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SOUTHWESTERN AGRICULTURE IN 1961

Southwestern farmers and ranchers are in the final stages of harvesting crops and marketing livestock for the 1961 season. Current data indicate that the combined output of crops and livestock products in the Southwest may be slightly above last year's record outturn. Despite a significant diversion of acreage under the emergency feed grain program, crop production may equal that of 1960; and a moderate advance is indicated in the output of livestock products. The Southwest's total agricultural income, including Government payments, may be higher than in 1960. The only apparent qualification to this income picture is the possibility of a significant deferral of sales by farmers until next year, mainly for tax purposes. Weather has been the major factor determining whether a particular area within the Eleventh Federal Reserve District experienced a favorable or unfavorable agricultural year; however, lower prices for certain commodities have adversely affected agricultural income, especially in a few highly specialized producing areas.

The pattern of southwestern weather in 1961 generally has been more favorable in the western half of the District and somewhat less favorable in eastern areas. For the whole District, rain and subnormal temperatures delayed planting and development of spring-seeded crops. Subsequently, summer rains — though beneficial in many instances — heightened the incidence of cotton root rot, particularly in the Texas Blacklands, and made control of parasites difficult in some livestock sections. In early September, Hurricane Carla struck the Texas coast, reducing prospects for a

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF DALLAS DALLAS, TEXAS

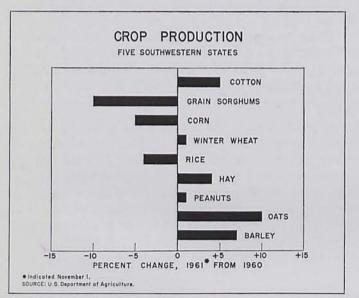
record rice crop and damaging cotton, fruit and nut trees, livestock, poultry, pasturelands, and farm buildings.

Counterbalancing the ill effects of weather, the amounts and timing of rainfall were especially helpful to grain sorghums, wheat and other winter grains, and cotton in western dry-land sections. Pastures also benefited from the widespread spring and summer moisture. Thus, Mother Nature had many faces in 1961. Her countenance was smiling and benign in some areas and scowling and spiteful in others. The result was a varied agricultural picture.

Crop Output Is About Unchanged

Southwestern crop farmers began 1961 with some uncertainties as to changes that might be made in national agricultural legislation. The bulk of the wheat, oat, and barley acreage for harvest in 1961 had been seeded in the previous fall, and conditions of these crops were relatively favorable. Consequently, the major uncertainties were associated with proposals affecting spring-seeded crops, such as cotton, corn, grain sorghums, rice, and peanuts.

A major new feed grain program was placed in effect in late March to control production of corn and grain sorghums. The legislation was enacted as an emergency measure for the 1961 crops only, but the program has been extended for another year and expanded to include additional feed crops. Under the 1961 program, cooperating farmers were required to divert at least 20 percent of their 1959-60 average acreage of corn and grain sorghums to soil-conserving uses in order to be



CROP ACREAGE AND YIELD Five Southwestern States1

		ACREAGE							
	For harvested							YIELD	
Crop	1961 1960 (In (In thousands thousands Percent		1961, estimated Nov. 1 (In bushels)	1960 (In bushels)	Percen				
Cotton	8,362	8,092	3	2388	2382	2 25			
Corn	1,388	1,833	-24	30	24	25			
Winter wheat	8,620	8,566	1	24	24	0			
Oats	1,537	1,450	6	28	24 27	4			
Barley	1,292	1,259	3	31	30	3			
Rice	875	875	0	22,881	22,995	-4			
Sorghum grain	5,959	7,936	25	45	38	18			
Flaxseed	140	118	19	12	10	20			
Peanuts	408	401	2	2973	2978	-1			
Sweet potatoes	71	68	4	867	367	0			
Beans, dry edible.	14	14	4	\$700	₹543	29			

Arizona, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.

2 In pounds.
3 In hundredweight.
SOURCE: United States Department of Agriculture.

eligible for price supports on these grains, as well as other feed grains they might grow. Grain producers were permitted to divert up to 20 percent of additional acreage, for which somewhat larger payments were made. The rate of payment for feed grain acreage diversion was determined by the normal production of the land.

Participation in the feed grain program significantly reduced the acreage planted to corn and grain sorghums in the Southwest. However, favorable growing conditions resulted in high yields, so that total production did not decline as much as planted acreage. In the states of the Eleventh Federal Reserve District, 3.7 million acres of corn and grain sorghums were diverted under the emergency feed grain program, representing about one-third of the total 1959-60 average plantings for these grains. Approximately 87 percent of the total diverted acreage in the Southwest was grain sorghum acreage. Yields of corn and grain sorghums on the remaining acreage in 1961 averaged 25 percent and 18 percent, respectively, greater than in 1960. As a result, the total output of corn was only 5 percent below a year ago, and that for grain sorghums was only 10 percent smaller.

Cotton is the most important single crop in the Southwest in terms of both acreage and cash farm income. As in the previous 7 years, cotton acreage allotments were in effect. Acreage allotments for the 1961 crops of upland and extra-long staple cotton in the District states were set at almost 10 million acres, the highest since 1954 and 6 percent above 1960. Since the "Choice A" and "Choice B" programs expired in 1960, the increased cotton acreage allotment was a factor in boosting plantings above a year ago. Slightly higher

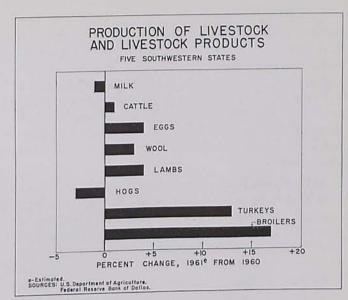
indicated yields and larger plantings have caused the 1961 outturn of cotton in the Southwest to be placed at 5 percent above last year's good crop. Advances over year-earlier levels have occurred in New Mexico and Texas, but decreases have been reported for the other District states.

