

**DECLARE WAR ON GROUNDHOGS**

Aurora, Sept. 9th.—Somewhere in the farmlands of this district there is a groundhog which will be worth \$100 next spring. There are 25 other hogs which are worth \$5 apiece. This startling statement comes from Aemilius Jarvis, M.F.H. of the North York Hunt Club, who has devised a unique plan to rid the surrounding countryside of these pests. The club plans to capture 26 live groundhogs and brand them from one to 25. They will be let loose throughout the district and any farmer returning a branded groundhog will be paid \$5. To the person returning the 26th groundhog, a reward of \$100 will be paid.

By this scheme the club hopes to receive more than the 4,500 groundhogs killed by the local farmers last year. Farmers were paid ten cents each for their hogs last season, but this plan proved too costly.

"We believe our new plan should offer a real incentive for the farmers throughout this section of York County," Mr. Jarvis declared. "The groundhogs are increasing fast and doing excessive damage to crops. Every farmer in the district will have an equal chance to collect the \$100 prize."

**A FAVORITE TESTED RECIPE**

**Fairy Pie**

1/4 cup butter, 1/2 cup sugar, 4 egg yolks, 1 cup flour, 1/4 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon baking powder, 1/4 cup milk.  
Cream butter, add sugar and cream well. Add well beaten yolks, beat until light. Add sifted dry ingredients and milk alternately. Pour into two nine inch layer cake pans. Set in refrigerator while preparing: 4 egg whites, 1/8 teaspoon salt, 1 cup sugar, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 1/2 cup chopped nuts, 1/2 cup coconut.  
Beat egg whites with salt until stiff; add sugar and beat in well. Add flavoring and coconut. Pile and spread on cake batter in pans. Sprinkle with nuts. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees) for 35 minutes. Let cool in pans. Arrange on serving plate with sliced peaches between layers.

It is still too early to tell whether the Spanish Fascists are really rebels or deliverers.

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**NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR THE BUSY FARMER**

**Current Crop Report**

Grey County reports its apple crop this year equal to that of 1935, with all fall apples turning out a good average crop and with Duchess nearly double last year's. McIntosh however show a decline of about 30 per cent. Estimated production of Georgian Bay fruit district is between 65,000 and 75,000 barrels. Quality is exceptionally fine. Huron County has a similarly encouraging report in this respect. In Waterloo yields of grain have been very disappointing. Livestock in Brant is in fair condition with pastures improving due to recent showers. Lincoln reports peaches as plentiful, but apples are only 50 per cent. of a normal crop. More rain is needed in Welland to prepare a proper seed bed for fall wheat. Sewing of fall wheat is reported general throughout Wentworth. Alfalfa and second growth meadows have helped out the pasture situation in Oxford. Pastures in Middlesex are still very dry, although prospects are better since recent showers. Prince Edward reports that recent rains will greatly benefit corn, potatoes, tomatoes, roots, apples and pastures. Eastern Ontario has also benefited considerably by the downfall of moisture and the countryside is looking well.

**"Cost of Milk" Survey By Ontario Producers**

What does it cost to produce milk in Ontario? The milk producers of Ontario aim to have an answer to this question in the very near future. Through the co-operation of the Economics and Dairy Husbandry Departments of the Ontario Agricultural College and the Economics Branch, Dominion Department of Agriculture, a research staff is now actively engaged in this study.

It is planned to learn the cost for every section of Ontario and for every type of market. To this task the milk producers' associations interested in cheese, butter, concentrated products and whole milk, in co-operation with the two above-named agencies, have thus far secured the active support of more than 1500 individual producers throughout Ontario.

Each co-operator has been supplied with an account book which has been carefully prepared by the Ontario Agricultural College and the Dominion Economics Branch, and approved by the joint committee of the milk producers. During the year, representatives plan to call on each of the farmer producers to provide any desired assistance in connection with the keeping of the records.

For some considerable time the milk producers have felt that the accurately determined cost of production would be of great benefit to them in arriving at a satisfactory sale price. With this data at their command, they are convinced they will be placed in a more favourable position. On the other hand, the milk distributor, knowing the most advantageous consumer price and also his distribution cost as the result of his constant contact with the consumers, is in an advantageous position in dealing with farmers.

Many factors in addition to price are included in the agreements drawn up as between milk producers and distributors, and it is the prerogative of the Ontario Milk Control Board to exercise authority in connection with agreements made between these two parties.

**SUMMARY OF CROP CONDITIONS**

The Statistics Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture published this week the September Monthly Crop Report giving a review of crop conditions in Ontario as compiled from reports submitted by a large staff of regular correspondents.

The intense drought which was experienced over most of Central and Western Ontario was terminated about mid-August, since which date rains have fallen over most sections of the Province. It is now possible to size up fairly accurately the extent of loss caused by the drought. Fall wheat, fall rye, main hay crop and first cutting of alfalfa were only slightly affected, having almost reached maturity before the drought became severe. Yields of all these crops were practically normal for the Province as a whole, the less than average yields for hay in Central Ontario being counterbalanced by above normal yields in other counties. The preliminary estimate of the production of spring grains places the average yield for the Province at 29.2 bushels per acre for oats, as compared with 36.0 bushels in 1935, barley at 27.1 bushels as against 32.2 bushels, and mixed grains at 29.5 bushels as compared with 36.5 bushels a year ago. The aggregate reduction in the yield of spring grain from 1935, as shown

by the first estimates, amounts to slightly less than the 20 per cent decline forecast in last month's Crop Report. These crops — fall wheat, fall rye, spring grains and hay and clover crops — comprise approximately 75 per cent of the value of all field crops produced in Ontario, and from the above mentioned yields it will be seen that the effects of the drought, while severe, were far from disastrous.

