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MILK PRODUCTION JULY 1, 1939

With pastures materially improved, milk production during June continued at a record high level with only about the usual seasonal decline, it was announced by the Agricultural Marketing Service. On July 1, milk production per cow in herds kept by crop correspondents averaged slightly higher than on the same date last year and, with the number of milk cows also increased, total milk production appears to have been about 2 percent greater than on July 1, 1938. This represents a record high milk production for July 1 on the basis of both total quantity produced and quantity available per person.

Although the peak of production is now past, the recovery of pastures in the Central States, the plentiful stocks of grain on farms, and the excellent growing conditions now prevailing in the main Corn Belt make it seem probable that milk production will continue at a relatively high level for the next several months. In a few of the more important dairy areas for which reports are available, the quantity of grain fed per milk cow on July 1 was fairly heavy for that date.

In the country as a whole, milk production per cow in herds kept by crop correspondents on July 1 averaged the highest for that date since 1929. In all major groups of States, production per cow was well above the 1928-37 average and in Illinois, North Dakota, Alabama, and Montana the highest production per cow for July 1 in the 15 years of record was reported. As compared with July 1, 1938, production per cow in New England, in the central and northern Plains States, and in most of the Mountain States was higher this year. On the other hand, production per cow was somewhat lower in Minnesota and Iowa and in an area including the Middle Atlantic States and extending westward to Ohio and southwestward to include Virginia and West Virginia. Elsewhere changes from a year ago were small or affected only rather limited areas.

In herds kept by crop correspondents, the United States average milk production per cow on July 1 this year was 17.27 pounds, compared with 17.19 pounds on the same date a year earlier and a 1928-37 average of 16.33 pounds for July 1. In these herds, 78.3 percent of the milk cows were reported milked on July 1. This was the same percentage as a year earlier and otherwise the highest on record for that date.

DAIRY PASTURES, JULY 1, 1939

As the result of widespread June rains, dairy pastures had recovered substantially by July 1 and for the country as a whole compared favorably with the average for that date in recent years. Excellent pastures were reported practically everywhere between the Appalachian Mountains and the Great Plains States. However, in some important dairy areas, particularly California and an area extending from southern New England southwestward to Virginia, pastures were dry and in only fair condition.

For the country as a whole the improvement in dairy pastures during June was the second sharpest recovery for that month in the past quarter century. In central dairy States pasture condition on July 1 was markedly better than on June 1, with Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Indiana and Ohio showing the most improvement. Other areas of substantial improvement during June include northern New England, most of the northern States from North Dakota westward, Oklahoma, Kentucky, and West Virginia. On the other hand, pasture condition in the southern Rocky Mountain States declined during June as the result of dry weather. In portions of the Great Plains pastures ranged from fair to poor and extremely low condition was reported in southwestern Kansas, south central Texas and northern New Mexico.