The Texas cotton crop, at an estimated 4,750,000 bales, reflects a 9-percent gain over that in 1960 and is one-fifth above the average for the past decade. The differential impact of growing conditions is mirrored in the prospective production in the various sections of the State. Outturns in all of the major western cotton-producing areas are above their respective levels in 1960, when record production was achieved in virtually all sections. On the other hand, such important areas as the Lower Rio Grande Valley, coastal sections, the Blacklands, and eastern Texas had smaller cotton crops.

Although total wheat production in the District states is only slightly higher than a year ago, the size of the 1961 crop is particularly significant since last year's output was the second largest of record. Other crops with larger production than in 1960 include oats, barley, flaxseed, hay, peanuts, citrus fruits, Irish potatoes, and sweet potatoes. On the other hand, rye, pecans, and rice show year-to-year production decreases. In the case of pecans and rice, much of the decline reflects the damaging effects of Hurricane Carla. Prior to the hurricane, rice farmers were in the midst of harvesting the highest yielding crop of record, and total output was indicated at 5 percent above the excellent 1960 outturn; afterward, however, production was estimated to be 4 percent smaller.

Livestock Production Rises

Favorable weather, the size of the basic breeding herds, and large feed supplies have provided a continuing impetus to the output expansion in livestock and livestock products this year, especially in the case of cattle, sheep and lambs, and poultry. At the beginning of 1961, inventories of cattle and calves and goats on farms and ranches in the Southwest were at record levels, and sheep numbers were the largest since 1952. Although cold, damp weather checked forage growth in early 1961, pasture conditions have remained unusually good in most areas of the Southwest during the major part of the growing season, and supplies of cured forage on native ranges this winter are the best in several years. Relative to the general situation in the Southwest, less favorable conditions have been experienced in sections of west-central New Mexico, in the Trans-Pecos area



of Texas, and along the Gulf Coast, where the hurricane caused salt-water damage to pastures.

Sufficient data are not available to assess accurately the effects of the generally good forage situation upon the volume of cattle and sheep marketings and the trends in their numbers. However, cattle production may top that in 1960, and inventories are likely to rise moderately. The 1961 calf crop in the Southwest totaled 7.3 million, or slightly above last year and the largest since the 1955 level of 7.6 million (when the calving rate was higher than in the current year). On the other hand, the total number of cattle and calves slaughtered during the first 9 months of this year was slightly less than in the comparable period in 1960, but the live weight of animals slaughtered was larger. The heavier cattle weights reflected both the good grazing conditions and the increased number of cattle on feed. A smaller portion of the total cattle slaughter consisted of calves, suggesting that the expansion of cattle herds is continuing. In many instances, ranchers are making only small net additions to their basic breeding herds and are concentrating on culling older and less productive animals.

Production of lambs, wool, and mohair also showed advances over the year-earlier levels. Southwestern sheep numbers, which have been increasing since 1957, totaled 8.2 million at the beginning of 1961, or 3 percent above a year ago. As a consequence of the larger breeding herd, the output of wool and lambs rose 3 percent and 4 percent, respectively, from last year's levels. Similarly, mohair production increased about 5 percent as a result of expansion in the number of goats.

Marketings of sheep and lambs in 1961 have been particularly heavy, reflecting weakening of lamb prices. Such prices have been easing since 1959, when lamb and mutton production began to rise. Slaughter of sheep and lambs in the Southwest during the first 9 months of this year was 30 percent larger than in the same period of 1960. If a significant proportion of ewe lambs is involved, this unusual slaughter rate could result in a reduction in the number of breeding ewes on farms and ranches.

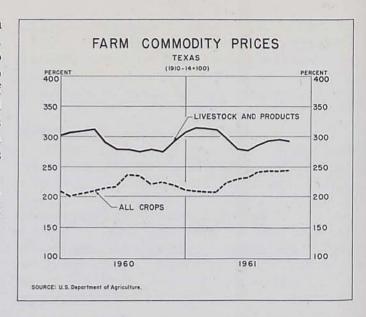
Milk production in the District states in 1961 is estimated to be only slightly lower than last year. Milk cows on farms totaled 1.1 million head at midyear, or 4 percent below the same time in 1960. Declines occurred in each of the District states except Arizona, where numbers remained unchanged. Developments in 1961 have been a continuation of trends under way since 1943, when southwestern milk cow numbers were at a peak of 2.6 million. As in some previous years, the continuing improvement in dairy herds and the favorable pasture and feed grain situation in 1961 have resulted in higher output per cow, which nearly offsets the smaller milking herd.

Outturns of most poultry and poultry products in the District states have risen from the 1960 levels. Broilers have paced the increases for the various poultry products with an estimated gain of 17 percent. Turkey growers also expanded their operations, and the southwestern turkey crop is placed at 13 percent greater than last year's large crop. Rounding out the advances in the output of the major poultry products is the indicated 4-percent gain in 1961 egg production in the Southwest.

In contrast to the higher levels of beef, lamb, and poultry output, southwestern hog production is below that in 1960. The number of pigs saved this spring and the number of sows farrowing this fall indicate that the total 1961 pig crop in the District states may be about 3 percent less than last year. In both the District states and the Nation, pig production in 1960 declined sharply from the high 1959 level. The downtrend continued in the Southwest but was reversed in the Nation, probably as a result of an improved hog-corn ratio in the major hog-producing areas of the country.

Over-All Prices Move Upward

Over-all prices received by southwestern farmers and ranchers have been quite favorable as compared with those in 1960. Price trends for individual commodities have reflected a complex of supply and demand factors, ranging from governmental price-support actions to



responses to cyclical and short-term adjustments in live-stock marketings. The over-all demand for farm products was well maintained in both 1960 and 1961, although general economic conditions eased downward last year but then resumed an upward course in 1961. The index of prices received by Texas farmers and ranchers for all farm products during the first 10 months of this year averaged 4 percent more than in the same period in 1960. Prices for crops were 5 percent higher, and those for livestock and livestock products were up 2 percent.