In Essex and Kent bumper yields of spring grain were obtained, and in the nine counties situated at the extreme eastern end of the Province yields were above the average. The increase in production in these counties helped to counteract below average yields in other counties. In Peel, Brant, Welland, Wentworth, Halton, Haliburton and Victoria counties the yield of oats shows a 50 per cent reduction from last year. The quality of spring grains is quite variable, straw short, and the weight per bushel very light in the drought area.

The condition of late crops at the end of August was the lowest of any year since 1922, when condition figures were first established. Rains during the last week of August and the first ten days of September over practically the entire Province will, however, prove beneficial to pastures, roots, potatoes and corn. Dry beans suffered heavily from drought in South-western Ontario and the anticipated yield this season is only 12.8 bushels per acre as compared with 18.1 bushels last year. Buckwheat germinated very poorly and the condition figure at the end of August was placed at 63, the long time average being represented by 100. Practically two-thirds of the corn for husking crop is grown in Essex and Kent. In these two counties early planted corn represents approximately one-half the crop, and yields should be well up to average. Later planted fields are considerably below average at present but if fall frosts are late a fairly satisfactory yield may be obtained. In Essex and Kent, and also in the far eastern counties of the Province there has been a decided increase in Corn Borer infestation, but only in a few instances is it likely to reduce the yield substantially. Corn for husking and roots are considerably below average in Central, Western and Southern Ontario, and farmers producing fluid milk who depend upon these crops for a considerable proportion of their winter feed supply will, in most cases, experience considerable difficulty in keeping milk production up to normal.

The condition of pastures at the first of September was the lowest on record with a condition figure of 58. In Central Ontario, from which the fluid milk supply for the City of Toronto is derived, pastures were the worst in the Province and most dairy farmers have been stable feeding their herds for weeks. The second cutting of alfalfa on many farms was used for feeding live stock and winter hay supplies were also fed freely, which will make it imperative that hay be fed very carefully this winter so that the present supplies which are considered sufficient for the Province as a whole, may not run out. Second growth of oats, which is most unusual, is providing some green feed. Many farmers will have to purchase grain at prices already 75 per cent higher than a year ago and likely to reach 100 per cent before the winter is over. Unless the price of fluid milk is advanced the cash income of dairy farmers will show a considerable reduction from last year.

The production of butter in August was approximately 15 per cent below that of August 1935, while the production of cheese, which for the first seven months showed an increase of 20 per cent above the same period last year, amounted to 13,504,000 pounds in August this year as compared with 13,431,000 pounds in the same month last year. Farmers supplying milk to cheese factories are striving very hard to maintain the flow in order to profit from the prevailing high prices for cheese. At Belleville, cheese was selling for 14 1/2 cents per pound on August 15th this season, as compared with 9 1/2 cents per pound at this same date during the preceding three years.

Higher prices for field crops are expected to more than compensate for the reduced production this year, and the total value of agricultural production in 1936 in Ontario is expected to exceed that of the year 1935.

But if a dumb boy studies for a profession, all you get is a dumb professional man.

Some people are so tender-hearted they can't hurt any living creature except relatives.

**Big Horse Show**

Forty Prize Teams Will Compete For Coveted Awards At Plowing Match

**COMMITTEE PRAISED**

One of the most spectacular features at the International Plowing Match to be held near Cornwall from October 6 to 9 will be the annual horse show on the final day of the exhibition.

The rules of the horse show judging committee prevent the entry of any "plush" horses, since it is specified that in order to qualify for the show "all teams must have been used two days at least for plowing, and will be inspected at work by the judges."

On the afternoon of October 9, about 40 of the best teams will be brought to a special exhibition ring near the "Tented City" where 20 prizes, totalling \$465.00, will be awarded. As the first prize is \$50.00, it is expected competition will be keen and will attract some of the best draught teams in Eastern Canada and northern New York State.

According to J. A. Carroll, secretary-manager of the Ontario Plowmen's Association the plowing match will include every type of plow and every kind of draught used by farmers attending the four-day meet.

The types of plows, Mr. Carroll says, will vary from the high-cut Scotch plow, which delivers a very fine furrow, to the speedier three-furrow tractor plow.

Several hundred of the contestants will use horses, but well over 100 tractor entries are expected.

On first day of the match, Oct. 6, competition will be restricted to residents of Glengarry, Stormont, Dundas, Grenville, Carleton, Prescott and Russell counties. In these seven Ottawa and St. Lawrence valley counties are located the ten Eastern Ontario local plowmen's associations around which this year's match is being centred. Three of these counties (the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry) and the city of Cornwall are official hosts of the 24th annual match.

In a foreword to the official program just published, Mr. Carroll writes: "Noted for their hospitality, citizens of the United Counties and of Cornwall have been working enthusiastically for months to provide every facility for the staging of the event and the comfort of visitors."

"This year's match," he said, "has been the best-organized since the annual event was originated." Under a general committee headed by J.

W. MacRae of Lochiel, nine sub-committees, manned by nearly 100 active and expert workers, have been arranging for every detail during the competition and demonstration. There are committees for teams, tractors, parking, billeting, lunches, grounds, horse show, reception, as well as an agricultural committee.

Copies of the official program may be obtained by writing to J. A. Carroll, East Block, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, or to J. W. MacRae, Lochiel, Ont.

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- 1 Jersey Cow, fresh
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- 1 Holstein Cow, bred in May, milking
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- 1 Holstein Cow, fresh in May, bred in June
- 1 Holstein Cow, milking, bred in June
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