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WARNS FARMERS TO PRACTICE ECONOMY DURING COMING SEASON

Agricultural Expert Advising Against Being Misled By Forecasts of Great Prosperity

Forecasts of record breaking prosperity for 1925 should not sweep Illinois farmers off their feet, according to a warning sounded here today by Dr. Charles L. Stewart, director of agricultural economics, University of Illinois, in an address before the annual farmers' week.

Emphasize Economy
The best way to be assured that the coming year will reward farmers "is to continue to emphasize economy in production and sanity in marketing," he asserted, and added that "by no means should the throttle be opened wide for heavy increases in production, except as weather may swell yields."

Full use of present price advantages in cutting down debts and strengthening one's position as a bank customer is a sound policy for Illinois farmers to follow during 1925, he recommended.

Past Performances No Criterion
"One of the poorest ways to forecast future prices is to judge by prices that ruled for the last shipment of live stock or the last crop," Dr. Stewart continued: "Only a part of the causes resulting in the price situation of 1924 will continue to operate in the corresponding portion of 1925, unless the weather in the northern hemisphere repeats its 1924 record of general unfavorableness."

Vulnerable Spot
"The most vulnerable spot in the price structure at the present time is the disadvantage at which manufacturers in the United States may find themselves in the export markets after the first effects of the reparations plan shall have become spent. Rehabilitation of European factories may be expected to bring into the clear the competitive disadvantages under which high factory wage scales place American exporters of surplus manufacturers."

All prices according to the trend of agricultural prices, Dr. Stewart said. He declared that the downward pull of cheap farm products cannot be regarded as having spent its full influence until Canada wheat producing limits are more clearly established in relation to prices and until Russia's wheat exports become re-established at whatever restricted figures conditions of land tenure and other economic influences determine.

MIGRATORY BIRDS PLENTIFUL, REPORT

Wild Ducks Many in All Parts Of Country; Also Other Waterfowl

Thousands of ducks are to be found this season on the Potomac below Washington, and excellent shooting is reported to the Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture. At least 50,000 ducks have been seen recently within 25 miles of the capital. Three-fourths to four-fifths of them are canvas backs, the others including black ducks, scaups, mallards, golden-eyes, green-winged teals, ruddies, and red-heads. Two hundred to three hundred Canada geese also were seen and thousands of coots. There appears to be a great increase in migratory waterfowl on the Potomac this season over last.

Reports from other districts are equally encouraging. More ducks and geese have been seen in eastern and western Missouri this year than for several seasons. Some of the old residents in the Havana, Ill., region of the Illinois River state that they do not remember any season when as many ducks were present as at the beginning of December. The United States game warden for Florida says he has not seen as many coots in 25 years, and that the waters everywhere are black with them.

NAME MOUNTAINS AFTER SCIENTIST

By an official decision of the United States Geographic Board, just announced, the name of the late Alfred H. Brooks, for more than twenty years chief of the Alaskan Mineral Resources Branch of the United States Geographical Survey, Department of the Interior, has been commemorated by the designation of a great mountain range in northern Alaska as the Brooks Range. This mountain range, one of the major geographic features of northwestern America, extends from the Arctic Ocean on the west to the Alaska-Canada boundary on the east, and forms the watershed between the Yukon basin and the Arctic coast of northern Alaska. It includes a large number of mountain groups, some of which have been mapped and named, and many of which are still unnamed and unexplored. In the designation of this great mountain area as the Brooks Range recognition is given to the man who perhaps more than any other one person advanced the development and knowledge of the Territory of Alaska.

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