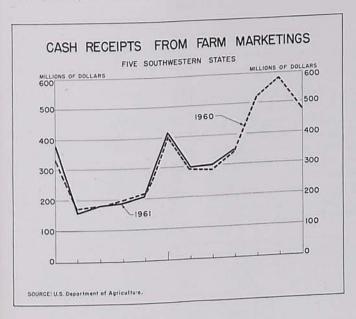
The influence of the higher price supports for 1961 crops is not fully reflected by comparisons on a calendar-year basis, as the new support levels did not become effective until marketing of the crops began. In October 1961, Texas crop prices were almost 8 percent above those a year ago, when support levels were lower. Support prices were increased from the 1960 levels on 18 of the important commodities produced in the Southwest and were unchanged on 1. The boost in price supports was quite significant with respect to the magnitude of the changes and to the commodities affected. For example, increases ranging up to 30 percent were made in the price-support levels of commodities which, last year, accounted for 54 percent of the cash receipts from both crop and livestock marketings in the Southwest.

The strength in prices of livestock and livestock products has resulted mainly from the cyclical recovery in hog prices from the early-1960 low. Slight advances in wool and mohair prices and strength in grass-fed cattle markets contributed to the over-all firmness of prices in the livestock products sector; however, there were major price weaknesses for poultry and sheep and lambs. In these instances, excessive supplies, rather than lower demand, were primarily responsible for the deterioration in prices.

Farm Income Increases

The record agricultural output, higher over-all prices, and large Government payments are expected to push total cash farm income in the District states this year above the \$4.1 billion received in 1960. In sections where outturns of practically all major crops have been quite good, the deferral of some sales until 1962 would reduce somewhat the total income received in the current year. During the January-September period, cash receipts from farm marketings averaged 2 percent above the first 9 months of last year, mainly as a result of a 3-percent advance in receipts from livestock and livestock products; crop receipts were fractionally higher. Increases in total cash receipts were reported for all of the District states except Oklahoma, where the wheat and cotton crops did not quite match the exceptional 1960 outturns.

Farm costs have advanced only slightly in 1961. In some sections, expenses of replanting hail- or rain-damaged crops have been large. However, in many western sections, timely rains lowered costs of pumping irrigation water, and good pastures and an open winter have reduced supplemental feeding of livestock. On balance, net income of southwestern farmers and ranchers may be somewhat higher, primarily because of favorable conditions in western areas of the District.



Although total gross agricultural income has been at high levels in recent years in both the Nation and the District, farmers and ranchers have made only moderate financial progress in the past year or so. Despite a 4-percent rise in realized net income, farm proprietors' equities in the United States at the beginning of 1961 were unchanged from a year earlier, according to a United States Department of Agriculture release. The report also shows that liquid financial assets of the Nation's farmers declined, and both real-estate and nonreal-estate indebtedness rose.

Although comparable detailed information is not available for the Eleventh Federal Reserve District, partial data suggest that the Southwest's experience may have been similar to the Nation's. Land values continued to rise slightly during 1960 in each of the District states except Louisiana, but both farm mortgage indebtedness and nonreal-estate debt outstanding in each of the five states advanced at higher rates than did land values. The number and amount of farmer-held demand deposit accounts in the District, as well as the average size of account, declined.

Many of these trends affecting the financial position of southwestern farmers and ranchers continued into 1961. In July, land values had increased from the 1960 levels in Arizona, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas, while declining in New Mexico. During the first half of 1961, the dollar amount of farm mortgage recordings in Texas was one-fourth above a year earlier, and large increases are indicated for the other District states. Substantial gains also occurred in both the number and the average size of farm mortgages. The pressure to increase the size of the farm business continues.

Nonreal-estate farm debt outstanding in the Southwest at member banks and production credit associations at mid-1961 totaled around \$511 million, which is only fractionally above a year earlier. A 4-percent rise in production credit association loans was not quite offset by a reduction in loans outstanding at member banks. Subsequently, data from the reports of condition of Eleventh District member banks this fall indicate that loans secured by farmland rose 4 percent over the corresponding date in 1960. Other loans to farmers, excluding those guaranteed by the Commodity Credit Corporation, advanced 7 percent. Current data are too fragmentary for more definitive conclusions, especially without information concerning farmers' holdings of common stocks, savings and loan shares, and other income-producing investments. It is possible that inclusion of information on such holdings might materially change the financial picture which is drawn from the available data.

Outlook

Farming and ranching — although seasonal and cyclical in nature — are a continuous process, and preparations for the 1962 crop and livestock season are well advanced in many sections of the District. Most of the small winter grains and pastures are up to stands, and residues from this year's crops have been plowed under in early sections. As in the past, production plans are likely to be modified as a result of changes in price-cost relationships and Government agricultural programs.

In addition to continuing the corn and grain sorghum program, legislation enacted in August requires that wheat and barley producers reduce plantings in 1962. The new law requires the Nation's wheat growers to reduce plantings by 10 percent. The land must be diverted to conservation uses, but the southwestern farmer may plant castor beans, guar, safflower, sunflowers, or sesame on the land in lieu of receiving the conservation payment on the diverted acreage. For reducing their 1962 wheat acreage, growers will earn payments equal to 45 percent of the 1962 county support price for No. 1 wheat, multiplied by the yields determined for their farms. Producers will be encouraged to divert as much as 30 percent of additional wheat acreage, for which the payment rate would be 60 percent of the basic county support rate. The national average support price for 1962-crop wheat has been set at a minimum of \$2 per bushel, compared with \$1.79 for the 1961 crop.

Barley producers will be required to divert a minimum of 20 percent of their 1959-60 barley acreage in order to be eligible for 1962 support prices. Payments will be made on a basis similar to those for corn and grain sorghums.