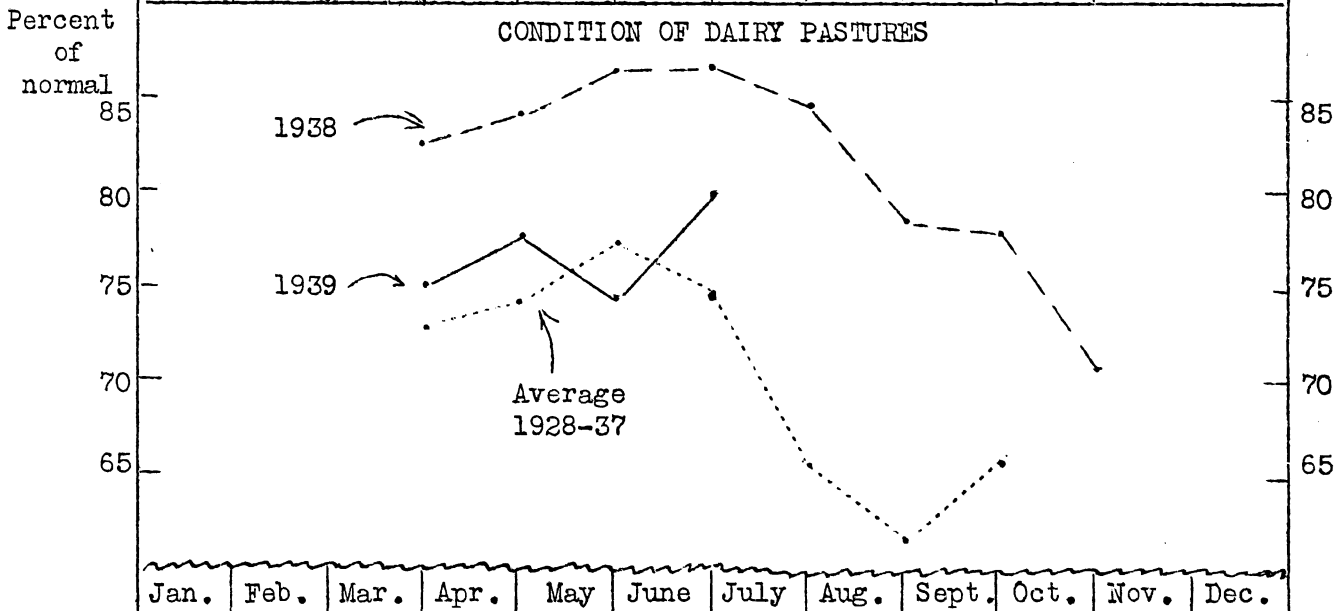
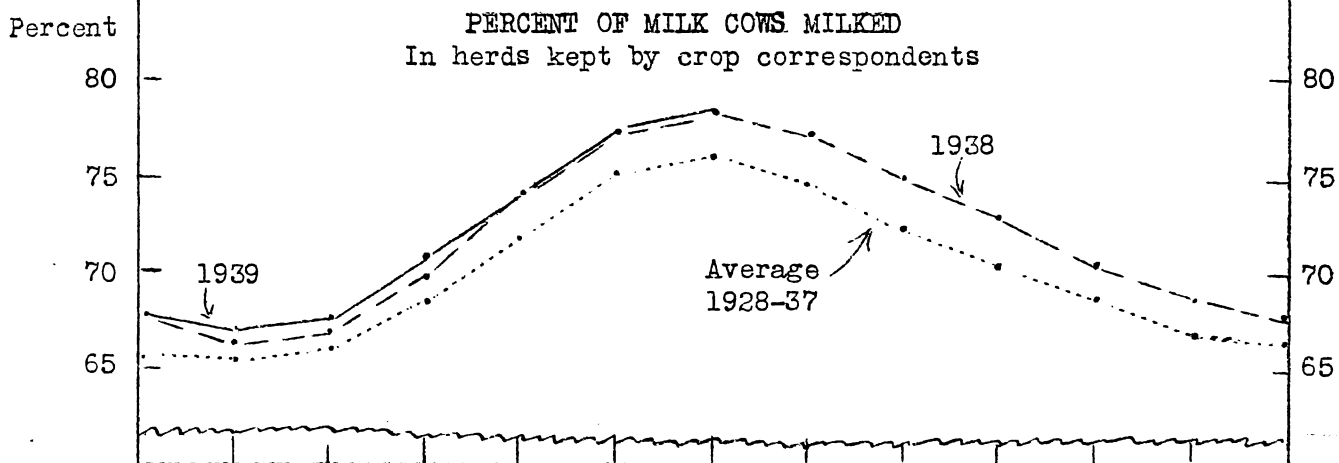
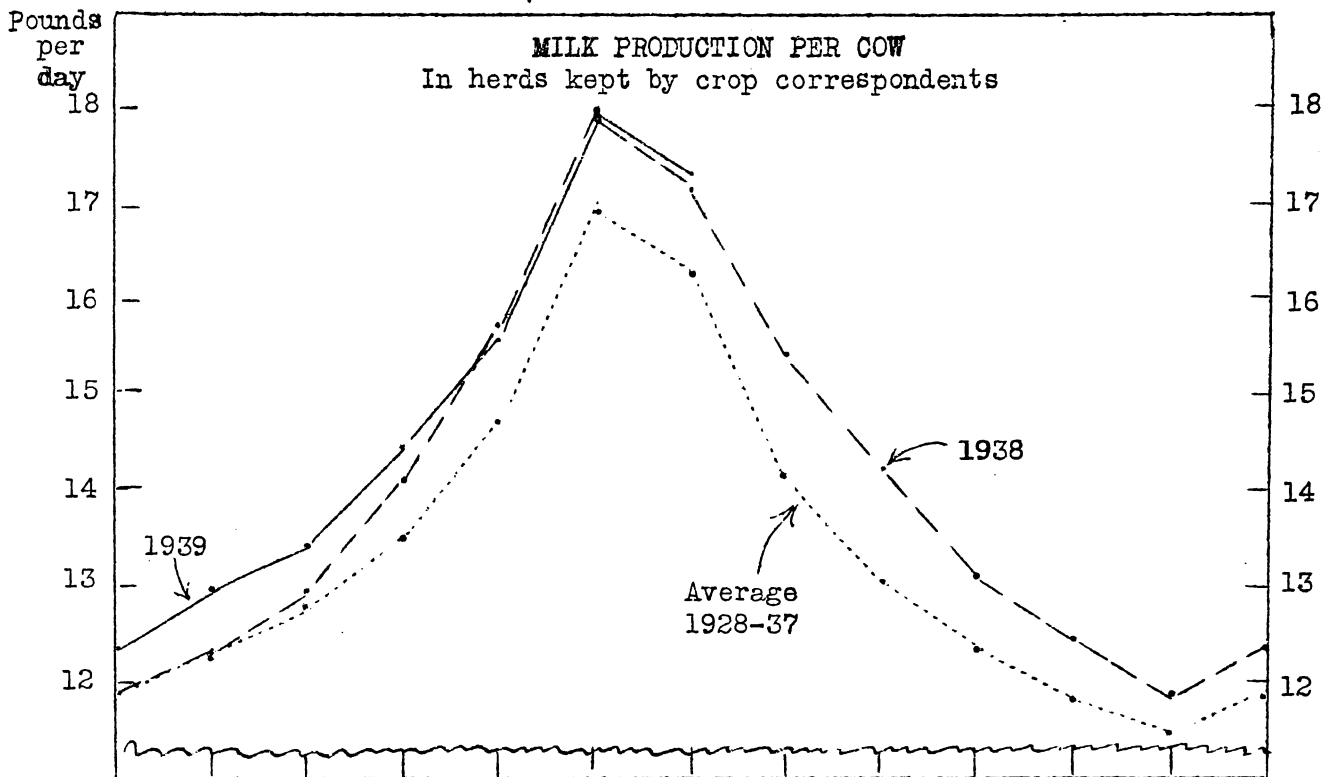
In the country as a whole the condition of dairy pastures on July 1 averaged 80 percent of normal compared with 86 percent on the same date in 1938, and 10-year average conditions of 74.6 percent in the recent period 1928-37 and 84.9 percent in the 1920-29 period prior to recent droughts.

