

# "1913 Farm Crops and their Value" Newspaper Article, May 14, 1914

## 1913 FARM CROPS AND THEIR VALUE

### ASSESSORS STATISTICS SHOW VALUE OF PRODUCTS OF FARMS OF THE COUNTY

#### TILLED LAND YIELDED CROPS WORTH \$4,268,697

*Value of 1913 Farm Products Worth \$569,000 More Than Crops of 1912 - Small Grain and Corn Yields Were Less, But Higher Corn and Oats Market Helped.*

Marshall county farm land that was tilled produced crops worth \$4,265,697 in 1913, a more valuable crop by \$569,557 than the 1912 crop. In spite of a short corn and oats crop and smaller yields of other small grains. Even with lesser yields, the much higher market the 1911 crop of corn and oats made farm products of the year have a greater money value than the enormous crop of 1912 with its correspondingly lower prices.

Those are some of the summarized statistics taken from the annual crop reports, made by the assessors this spring while making the tax assessment. They are the only statistics of their kind obtainable, and are therefore of value. In accompanying columns tabulations show the detailed statistics of yields, prices, values of crops, etc.

#### **Smaller Crops, Higher Prices**

Excessive dry weather for several weeks during the mid-summer last year cut the corn, oats, wheat and potato crops. There were large decreases in all these crops, compared with the 1912 crops, which were unusually large, but, as the yield - was smaller, the market was higher than the year before. In fact none of the important crops of 1913, except tame hay, gave as large or a larger yield than the same crops did in 1912.

The 1913 corn crop fell off 1,492,032 bushels compared with the 1912 crop. The yields for both years were: 1913, 4,577,360 bushels 1912, 6,069,392 bushels. But the 1912 crop was selling for 34 cents Dec. 1 that year, while Dec. 1, 1913 corn was worth 58 cents. The comparative Dec. 1 cash value of the two corn crops were: 1913, \$2,654,868; 1912, \$2,063,593, making the smaller 1913 corn crop worth \$591,275 more than the 1912 crop.

#### **Oats Also Worth More.**

In yield- of oats fell off 676,282 bushels in 1913 compared with 1912, but the 1913 crop was worth \$5,816 more than the harvest of the year before. The totals for the two years were: Yields, 1913, 2,467,072 bushels 1913, 3,143,352 bushels' values, 1913, \$838,804 1912, \$832,988. The average yield of corn per acre in 1913 was 40.3 bushels compared with 51.7 bushels in 1912, and of oats 35.2 bushels in 1913 compared with 42.2 bushels an acre in 1912.

#### **Few Increased Yields.**

The largest increased yield of any crop was tame hay which produced 9,191 tons more last year than in 1912.