Acreage allotments will continue for the 1962 crops of cotton, rice, and peanuts; a 2-percent reduction has been made in upland cotton acreage allotments in the Southwest. Price-support rates for most crops have not been set for next year, but the levels may be little different from the 1961 rates. The 1962 wool incentive price has been set at the same level as for this year, but the mohair incentive price has been increased slightly. The generally high per acre yields obtained District-wide this year might be achieved in 1962, if growing conditions are favorable; however, the extension of acreage diversion programs to wheat and barley suggests that total crop output may not match the 1961 level.

Prospects for livestock production are mixed. The low broiler and turkey prices this year may prompt a reduction in the 1962 outputs. Similarly, heavy marketings of sheep and lambs indicate some moderation in wool and lamb outturn. On the other hand, further expansion in beef herds is likely, and some increase may occur in hog production. Interest in cattle feeding remains high, and fall rains will encourage grazing on winter wheat pastures. On balance, total production of crops and livestock next year may not be much different from that in 1961.

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NEW MEMBER BANK

The First National Bank of Zapata, Zapata, Texas, a newly organized institution located in the territory served by the San Antonio Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, opened for business November 16, 1961, as a member of the Federal Reserve System. The new member bank has capital of \$100,000, surplus of \$100,000, and undivided profits of \$100,000. The officers are: John R. Less, Chairman of the Board; Cecil E. Burney, President; Gus J. Guerra, Executive Vice President; and J. E. Bravo, Vice President.

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BUSINESS, AGRICULTURAL, AND FINANCIAL CONDITIONS



The Texas industrial production index in October rebounded to a new high of 180 from the hurricane-affected level of a month ago. October nonagricultural

employment in the five southwestern states increased; unemployment continued to decline in Texas. The value of construction contracts in the District states decreased significantly in September.

Daily average crude oil production in the Eleventh Federal Reserve District should rise moderately in December as the Texas allowable schedule has been increased to 9 producing days. District crude oil output declined slightly in October but advanced in early November. Drilling activity showed mixed trends during October. Refinery operations in the District increased significantly in October but declined moderately in early November.

District department store sales advanced during October and were slightly higher than in October 1960. In early November, sales continued above a year ago, and cumulative sales through November

11 were 1 percent above the comparable period in 1960. October new car registrations in four major Texas markets recovered sharply from the low September level to reach the highest total for any month this year but were only 3 percent higher than in October 1960. Cumulative registrations in the four areas through October were 14 percent less than in the first 10 months of 1960.

Inclement weather during November delayed harvesting activities in the District, and frosts and freezing temperatures ended the 1961 growing season in many areas. Southwestern cotton production is estimated to be 5 percent above that in 1960. November moisture benefited the 1962 wheat crop, and early oats are providing grazing in many sections. Livestock remain in generally good condition.

In the 4 weeks ended November 15, the District weekly reporting member banks increased their loans and deposits but reduced their investments. Reserves of the District member banks declined somewhat in the 4 weeks ended November 1 but remained at a comfortable level.



Department store sales in the District rose 10 percent during October and were 1 percent higher than in October 1960. The seasonally adjusted index of

sales was 174 percent of the 1947-49 average in October, compared with 175 in September and 172 in October last year. In early November, sales advanced further over a year ago, showing a 6-percent increase for the 2-week period ended November 11. Cumulative sales this year through November 11 were 1 percent greater than in the comparable period in 1960.

District department store inventories rose seasonally in October but at the end of the month were 1 percent lower than at the same time in 1960. The seasonally adjusted index of stocks was 191 percent of the 1947-49

average at the end of October, up from 187 in September but down from the 193 recorded for October 1960.

New car registrations during October in four major Texas markets - Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, and

DEPARTMENT STORE SALES

(Percentage change in retail value)

	October 1	961 from	- 10 months	
Area	September 1961	October 1960	1961 from 1960	
Total Eleventh District	10	1	1	
Corpus Christi	12	-6	-5	
Dallas	8	-2	0	
El Paso	9	-7	-3	
Fort Worth	11	4	4	
Houston	17	y	3	
San Antonio	12	17	5	
Shreveport, La	14	0	0	
Waco	8 2	-4	0	

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INDEXES OF DEPARTMENT STORE SALES AND STOCKS

Fleventh Federal Reserve District

(1947-49 = 100)

	SALES (Dai	ly average)	STOCKS (End of month)		
Date	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	
1960: October	176	172	212r	193r	
1961: August September October	181 168 177	184 175 174	190 199 210p	190 187 191p	

p — Preliminary.

San Antonio - rose substantially over the low September level to the highest total for any month this year. as a wider selection of 1962-model cars became available. However, registrations in the four areas combined were only 3 percent higher than in October 1960; the 13-percent year-to-year gain in Dallas was largely offset by declines of 1 to 4 percent in the other three areas. Cumulative registrations in the four markets for the first 10 months of 1961 were 14 percent less than in the comparable period last year.



Cool, damp weather during November hampered harvesting activities throughout most of the District. Frosts early in the month ended the growing season in

northern and western sections, and, by midmonth, hard frosts had extended into eastern regions.

Cotton harvesting in the Southwest is more than twothirds finished. The hard early-November freeze spurred opening of bolls and helped defoliate plants in most High Plains counties. Cotton production in the District states is estimated to be 5 percent greater than the 1960 output. At 4.8 million bales, the Texas crop is 200,000

COTTON PRODUCTION Texas Crop Reporting Districts

(In thousands of bales - 500 pounds gross weight)

1961, indicated Nov. 1	1960	1959	1961 as percent o 1960
565	488	472	116
1,760	1,460	1,424	121
390	342	266	114
415	385	333	108
20	23	19	87
415	448	475	93
35	46	54	93 76
65	71	70	92
290	255	277	114
65	64	58	102
85	110	159	77
160	156	146	103
100	108	159	93
52	49	59	106
333	341	445	98
4,750	4,346	4,416	109
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SOURCE: United States Department of Agriculture.