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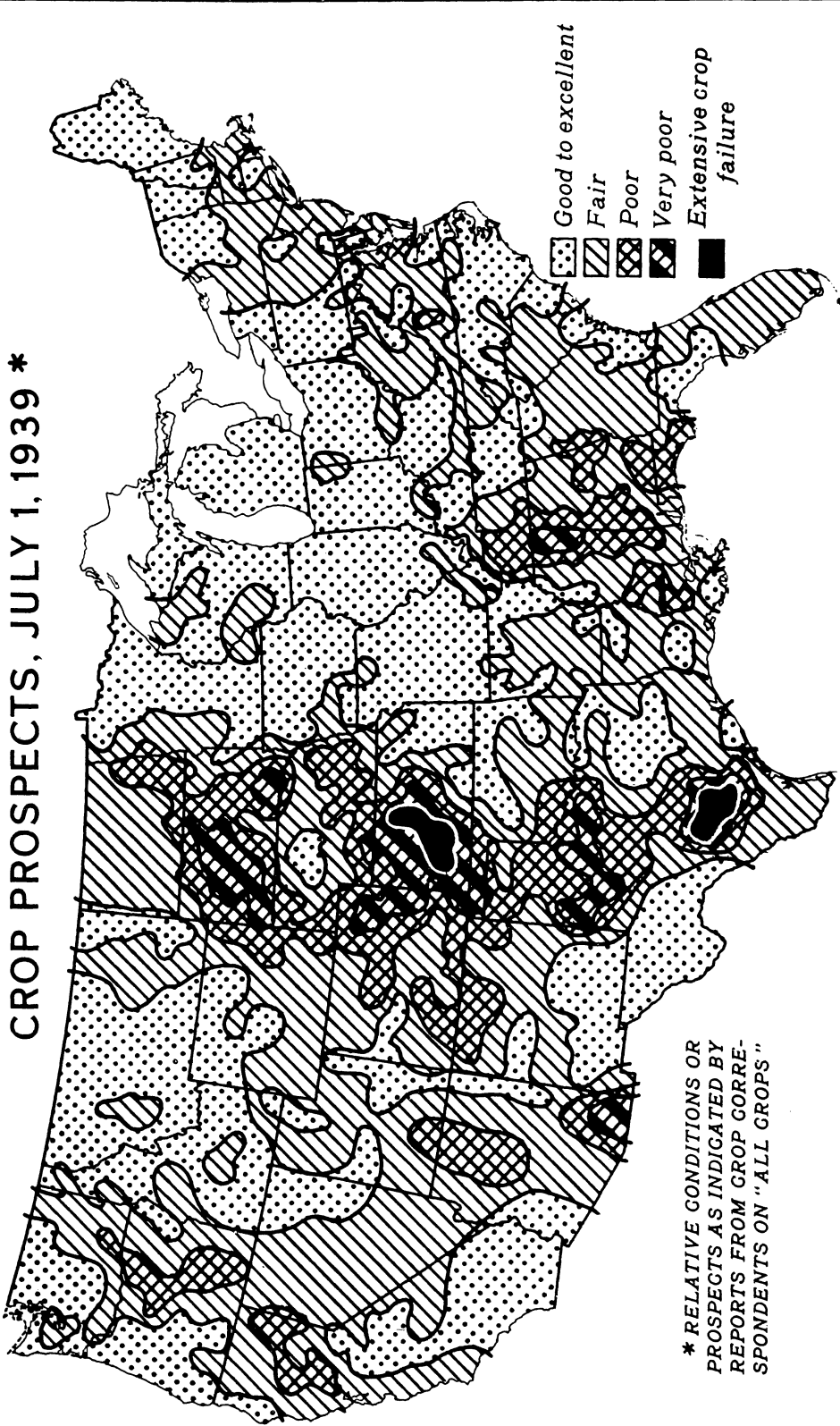
 MILK PRODUCED PER MILK COW IN HERDS KEPT BY CROP REPORTERS ^{1/}

