

# Central Indiana's Record Corn Crop 50-80 Pct. Cribbed

## All-Time High Yields Are Listed for Many Counties; Quality Generally Is Good

The test of the pudding is in the eating, but when it comes to a corn crop, bulging cribs are proof enough. Well past the half-way mark in harvesting what is in most communities the biggest corn crop in history, farmers of central Indiana this year have the proof.

Latest federal estimates put Indiana's 1946 production at 243,100,000 bushels, an all-time record. Reports show they are doing their part in setting the new mark.

Shelby county, for instance, is expecting 3,500,000 bushels this year. Decatur is due for around 3,700,000 bushels, with a county average yield of 60 to 65 bushels an acre. Boone county's acreage is small, but reports to date indicate an average of 65 bushels.

Those are run-of-the-mill yields. On special 5-acre plots, yields are running up to 150, 160 and even 170 bushels an acre.

This year is not a record breaker for all counties. The Hamilton yield, for instance, is expected to be down around 10 per cent from last year's all-time high of 65 bushels an acre, but even so, 1946 will be an average, the normal, 10-year average.

Corn picking is from 50 to 80 per cent completed in the central counties of the state. Weather generally has been excellent for the task, but there have been some worries, such as shortage of mechanical pickers and repair parts, and overflowing storage bins.

### All-Time Production Seen in Decatur County

GREENSBURG, Ind., Nov. 27.—Granaries in Decatur county are bulging at the seams as farmers of this corn exporting community prepare to complete the harvest of a record-breaking crop estimated at 3,710,460 bushels.

This year's average yield of 60 to 65 bushels per acre is far above the average of 52 bushels per acre for 1945, when 2,879,938 bushels of corn were harvested, and above the normal production of 50 bushels per acre.

Farmers and their hands on some 1,500 farms have completed 75 per cent of the harvesting operations on the 37,000 acres allotted to corn production. Mechanical pickers have performed the major portion of the operation although some harvesting has been done by hand.

Individual yields in excess of 100 bushels per acre are not uncommon and several farmers have reported yields ranging from 110 to 130 bushels per acre. Average yields of 100 bushels per acre have been reported in specialized plots while some of these producers have set marks between 140 and 150 bushels per acre.

Quality is considered above average.

### Shelby County Has \$3,850,000 Crop

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Nov. 27.—With picking about half completed, Shelby county is expecting final figures to show the greatest corn crop on record.

The estimated county average yield is 50 bushels an acre. With 70,000 acres devoted to the crop, the total production is expected to approximate 3,500,000 bushels. The new-crop corn value of around \$1.10 per bushel would give the county a crop value of \$3,850,000. This would exceed in value any of the record crops of the last four or five years.

The crop is practically disease-free, according to County Agent H. W. D. Brinson. There is some slight evidence of stalk rot in scattered areas, but no blight or any kind is reported.

### Madison County's Yield to Be Down

COVINGTON, Ind., Nov. 27.—The estimated average yield from Fountain county's 60,000 acres of corn this year is 55 bushels per acre, compared with 52 bushels last year.

Corn picking is 90 per cent complete, estimates County Agent A. J. Hesler. Quality is good, except 15 per cent of the late river bottom corn was hurt by frost and is selling at 50 cents per bushel.

Fountain county's 5-acre corn king is Clarence Moane, Hillsboro, with 128.4 bushels an acre.

Hog numbers are short in the county, with only about 75 per cent of the normal 200,000 head on farms.

Wheat was seeded late but is in excellent condition, due to ample moisture.

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Mr. Sowers said that the yield per acre in the county is about 5 per cent above that last year, although the quality is not quite so good due to a slightly-higher moisture content.

The yield will be between 50 and 55 per bushels per acre, with many fields making far more than that.

Mr. Sowers said that one field which was checked officially showed an average of 154 bushels, which is considered phenomenally high.

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TIPTON, Ind., Nov. 27.—The average Tipton county corn yield this year is estimated at 54 to 55 bushels an acre, which is higher than the long-time average but a few bushels below the 1945 figure.

Seventy-five to 80 per cent of the crop is picked, but farmers are handicapped by lack of mechanical pickers and repairs. Many temporary storage facilities have been pressed into use. Quality this year is high except for a few cases where the fields were planted very late and the corn was damaged by frost.

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NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Nov. 27.—With approximately 60 per cent of the crop already picked, Hamilton county's corn harvest is progressing rapidly.

County Agent O. V. Winkles estimates the average yield at about 60 bushels per acre. This is nearly 10 per cent under the 1945 average yield of 65 bushels per acre, which was an all-time record for Hamilton county, but 15 per cent above the normal 10-year average for this almost always higher than the state average, may reach 65 to 70 bushels per acre on fields of 30 to 40 acres.

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## Students Come From Afar to Study at DePauw U.



These five students are a part of the "foreign colony" now studying at DePauw university, Greencastle, Ind. Left to right, back row, are Charles Wilson, Honolulu, T. H.; Oscar Rodriguez-Perez, Puerto Rico, and Esther Won, Hilo, T. H. Front row, David Shannon Walker, Honolulu, and Laddie Lukas, formerly of Czechoslovakia. Other students now studying at DePauw come from Shanghai, Singapore, and Brazil. Another, Gretha Molden-Hagen of Oslo, Norway, has just left the campus to return to her home after a year and a half of graduate work at DePauw.