CROP PRODUCTION

(In thousands of bushels)

		TEXAS		FIVE SOL	THWESTER	N STATES
Crop	1961, estimated Nov. 1	1960	Average 1950-59	1961, estimated Nov. 1	1960	Average 1950-59
Cotton ²	4,750	4,346	3,910	6,760	6,445	5,894
Corn	26,264	27,522	38,502	42,024	44,456	61,366
Winter wheat	86,856	78,826	32,891	208,042	206,434	104,031
Oats	26,190	24,492	26,202	43,600	39,623	42,034
Barley	9,528	9,518	3,549	39,706	37,184	18,239
Rye	368	310	240	1,103	1,285	933
Rice3	11,468	12,927	13,331	25,208	26,209	25,846
Sorghum grain	234,738	258,552	149,134	266,634	297,623	171,361
Flaxseed	1,610	1,112	501	1,610	1,135	580
Hay4	2,261	2,166	1,821	6,895	6,631	5,408
Peanuts ⁵	235,125	223,725	173,368	397,025	392,161	278,320
rish potatoes6	2,738	2,465	1,662	6,263	5,572	3,817
Sweet potatoes6	1,190	1,200	1,246	4,743	4,531	6,307
Pecans	33,000	31,000	32,270	85,700	95,000	69,367

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2 In thousands of bales.
3 In thousands of bags containing 100 pounds each.

4 In thousands of tons.

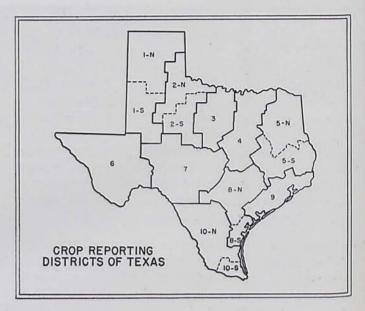
In thousands of pounds.
In thousands of hundredweight.

SOURCE: United States Department of Agriculture.

bales above the previous month's forecast and is 9 percent larger than last year.

Seeding of the District's 1962 wheat crop is in the final stages. The early-November moisture materially benefited root development and top growth of wheat. Virtually all of the winter oat acreage has been planted, and early seedings are furnishing grazing in many areas.

Grain sorghum combining was delayed during the first part of November, as damp, cloudy weather retarded drying of seed heads. The killing frosts and freezing temperatures in many northern Plains areas will help reduce moisture content of the grain. More than four-fifths of the District's peanut crop has been harvested. Pecan gathering has passed the halfway



mark, and output in many regions is considerably below average. Combining of soybeans is also more than one-half complete, and sesame harvest is well advanced. Approximately one-third of the 1962 south Texas flax crop has been planted.

Weather conditions have continued favorable throughout most of the south Texas commercial vegetable area; Coastal Bend counties received much-needed rain at mid-November. Cabbage, peppers, lettuce, and carrots are making satisfactory growth in the Lower Valley; and peppers, green beans, field peas, and squash are available in good volume.

Fall range and pasture feed conditions remain above average in the District except in a few sections of south Texas. Cattle are going into the winter in good flesh, and cows are in peak condition for the calving period.



During the 4 weeks ended November 8, loans and time and savings deposits expanded at the Nation's weekly reporting member banks, while investments and

total demand deposits declined. The money market displayed a relatively easy tone in the latter part of October and the first week of November but firmed noticeably in the week ended November 15. The effective rate on Federal funds generally ranged between 2½ percent and 3 percent.

Activity in the Government securities market was materially influenced by the Treasury refunding of almost \$7 billion of 2½-percent Treasury bonds maturing November 15, 1961, and the sale of \$800 million of "strip" bills. Other market influences included uncertainty in the business outlook, the reduction of the British bank rate to 6 percent, and the publication of statistics indicating a relatively low level of free reserves. Treasury bills moved in a narrow range between October 11 and November 8, with the market bid rate on 91-day bills rising only 2 basis points to 2.39 percent; subsequently, the rate moved higher, reaching 2.58 percent on November 15.

In the 4 weeks ended November 15, loans and deposits advanced at the District's weekly reporting banks, but investments declined. Cash accounts and total assets both moved to higher levels.

Gross loans (excluding interbank loans) rose \$47.3 million, primarily as a result of gains in commercial and industrial loans and consumer-type loans, which may reflect some inventory rebuilding and improved retail

CONDITION STATISTICS OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN LEADING CITIES

Eleventh Federal Reserve District

(In thousands of dollars)

Item	Nov. 15, 1961	Oct. 18, 1961	Nov. 16, 1960
ASSETS Commercial and industrial loans	11 724 942	1.704.150	1 550 17
Agricultural loans	. ¹ 1,734,862 . 40,941	1,706,158 38,977	1,550,47 33,33
or carrying:			
U. S. Government securities		274 63,753	21,28
Other loans for purchasing or carrying:			
Other securities	1161,405	3,198 161,973 43,736r	6,295 180,272 92,510 287
Loans to domestic commercial banks	76,882	43,736r	92,510
Loans to other financial institutions:		3.70	
Sales finance, personal finance, etc Savings banks, mtge. cos., ins. cos., etc	183,840 1172,408	90,728 163,582r	95,309 135,516 208,230 748,273
Real-estate loans	1172,408 237,656 1733,108	163,582r 235,355 721,104r	208,230
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Gross loans Less reserves and unallocated charge-offs	3,309,377 54,097	3,228,965 54,594	3,072,059 54,775
Net loans	3,255,280	3,174,371	3,017,284
Treasury bills	122,642 56,060	185,209 55,563	116,377 32,557
Within 1 year	175,927	243,060	117,621
After 5 years	175,927 761,949 425,233 421,542	689,343 427,769	783,150 341,263
		413,334	352,436
Total investments	1,963,353	2,014,478	1,743,404
Cash items in process of collection	610,641 491,166	541,806 495,239 2,133	588,618
Releases with banks in foreign countries	1.659	2,133	1,923
Currency and coin	57,921 626,864 204,244	58,331 591,512 192,603	588,618 499,599 1,923 52,073 572,758 208,863
Other assets	-		208,863
TOTAL ASSETS	7,211,128	7,070,473	6,684,522
ABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS Demand deposits			
	3,078,150	3,025,055	2 027 707
Foreign governments and official institutions,	4,307	4,091	2,927,797
United States Government	4,307 152,732 200,460	4,091 237,718 162,259	157,827 213,257
	1,212,696	1,134,769	
savings banks Banks in foreign countries Certified and officers' checks, etc	13,697 71,327	13,007	1,126,455 17,399 60,212
Certified and officers' checks, etc	71,327	45,581	60,212
Total demand deposits	4,733,369	4,622,480	4,502,947
Time and savings deposits Individuals, partnerships, and corporations			
Savings deposits	795,025 555,346	789,518 565,281	
Other time deposits			1,181,983
central banks, and international institutions	1,005	7,008	10,307
U. S. Government, including postal savings States and political subdivisions	7,077 299,596	7,077 287,654	228,295
Banks in the United States, including mutual savings banks	5,795 1,200	6,369 1,200	10,355
Banks in foreign countries			
Total time and savings deposits	1,665,044	1,658,107	1,430,940
Total deposits	6,398,413	6,280,587 94,000 95,395 600,491	5,933,887
Bills payable, rediscounts, etc	94,480 111,702 606,533	95,395	45,934 134,781 569,920
Capital accounts	606,533		Wild a to the same
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	7,211,128	7,070,473	6,684,522