STATE	: July 1 : (Avg.) 1928-37 : Pounds	: July 1, : 1937 : Pounds	: July 1, : 1938 : Pounds	: July 1, : 1939 Pounds
N. Eng.	17.50	18.29	17.81	18.32
N. Y.	21.3	22.0	21.7	21.4
N. J.	20.5	19.8	20.1	20.0
Pa.	19.5	19.9	19.8	19.5
N. ATL.	19.71	20.35	20.16	20.14
Ohio	18.6	19.0	19.4	18.9
Ind.	16.8	16.5	17.6	17.5
Ill.	16.6	17.1	18.2	18.3
Mich.	21.2	21.1	21.4	21.5
Wis.	21.4	22.3	22.2	22.5
E.N.CENT.	19.47	19.99	20.34	20.41
Minn.	19.3	20.5	21.2	20.3
Iowa.	17.2	17.3	18.3	17.9
Mo.	12.1	11.6	12.8	13.1
N. Dak.	17.5	18.2	19.2	19.7
S. Dak.	15.9	16.5	16.5	16.9
Nebr.	16.2	16.2	16.2	18.1
Kans.	15.1	13.9	15.7	15.7
W.N.CENT.	16.40	16.79	17.56	17.56
Md.	16.0	15.8	16.8	17.0
Va.	13.7	14.1	14.0	13.2
W. Va.	14.9	14.8	15.1	14.8
N. C.	12.7	13.8	13.6	13.8
S. C.	10.7	11.3	11.3	10.9
S. ATL.	12.28	12.99	13.38	12.80
Ky.	13.8	14.1	14.3	14.1
Tenn.	11.7	12.3	13.1	12.8
Miss.	8.6	8.6	8.5	9.0
Ark.	10.3	10.3	10.6	10.7
Okla.	12.2	11.9	13.5	14.1
Tex.	10.2	10.3	11.7	10.7
S. CENT.	10.74	10.77	11.22	11.54
Mont.	17.1	18.4	20.2	21.2
Idaho	21.1	22.8	21.5	21.9
Wyo.	16.2	17.1	16.4	17.8
Colo.	16.6	17.1	18.0	17.4
Wash.	21.1	22.5	22.4	22.2
Oreg.	19.4	20.3	20.4	20.3
Calif.	19.2	20.7	21.0	20.9
WEST	18.13	19.46	19.30	20.17
U.S.	16.33	16.76	17.19	17.27

