

# Agricultural Brevities

## Prices

Livestock and livestock products brought 39 per cent better prices in 1935 than in 1934 and they were 61 per cent higher than in 1933, according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Wool was the one exception to the general trend. It was off 11 per cent last year. Outstanding gains were made in prices of hogs and cattle and calves advanced sharply in price. Beef cattle averaged \$6.21 as compared with \$4.16 in 1934.

Of the dairy products, butter fat showed the greatest gain, advancing from 22.7 cents per pound to 28.1 cents per pound.

The opening month of 1936 gave farmers the highest cash income for any January in five years. The January income totalled \$566,000,000. Gains in income from sales of farm products this January were reported for grains, cotton, cottonseed, fruits, vegetables, meat animals, dairy products, poultry and eggs.

## Grass

In all sections of the country, farmers this Spring are reseeding abandoned fields to grasses or legumes to prevent soil washing and blowing and to supply feed for livestock.

The Soil Conservation Service is assisting by testing the adaptability of many native grasses and approximately 400 grasses of foreign origin.

The Service is testing these grasses for effectiveness in erosion control, suitability to different soil types, drought resistance and handling characteristics.

## Turkeys

What is said to be the first turkey egg and the first turkey poult shows ever held in America will be staged by the Texas Centennial Exposition at Dallas, June 6 to 25.

Exhibits in the turkey division will include the complete story of the evolution of the turkey, from egg to grown bird, dressed and ready for the market.

The turkey show will be held in conjunction with poultry, pigeon and rabbit shows.

## China

Acreage of flue-cured tobacco in China this year will probably exceed last year's, according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Recent improvements in business conditions have improved the cigarette trade in China, but despite the increased cigarette business, there has been a steady decline in the proportion of American, and an increase in the proportion of Chinese flue-cured leaf used.

Increased Chinese demand for foreign cotton is in prospect according to reports from Shanghai. The Chinese crop in 1935 was about 25 per cent smaller than in 1934. Mill consumption is expected to be about the same as for 1934-35.



As the 1936 truck season gets underway, county agents are busy assisting farmers throughout the South. In this case, the extension worker inspects a field of tomatoes and lettuce, intercropped, near Castle Hayne, N. C.

## India

A cotton crop of 4,752,000 bales of 478 pounds each from 25,025,000 acres is the official estimate in India for this year. This represents an increase of about 21 per cent as compared with the 1934-35 crop. The production trend in India has been upward for several years.

Indian cotton is the shortest staple in commercial use, most of the crop ranging from 3-8 to 7-8 inch. The Indian government has been trying to increase length of the average staple to make it more nearly comparable with other cottons sold in world markets. Should these efforts be successful, it will be of special interest to American growers whose cotton is largely in the 7-8 to one-inch class.

## Argentina

The largest corn crop in the history of Argentina is the report from Buenos Aires. The all time record embraces an area of 18,854,000 acres—an increase of 8.6 per cent over last year. The corn area in Argentina has been increasing steadily for a number of years.

## Japan

Seriously concerned over the condition of agriculture in Japan, the Japanese government has enacted measures to prevent a further fall in agricultural prices; increase the purchasing power of farmers and ease the burden of farm indebtedness.

Difficulties for Japanese farmers have steadily increased since the World War. Some of the factors accounting for the depression in Japanese agriculture are: The sharp decline in world prices; a heavy farm debt and tax burden; the fact that the average farm unit is only 2.5 acres; inability to expand further

the area of land under cultivation; a rural population of about 30,000,000 people on a cultivated area of less than 15,000,000 acres; high land prices and rent, and specialization on rice and silk as chief cash crops.

## Germany

Germany has adopted a program aimed at increased production of fruit in order to reduce the nation's dependence on foreign supplies, according to a report from the agricultural attache in Berlin.

The government is subsidizing fruit tree planting. A subsidy is given to growers, to the extent of 30 per cent of price of trees, who plant a minimum of ten trees. Plantings are limited to a maximum of five basic varieties for each fruit in a particular growing area.

## Winter

The Winter of 1935-36 broke all time weather records in almost every part of the country. North Dakota claims the record of being the coldest state with temperatures registered at 50 degrees below zero.

In only three states—California, Nevada and Arizona—was the weather this Winter warmer than normal. Unusually heavy snowfalls occurred in the East, the North Central states and the Northern Rocky Mountain area, while the South had more rain than usual. The outlook for soil moisture and for water for irrigation is unusually favorable.