Because of recent reclassifications, these data are not strictly comparable with year-earlier data.

sales. The expansion in commercial and industrial loans was centered in trade concerns and the "all other types

r — Revised.

NOTE. — As a result of changes in call report instructions, additional information is available, effective April 26, 1961, on the deposit structure of member banks. Comparable year-earlier figures will be shown when they become available.

RESERVE POSITIONS OF MEMBER BANKS

Eleventh Federal Reserve District

(Averages of daily figures. In thousands of dollars)

Item	4 weeks ended Nov. 1, 1961	4 weeks ended Oct. 4, 1961	4 weeks ended Nov. 2, 1960
RESERVE CITY BANKS	The state of the s	- consider	
Total reserves held	601,250	580,083	565,590
With Federal Reserve Bank	560,415	538,679	555,455
Currency and coin	40,835	41,404	10,135
Required reserves	594,757	574,031	557,902
Excess reserves	6,493	6,052	7,688
Borrowings	214	107	72
Free reserves	6,279	5,945	7,616
COUNTRY BANKS			
Total reserves held	525,243	518,893	459,514
With Federal Reserve Bank	419,276	412,896	429,992
Currency and coin	105,967	105,997	29,522
Required reserves	460,949	452,237	396,573
Excess reserves	64,294	66,656	62,941
Borrowings	1,291	1,134	9,762
Free reserves	63,003	65,522	53,179
ALL MEMBER BANKS			
Total reserves held	1,126,493	1,098,976	1,025,104
With Federal Reserve Bank	979,691	951,575	985,447
Currency and coin	146,802	147,401	39,657
Required reserves	1,055,706	1,026,268	954,475
Excess reserves	70,787	72,708	70,629
Borrowings	1,505	1,241	9,834
Free reserves	69,282	71,467	60,795

NOTE. — Beginning November 24, 1960, all currency and coin held by member banks allowed as reserves; during the period December 1, 1959-November 23, 1960, only part of such holdings was allowed.

of business" category; loans to nondurable goods manufacturing firms declined moderately. In the comparable period of 1960, gross loans advanced \$9.9 million, as increases in commercial and industrial loans and loans to "other financial institutions" overcame a decrease in consumer-type loans.

Total investments at the District's weekly reporting member banks declined \$51.1 million between October 18 and November 15. Holdings of Government securities decreased \$59.1 million, primarily as a result of reductions in holdings of Treasury bills and of Treasury notes and Government bonds maturing within 1 year. Reflecting the participation of District banks in the November 15 Treasury financing, these decreases were partially counterbalanced by an expansion in holdings of Government securities maturing in more than 1 year. Non-Government security holdings rose \$8.0 million during the 4 weeks. In the comparable period a year earlier, total investments expanded \$91.3 million; an increase in holdings of Government securities more than offset a reduction in holdings of non-Government securities.

In the 4 weeks ended November 15, the weekly reporting member banks in the District increased their demand deposits \$110.9 million. Noticeable gains were recorded in demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations and in demand deposits of banks in the United States. United States Government demand deposits, on the other hand, moved substan-

tially lower. Time and savings deposits were up \$6.9 million, with an increase in time deposits of states and political subdivisions more than offsetting a decline in time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations.

Total reserves at the District member banks showed little change in the 4 weeks ended November 1. Excess reserves moved slightly lower, as an increase in excess reserves at reserve city banks was outweighed by a reduction at country banks. Borrowings were somewhat higher at both reserve city banks and country banks. As a result, free reserves declined moderately at country banks but advanced at reserve city banks.



Daily average crude oil production in the Eleventh District should rise moderately in December as the Texas allowable schedule has been increased to

9 producing days. Despite this advance in allowables, the expansion in daily average output for December will be somewhat limited because of the greater number of calendar days in the month. The allowable was held at 8 days from April through November. During 1961, Texas producers have been permitted only 101 producing days, or fewer than in any previous year.

District crude oil production declined slightly in October but advanced in early November. Drilling activity in the District showed mixed trends during October. The total number of wells completed decreased slightly, but total footage drilled rose and the number of active rotary rigs was virtually unchanged. Refinery activity in the District, recovering from the effects of Hurricane Carla, increased significantly in October; but in early November, crude runs to District refinery stills declined moderately.

Crude oil demand in the Nation, as reflected by crude runs to refinery stills, advanced in October and early November, with most of the gain occurring in October. New supplies of crude oil were reduced during the period, primarily because of a significant decrease in imports, and national crude oil inventories in early November were slightly below a month ago.

