



## Wheat Prospects Brighter As Snow Begins Slow Melting

Wheat crop prospects looked a lot brighter to Deaf Smith county farmers this week as snows from last week's blizzard began melting slowly.

Barring heavy freezes while the land is wet, wheat acreage over the

county should be in fairly good shape.

The moisture total for January is low, but the cold weather has been favorable for the young wheat crop, and enough moisture is in the ground

to help bring it along.

O. B. Russell, who maintains an official weather gauge for the Soil Conservation Service here, reports that there has been a total of .33 inch of moisture during the month.

Until January 20 when the big winter storm began moving into the area, there had been no measurable moisture, Russell reports, although there had been some light snow.

Since that date, the moisture total has been boosted to about a third of an inch.

The last big snowfall which covered this area last Wednesday contributed about half of that amount. Santa Fe Railway's monthly crop report, based on data received up to February 1, indicates that the wheat crop over the entire southwestern wheat belt has held its own during the past month and cautiously reports that conditions are somewhat improved.

"The general sub-normal moisture supply," the report states, "together with the scant tops and root development presents an indefinite outlook. The future depends on how the crop fares during the next few weeks."

"The picture could be changed overnight . . . for the worse by wind and sub-zero temperatures . . . for the better by snow cover."

The large area of volunteer wheat in the area could be damaged considerably by sub-zero temperatures continuing over a period of several days. During the storm which ended last week-end, however, crops were largely protected from the low temperatures by a light snow cover.

Santa Fe experts predict that to make a normal crop in 1948, better than average moisture for the remainder of the winter and an abundance of timely moisture in the spring will be needed.

## Cork Oak Acorns Available Free From Texas A&M

COLLEGE STATION, Feb. 2.—For the fifth successive year the Texas Forest Service, A. & M. College, will ship prepaid small quantities of free cork oak acorns to any person in Texas.

D. A. Anderson, silviculturist chief, points out, however, that requests should be made at once, for he has only 300 pounds available and shipments will be made Feb. 12.

The cork oak acorns are provided by the Crown Cork and Seal company of California for experimental planting and growing of cork oak trees. In the previous four years Texans have received 2½ tons of these acorns. They have been planted on all types of soil with varying success.

The quantity of acorns set to each person who requests them will depend upon the number of people who ask for them, but it is believed there will be about one pound (50 or 60 acorns) in each shipment. Instructions for planting will be mailed one week in advance of shipping.

All who wish to take advantage of this free offer may send their requests to the Texas Forest Service, A. & M. College Station, Texas.

## "Hell Box" Has New Meaning For Tech Journalism Students

LUBBOCK, Feb. 2.—When printers use the term "hell box," they mean any box where unwanted lead type is thrown, corresponding roughly to a waste basket in an office.

But when beginning journalism students at Texas Technological College say "hell box," they might mean almost anything, as proved by the following definitions gleaned from final examination papers:

"The complaint department of a newspaper office."  
 "A file for feature articles to be used to fill space."  
 "Place where articles are thrown that aren't used."  
 "A container for all newspaper that has already been used."  
 "Where used or unused type is dumped for future reference."  
 "Where type is thrown to be melted."  
 "Boxes that contain type arranged to print. If dropped it causes profanity."



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