and Ayrshires by C. Martin of Gurnee, Ill.

The big feature of the entertainment program this year will be the Stampede, in which the promoters of the world-famous rodeos of Ft. Worth, Cheyenne, Pendleton and Calgary will compete. Introduced in Detroit only last year, the Stampede proved such a big drawing card that it was decided to make it a yearly feature. It already has become a fixture in the date books of the rodeo top hands who make the rodeos every year and, according to Col. C. F. Haffey, arena director, it is very likely that some championships may change hands at the Michigan event.

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Other events will be exhibitions by the crack riding troopers of the New York State Police, Troop C of Albany, winners of every event in which they have ever been entered, drills by the Detroit Mounted Police, drills by infantrymen from Fort Wayne and band concerts.

Creator's famous band will play each evening in the Horse Show and will officially open the Fair on Sunday afternoon with a sacred concert. Arrangements have been made to handle an overflow crowd for this event and at the evening's entertainment which will be featured with a program by the Chanters, Patrol and Band of Moulton Temple and the drum and band of Wyandotte Council, K. of C.

Both of these performances will be presented in the Coliseum. Al Sweet's cowboy band will play in the grandstand.

A special feature this year will be a big observation sausage balloon in which visitors will be taken sky riding, giving them a bird's-eye view of the entire city and surrounding country from the basket of the big captive blimp.

Special arrangements have been made for handling a record crowd on all days of the Fair, with four extra gates added and band sections have been arranged for the handling of 30,000 motor cars.

Many excursions from throughout the state are expected for Labor Day, which has a full day's program, with the gates opening at eight in the morning. Tuesday will be Children's Day, with free admission to all children under 15; Wednesday will be Governor's Day when the 2:15 trot for the Governor's Cup will be run off; Thursday will be Farmer's Day; Friday, Detroit Day, and Saturday Automobile Day.

Each evening a spectacular display of fireworks will climax the events of the day. These will be set off directly in front of the grandstand and will follow directly after the close of the Stampede performance.

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