Refined product consumption advanced more than seasonally in October, as gasoline demand failed to decline as much as expected and demand for light and heavy fuel oils rose. Refined product demand continued to increase in early November, with gasoline again showing strength. Seasonally adjusted inventories of

NATIONAL PETROLEUM ACTIVITY INDICATORS

(Seasonally adjusted indexes, 1957-59 = 100)

Indicator	October	September	October
	1961p	1961p	1960
CRUDE OIL RUNS TO REFINERY STILLS (daily average)	107	102	104
DEMAND (daily average) Gasoline Kerosene. Distillate fuel oil. Residual fuel oil. Four refined products.	106	102	104
	132	138	124
	102	101	96
	95	92	94
	104	102	101
STOCKS (end of month) Gasoline Kerosene Distillator fiel oil	106	106	109
	109	108	108

Preliminary.

Residual fuel oil...

SOURCES: American Petroleum Institute. United States Bureau of Mines. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

Four refined products.....

the major refined products were virtually unchanged in October and early November. Heating oil prices advanced over most of the Nation with the advent of colder weather, although some weaknesses were indicated at several supply points in the Northeast. Gasoline prices were relatively firm at the pipeline level, despite retail price cutting in certain areas of the country. Prices of heavy fuel oils were generally unchanged but strengthened in several of the principal markets.



The Texas industrial production index in October rebounded to a new high of 180 from the hurricane-affected September level of 170 and was 7 points above

October 1960. Gains registered in both durable and nondurable manufactures offset a slight decline in mining during October. Output of primary metals, petrol-

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

(Seasonally adjusted indexes, 1947-49 = 100)

Area and type of index	October	September	August	October
	1961p	1961	1961	1960
TEXAS Total industrial production Total manufactures Durable manufactures Nondurable manufactures Mining	180	170	179	173
	227	210	226r	217
	270	250	260	253
	207	187	210r	201
	134	135	134r	130
JNITED STATES Total industrial production Total manufactures Durable manufactures Nondurable manufactures Mining. Utilities.	172	169	171	161
	170	168	170	159r
	175	172	175	164
	169	168	169	159
	131	129	130r	128
	321	318	314r	289r

- Preliminary.

SOURCES: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

Five Southwestern States1

		Number of persons			
Type of employment	October 1961e	September 1961	October 1960r	Sept. 1961	Oct. 1960
Total nonagricultural wage and salary workers	4,509,800	4,492,700	4,497,300	0.4	0.3
Manufacturing	776,200	771,200	781,400	.6	7
Nonmanufacturing Mining Construction Transportation and	3,733,600 238,600 298,100	3,721,500 242,800 298,500	3,715,900 241,300 310,100	-1.7 1	-1.1 -3.9
public utilities	388,900 1,102,500 221,400 606,500 877,600	379,700 1,102,300 223,200 608,300 866,700	406,100 1,105,600 214,600 587,000 851,200	2.4 .0 8 3 1.3	-4.2 3 3.2 3.3 3.1

¹ Arizona, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.

r — Revised.
SOURCES: State employment agencies. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

eum and coal, apparel, machinery (except electrical), and other nondurable goods showed month-to-month increases of over 10 percent.

Total nonagricultural employment in October in the District states is estimated at 4,509,800, or fractionally above both a month earlier and October 1960. Transportation and public utilities employment advanced during October, mainly as a result of the resumption of normal coastal water traffic; and an increase was registered in government employment. October unemployment in Texas, decreasing to 161,600, was 4.4 percent of the labor force, compared with 5.2 percent in September and 4.7 percent a year ago. In October, for the first time this year, the State's unemployment rate was below the corresponding year-earlier rate.

The value of construction contracts in the five southwestern states decreased significantly in September to \$300 million, reflecting declines of \$55 million from the previous month and \$18 million from September 1960. Declines from August were registered in all major sectors. Residential building decreased 17 percent, and nonresidential building, 27 percent. Public works and utilities declined only slightly to \$95 million, over onethird of which was accounted for by three large contracts. Nonresidential contracts during the first 9 months of this year totaled \$942 million, or the highest January-September total since data for all the District states became available in 1956. Cumulative residential contracts were moderately above a year ago, while those for public works and utilities declined slightly.

BANK DEBITS, END-OF-MONTH DEPOSITS AND ANNUAL RATE OF TURNOVER OF DEPOSITS

(Dollar amounts in thousands)

	Debits to deposit			Der	nand de	posits1	
		Percent change from			Annual	rate of	turnove
Area	October 1961	Sept. 1961	Oct. 1960	Oct. 31, 1961	Oct. 1961	Sept. 1961	Oct. 1960
ARIZONA				To 100	(a)	11000	
Tucson	\$ 268,814	11	26	\$ 139,055	23.5	21.5	20.6
LOUISIANA							
Monroe	89,584	4	10	53,573	20.9	21.1	19.2
Shreveport	331,837	6	4	173,593	23.2	21.8	21.4
NEW MEXICO							
Roswell	54,059	16	23	38,436	17.8	16.2	17.3
TEXAS				1000000			
Abilene	108,893	17	8	71,332	18.7	16.6	18.1
Amarillo	246,902	16	9	119,297	24.7	21.8	23.4
Austin	255,420	14	24	152,669	20.0	17.6	17.6
Beaumont	176,430	8	12	103,583	21.0	20.2	19.4
Corpus Christi	197,152	1	10	118,229	20,9	21.2	20.2
Corsicana	20,243	11	. 4	20,445	12.2	11.4	12.1
Dallas	3,198,183	12	19	1,252,060	31.4	29.0	27.8
El Paso	355,581	13	6	181,152	24.5	22.6	24.2
Fort Worth	824,635	. 8	9	393,403	25.4 17.5	24.0	24.0 19.0
Galveston	90,312 2,838,271	13	-5 14	64,309 1,361,388	25.2	16.2 23.5	23.5
Houston	27,488	2	3	22,493	15.0	15.0	14.9
Lubbock	220,622	24	7	120,507	23.0	19.6	23.2
Port Arthur	66,402	7	-1	46,396	17.8	17.2	18.8
San Angelo	59,290	8	7	48,981	14.6	13.7	14.3
San Antonio	643,706	7	11	395,232	19.8	18.8	18.7
Texarkana2	23,306	-2	-3	17,241	16.6	17.0	16.9
Tyler	92,219	11	11	63,520	17.8	16.3	17.2
Waco	110,693	-1	1	70,345	19.3	19.8	19.0
Wichita Falls	116,570	3	4	100,332	13.7	13.3	13.9
Total—24 cities	\$10,416,612	10	13	\$5,127,571	24.8	23.0	22.9