^{1/} Averages obtained by dividing the reported daily milk production of herds kept by reporters by the total number of milk cows (in milk or dry) in these herds. The regional averages shown were based in part on records from less important dairy States not shown separately, as follows: South Atlantic, Delaware, Georgia Florida; South Central, Alabama, Louisiana; Western, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Nevada.

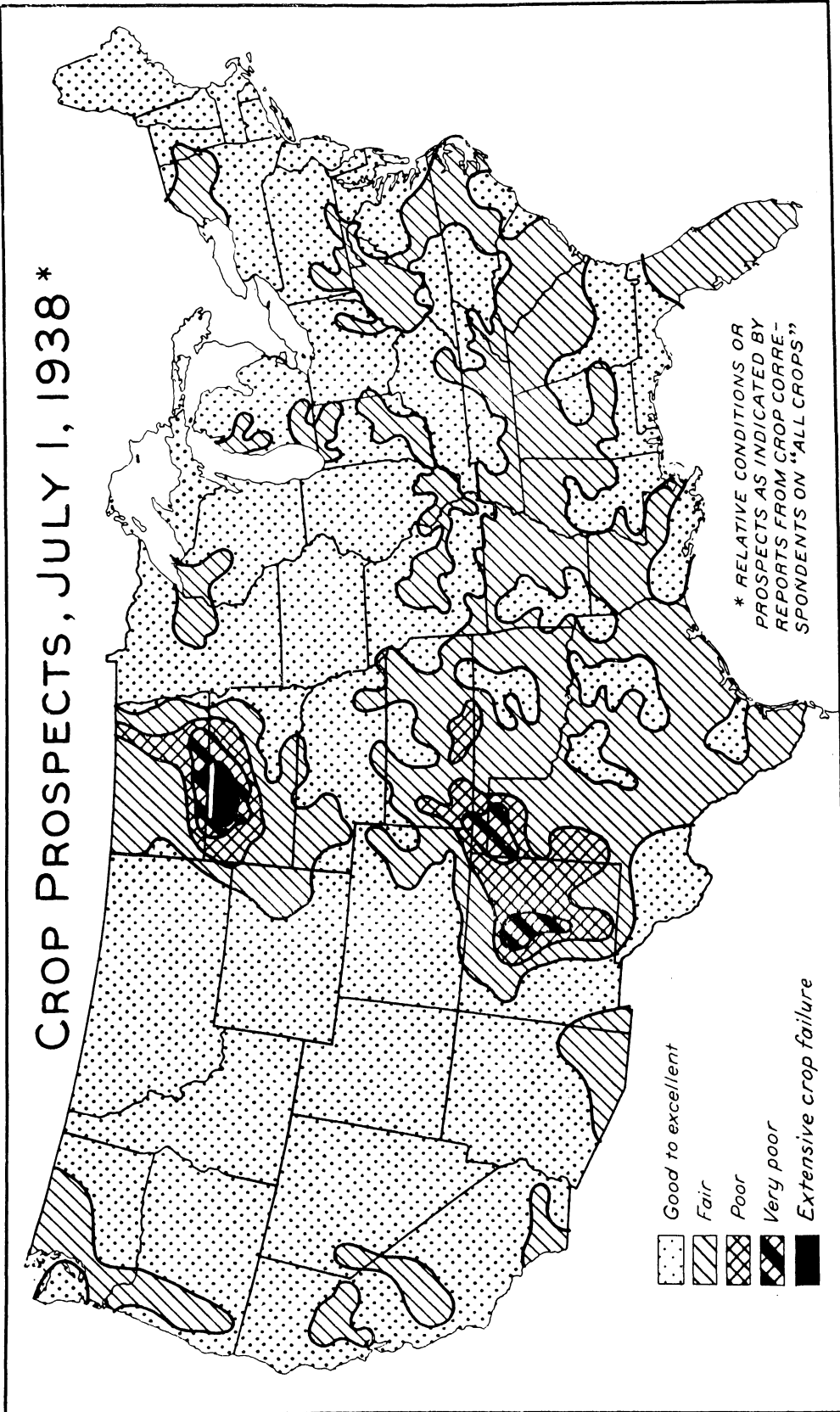


CROP PROSPECTS, JULY 1, 1939 *



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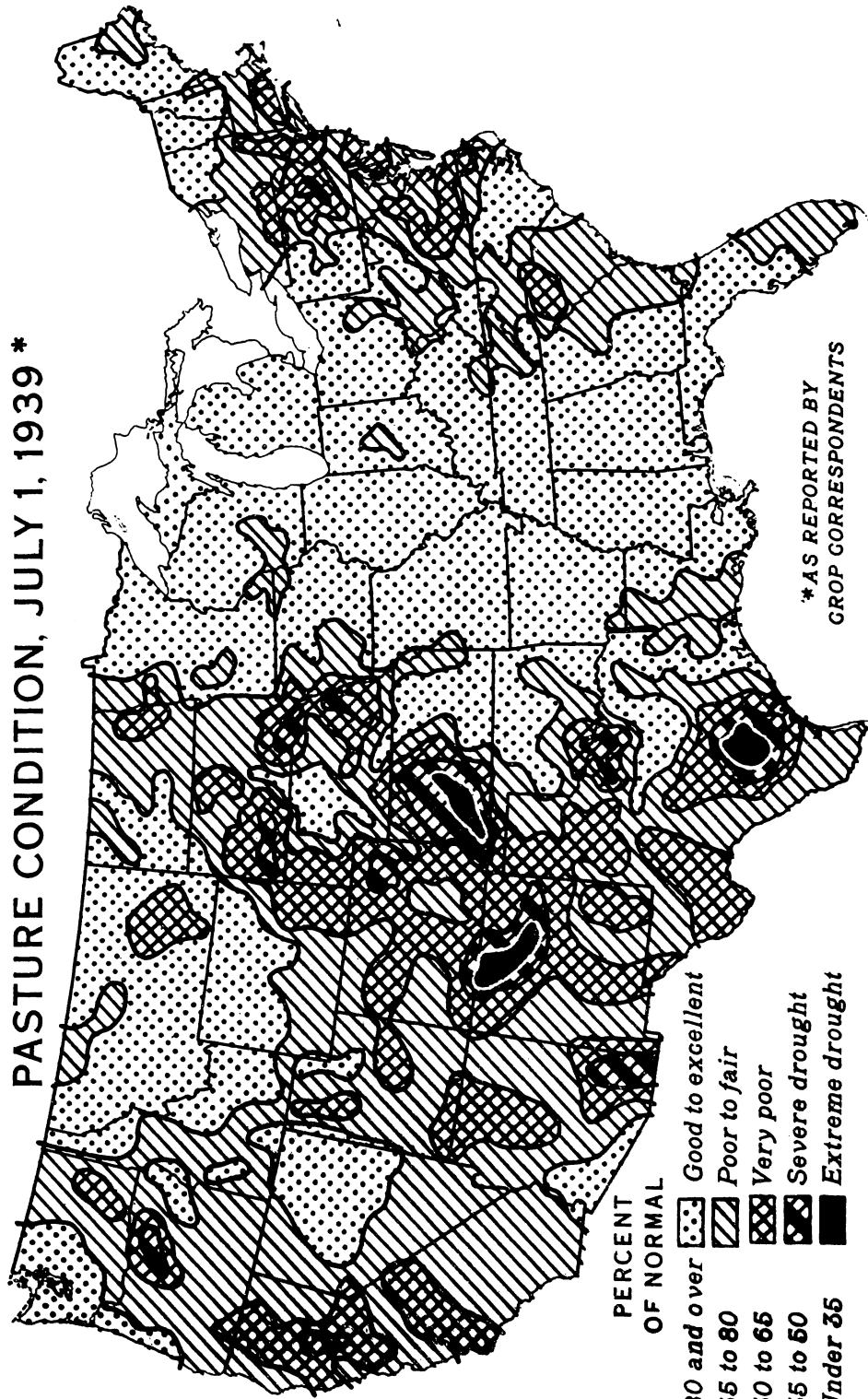
CROP PROSPECTS, JULY 1, 1938 *