### White County Farmers Have Storage Troubles

MONTICELLO, Ind., Nov. 27.—According to County Agent W. J. Emerson, 100,000 acres were in corn in White county this year, of which approximately 80 per cent is now husked.

In the early 30's the corn acreage reached 108,000 acres but at no time has the yield come near this year's with the average for the entire county set at 45-51 bushels per acre.

There are farms, however, particularly the Sig Waugh farms near Brookston, where the yield is a little over 100 bushels per acre.

The quality of the crop is "above average." Farmers are encountering storage difficulties, with elevators at Smithson, Chalmers and Brookston staying open until well after dark to take the crop in. At these places huge piles of cobs are burned day and night in effort to make more room.

**Johnson County Is 10 Pct. Over Normal**

FRANKLIN, Ind., Nov. 27.—This year's corn yield in Johnson county is about 10 per cent above normal, with a total production estimated at 2,870,000 bushels, reports County Agent S. B. Scott. The yield is expected to be about 45 bushels per acre.

Total production is put at 15 per cent above normal. The county's five-acre high is 170 bushels per acre. Seventy per cent of the crop has been cribbed.

**Report High Yields On 5-Acre Plots**

GREENCASTLE, Ind., Nov. 27.—In commenting on the 1946 corn crop in Putnam county, Kenneth W. Harris, agricultural agent, said a check of 48 five-acre projects revealed an estimated yield of more than 140 bushels per acre.

There are no storage difficulties but there is a shortage of mechanical corn pickers. About 60 per cent of the corn in Putnam county is still in the field.

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**Frost Causes Some Damage in Lowlands**

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## 'RUSTLER' GIVEN PRISON TERMS

### Bedford Man Sentenced for Cattle Theft.

TIMES STATE SERVICE

BEDFORD, Ind., Nov. 27.—Otis F. Baker, 26, Bedford, was sentenced to three separate 1-to-10-year prison terms following his pleas of guilty in Lawrence circuit court to two charges of grand larceny and one of issuing a fraudulent check. Fines of \$500 and costs also were assessed by Judge Chester A. Davis on each count.

Baker was arrested a few days ago by Sheriff Lester W. Hayes for the thefts of three cows and two calves which were stolen and sold at St. Louis.

Prosecutor H. Wayne Baker said an automobile bandidry count would be continued in circuit court, with the defendant facing trial when the sentences are served.

CALVIN DAVIDSON, 19, also of this city, arrested with Baker, is held under \$10,000 bond pending trial. He is charged with vehicle-taking and grand larceny in connection with the livestock thefts.

## Essay Contest Won By DePauw U. Dean

TIMES STATE SERVICE

GREENCASTLE, Ind., Nov. 27.—Dean Edward R. Bartlett of DePauw university will be flown to New York next week to witness sessions of the United Nations assembly at Lake Success as a reward for winning a U. N. essay contest sponsored by a Cincinnati radio station. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Bartlett.

Each of the 16 clubs in the county met the required achievement record quotas.

Eleanor Cassidy won a recognition pin for the girls' outstanding achievement record, while Carolyn Crane was first in junior leadership.

Other winners: Baking, Marylin Dora; canning, Janet Morgan; frozen foods, Mary Lou Stewart; clothing, Clara Emily Higbee; food preparation, Lois Mitchell; dairy demonstration, Maxine Meiers; safety, Mary Jo Mohr.

## 4-H GIRLS SET HIGH COMPLETION RECORD

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## LEGION TO CONDUCT ONE-DAY CAMPAIGN

TIMES STATE SERVICE

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Nov. 27.—The Rev. John A. O'Brien, professor of the philosophy of religion at the University of Notre Dame, will discuss "The Fourth Commandment—Honor Thy Father and Thy Mother," on the C. B. S. "Church of the Air" program next Sunday.

Success in the drive would place the Hoosier department among the "Big Ten" of Legion departments.

## REARDLES of the frightening news and dire forebodings on the Front Pages—and in Flashes over the Radio—regardless of perplexities and problems so vast and bewildering as to seem beyond solution—there is still much, very much, for which to be thankful. For the Blessings of Peace, the noblest Gift within the possession of Man—for the Earth and its never failing abundance—for the spirited grace and beauty that brings families together, giving thanks to Him from Whom all blessings flow!

## POLICE HUNTING PUP HITCH-HIKER

### Dog 'Escapes' at Lebanon After Truck Ride.

TIMES STATE SERVICE

LEBANON, Ind., Nov. 27.—Police today were scouring the city for a six-months-old hitch-hiking female pup which at least a dozen people wanted.

The pup arrived here several days ago as the unexpected part of a truck cargo for the Honan-Crane Co. from Chicago. The truck had been sealed before leaving Chicago and when it was opened out hopped on count.

Eugene Higbee, an employee of the company, took it to Dr. Russell Hardin, veterinarian here, in an effort to find a home for it. Dr. Hardin had it in his front office here and while he was talking to some callers it scooted out the front door, apparently to resume its hitch-hiking.

In the meantime an article had appeared in a newspaper about it and for hours Dr. Hardin was besieged by people calling and inquiring about the dog.

At last in desperation he got in touch with the police department and asked them to keep a lookout for it.

## NEW CASTLE DRIVER HAS NARROW ESCAPE

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## State Deaths

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CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Nov. 27.—Apparent failure of the Montgomery county community fund drive to attain its quota of a little more than \$16,000 was announced Monday.

Although the city of Crawfordsville over-subscribed its quota of \$12,000, contributions lagged in the rural districts.