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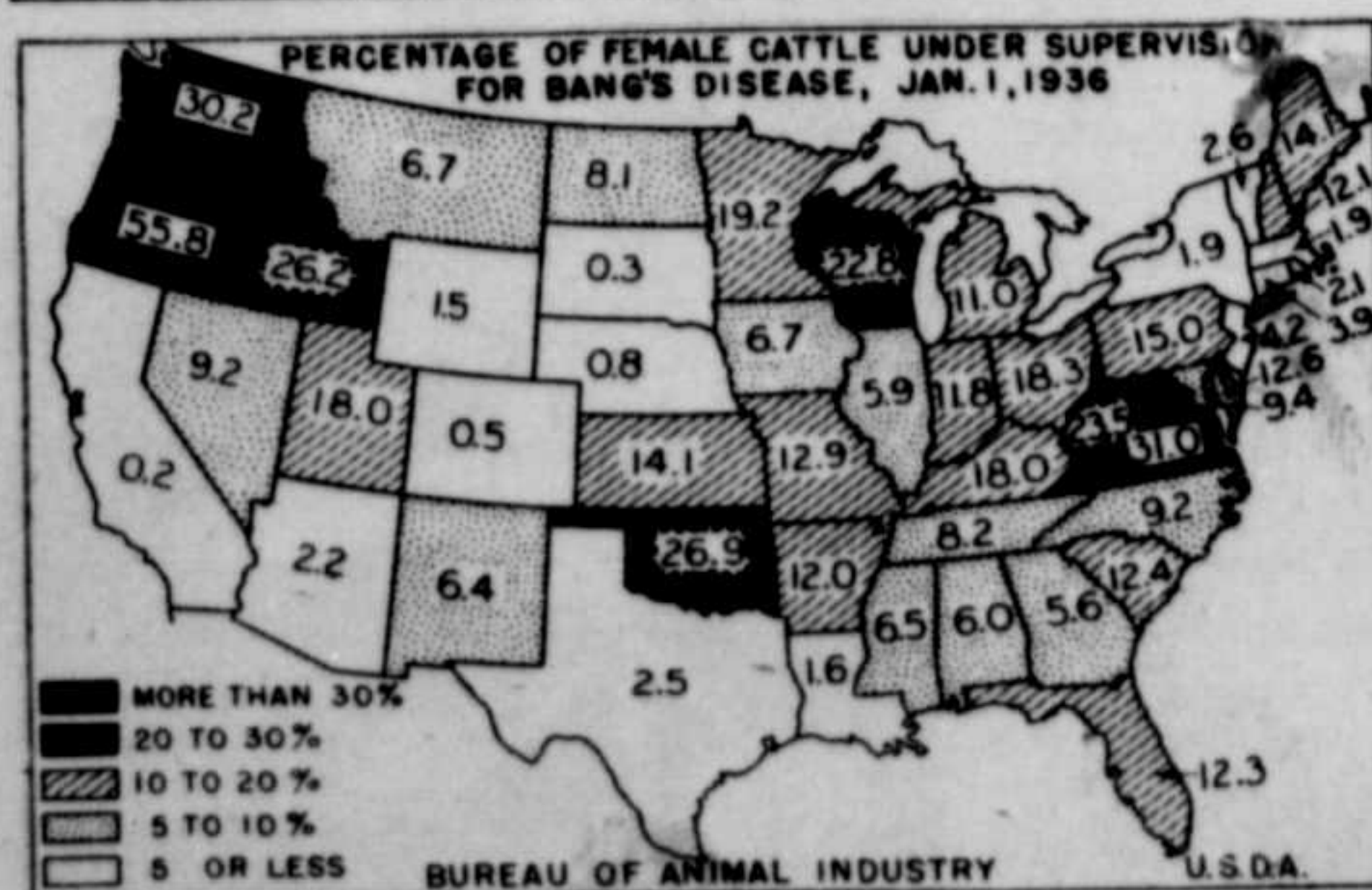
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## Interest Grows in Bang's Control



Cattle owners in nearly all states show increasing interest in testing their herds for Bang's disease. The U. S. Department of Agriculture's map, as of Jan. 1, 1936, shows the extent of official supervision of cattle herds in the combined efforts of the Government and State to combat the malady. The map shows that in seven states the percentage of cattle under supervision exceeds 20 per cent and in only twelve states is the proportion five per cent or less.

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