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BIG INCREASE IN YIELD OF CANE.

An acre fertilized with 300 pounds of nitrate of soda and 250 pounds of acid phosphate produced 23 tons, 165 pounds of cane, while an unfertilized acre produced 12 tons, 915 pounds, according to a test made on the farm of A. Wilber's Sons, large sugar planters of Iberville parish, by Hamilton Lesseps, farm demonstration agent. An acre on which 500 pounds of 8 1-2 per cent cottonseed meal was applied produced 14 tons, 565 pounds.

The cost of the nitrate of soda and acid phosphate was \$16.15, or about equal to the present selling price of two tons of cane. This gives a profit of about \$60 an acre from the use of this fertilizer. The cottonseed meal test gave an increase of only one ton, 1015 pounds of cane per acre, at a cost of \$17.50.

Mr. Lesseps is very much elated over the good results obtained from the use of nitrate of soda and acid phosphate.—*Louisiana Planter*, Nov. 20th.

The Philippine Islands will do their share in the season of 1920-21 and roll up possibly the largest tonnage of sugar in their history. Approximately 60 per cent more land has been planted in cane. There will be a splendid trade balance too. Imports the first six months of the year amounted to \$27,906,713 while the sugar exports amounted to \$29,318,159. The sugar exports in 1919 for the first six months were only \$8,573,893. Some new mills will open this fall among them the central at Binalbagan of the Binalbagan Estate with a capacity of 2,400 tons the Hawaiian-Philippine Sugar Company with a 1,500-ton plant at Silay and a

number of others. What comes as very interesting news just now is the promise of the establishment of a Sugar Planters' Association on the order of the Louisiana planters. The planters have been seriously handicapped for want of capital and had to get it from exporters and to do this had to borrow money on their crops. With an association the matter of credit will find a more ready channel for their activities. In this way they will not be at the mercy of the price fixer but can enter the market with less of a handicap.—*Ibid.*

The Great Valleys Sugar Company of Colorado has started its plant at LaFayette, will build side tracks, beet dumps sink wells, and the 600-ton plant will be ready for the 1921 campaign.—*Ibid.*

SUGAR NOTES

The candy makers and producers of other sweets met in Bielefeld, Germany in September, and made some demands on the Government commission and on the sugar manufacturers, among them the request for a delivery of at least 50 per cent of pre-war supplies in sugar. Last year these deliveries went as low as 18 per cent. They advocate the law of supply and demand at least by the fall of 1921, also the unburdening of the excessive taxes on their wares. They also demand that all foreign wares be excluded until the law of supply and demand shall be given full swing. Other matters of credit and paying bills were discussed at the gathering.—*Louisiana Planter* Nov. 27th.

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