

FARMERS ASKED TO PLOW LAND

John N. Hagan Calls Upon Farmers of the State to Prepare for Next Liberty Crop.

The North Dakota farmers having already gone "over the top" in the production of wheat to feed our armies and the armies of our allies, Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor John N. Hagan calls upon the farmers of the state to begin to prepare for another big crop next year—one that will equal or excel the 1918 Liberty crop.

Early fall plowing, Mr. Hagan says, is one of the requisites of obtaining a good crop, and in advocacy of early fall plowing, he says:

"It is necessary that North Dakota next year raise a large amount of wheat. In doing what is manifestly our privilege and duty we will have the substantial appreciation of a guaranteed minimum price per bushel for wheat.

"In producing crops in North Dakota there are many factors to contend with, some over which we have little or no control and others that are entirely up to us. Among the latter the time and method of plowing is one of primary importance.

"The best place to grow wheat is on ground that has been into some intertilled crop or on summer fallowed ground. However, in order to grow the amount of wheat expected of us much of it will have to be raised on ground that this year had wheat or some other of the small grain crops on it. In getting a good crop on such land one of the requisites is good, early fall plowing. This is deserving of much attention

because of the generally larger yield as compared to the spring plowing.

"The advantages of early fall plowing are:

"1. The destruction of weeds or grass which absorb the moisture which otherwise would be available the following year for the growing crop.

"2. It allows the soil to become packed thus furnishing the desirable firm, mellow seed bed and prevents capillary evaporation.

"It makes possible early seeding. This is possibly the most important as statistics show that early seeding of wheat is necessary if maximum returns are to be had."

The recent rains over practically all of the state have wet down sufficiently, Mr. Hagan says, so that the condition of the ground for plowing is ideal.

Liberty Day.

Saturday, October 12, is the four hundred and twenty-sixth anniversary of the discovery of America. President Wilson has proclaimed it Liberty Day and requests the citizens of every community in the United—city, town, and countryside—to celebrate the day.

The president in his proclamation says:

"Every day the great principles for which we are fighting take fresh hold upon our thought and purposes and make it clearer what the end must be and what we must do to achieve it.

"We now know more certainly than we ever knew before why free men brought the great Nation and Government we love into existence, because it grows clearer and clearer and clearer what supreme service it is to be America's privilege to render to the world."