¹ Deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations and of states and political

CONDITION OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF DALLAS

(In thousands of dollars)

Îtem	Nov. 15,	Oct. 18,	Nov. 16,
	1961	1961	1960
Total gold certificate reserves. Discounts for member banks. Other discounts and advances. U. S. Government securities. Total earning assets Member bank reserve deposits. Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation	742,688	706,358	711,509
	0	1,240	6,100
	116	116	1,276
	1,151,475	1,136,585	1,112,495
	1,151,591	1,137,941	1,119,871
	1,012,607	966,562	970,534
	856,394	851,669	822,526

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION OF CRUDE OIL

(In thousands of barrels)

Area	October 1961p	September 1961p	October 1960	Percent change from	
				September 1961	October 1960
ELEVENTH DISTRICT	2,875.0	2,941.3	2,809.7	-2.3	2.3
Texas	2,495.3	2,564.3	2,430.0	-2.6	2.7
Gulf Coast	453.5	465.8	440.5	-2.6	3.0
West Texas	1,101.4	1,143.3	1,086.2	-3.7	1.4
East Texas (proper)	126.1	128.9	126.1	-2.2	.0
Panhandle	107.4	108.4	103.1	9	4.2
Rest of State	706.9	717.9	674.1	-1.5	4.9
Southeastern New Mexico	272.8	268.3	250.5	1.7	8.9
Northern Louisiana	106.9	108.7	129.2	-1.7	-17.3
OUTSIDE ELEVENTH DISTRICT	4,256.6	4,197.9	4,147.9	1.4	2.6
UNITED STATES	7,131.6	7,139.2	6,957.6	1	2.5

CONDITION STATISTICS OF ALL MEMBER BANKS

Eleventh Federal Reserve District

(In millions of dollars)

Item	Oct. 25, 1961	Sept. 27, 1961	Oct. 26, 1960
ASSETS			
Loans and discounts	5,383	5,388	4,953
United States Government obligations	2,922 1,019	2,994	2,553 850
Other securities	932	1,022	959
Cash in vaulte	168	172	156
Balances with banks in the United States	1,197	1,150	1,057
Balances with banks in foreign countriese	4	3	2
Cash items in process of collection	594	574	522
Other assetse	338	303	296
TOTAL ASSETSe	12,557	12,500	11,348
LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	1		
Demand deposits of banks	1,305	1,274	1,159
Other demand deposits	7,079	7,048	6,628
Time deposits	2,879	2,871	2,386
Total deposits	11,263	11,193	10,173
Borrowingse	87	97	48
Other liabilitiese	142	150	160
Total capital accountse	1,065	1,060	967
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL			
ACCOUNTSe	12,557	12,500	11,348

e - Estimated.

VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

(In millions of dollars)

Area and type	September 1961p	August 1961	September 1960	January—September	
				1961p	1960
Residential building Nonresidential building Public works and utilities	300	355	318	3,066	2,988
	133	161	136	1,261	1,214
	72	98	105	942	897
	95	96	77	862	880
UNITED STATES Residential building Nonresidential building Public works and utilities	3,004	3,543	3,119	28,218	27,500
	1,381	1,589	1,277	12,218	11,621
	987	1,087	1,124	9,167	9,216
	637	866	717	6,832	6,663

¹ Arizona, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.

BUILDING PERMITS

VALUATION (Dollar amounts in thousands) Percent change Oct. 1961 NUMBER from 10 months, 1961 from 10 mos. 1961 Sept. 1961 Oct. 1960 Oct. 1961 10 mos. 1961 Oct. 1961 1960 ARIZONA 935 9,053 \$ 2,392 \$ 38,340 -31 17 --5 Tucson.... LOUISIANA 465 11,247 1,238 28,952 3 0 33 Shreveport.... TEXAS 1,222 2,880 3,435 3,029 3,362 22,978 5,891 6,315 1,583 2,149 130 -54 Abilene..... 21 28 10 261 296 293 546 2,234 552 Amarillo..... 4,066 5,752 1,805 17,718 48,225 16,722 21,954 173,751 Austin..... 32 221 156 56 12 -26 Beaumont.... Corpus Christi.. Dallas.... 121 46 44 11 6 -15 86 42 El Paso...... Fort Worth.... 984 -14 113 115 77 495 58 12 51 Galveston.... 339 1,583 18,279 2,341 2,413 11,992 2,696 2,698 1,336 235 456 Houston.... 36,431 6,837 45,490 12,617 Lubbock..... Port Arthur.... San Antonio... 3,612 764 4,550 807 1,239 261 158 Waco..... Wichita Falls.. 2,997 20,053 133 30 111,414 Total—17 cities.. 10,366 \$81,993 \$826,762 29 16 9

subdivisions.

2 These figures include only two banks in Texarkana, Texas. Total debits for all banks in Texarkana, Texas-Arkansas, including one bank located in the Eighth District, amounted to \$54,740,000 for the month of October 1961.

p — Preliminary. SOURCES: American Petroleum Institute. United States Bureau of Mines. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

p — Preliminary.

NOTE. — Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

SOURCE: F. W. Dodge Corporation.



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