- Good to excellent
- Fair
- Poor
- Very poor
- Extensive crop failure

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PASTURE CONDITION, JULY 1, 1939 *



PERCENT OF NORMAL

80 and over Good to excellent

65 to 80 Poor to fair

50 to 65 Very poor

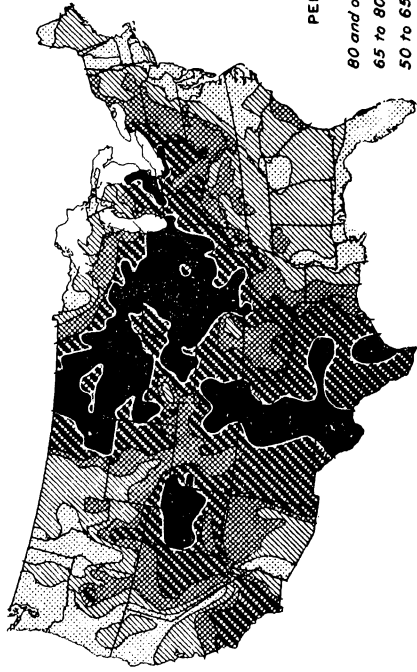
35 to 50 Severe drought

Under 35 Extreme drought

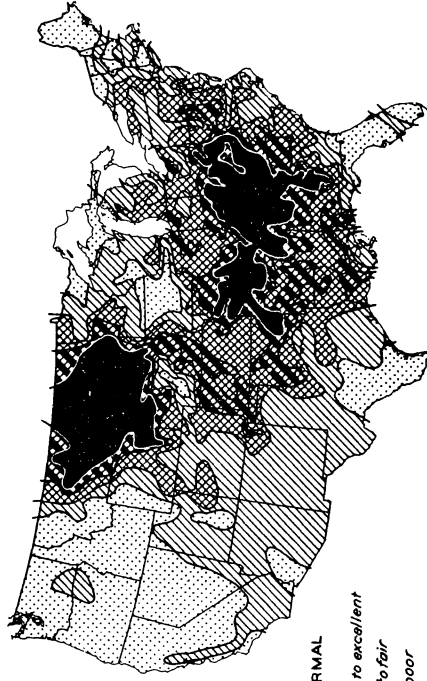
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PASTURE CONDITION *

JULY 1, 1934



JULY 1, 1936

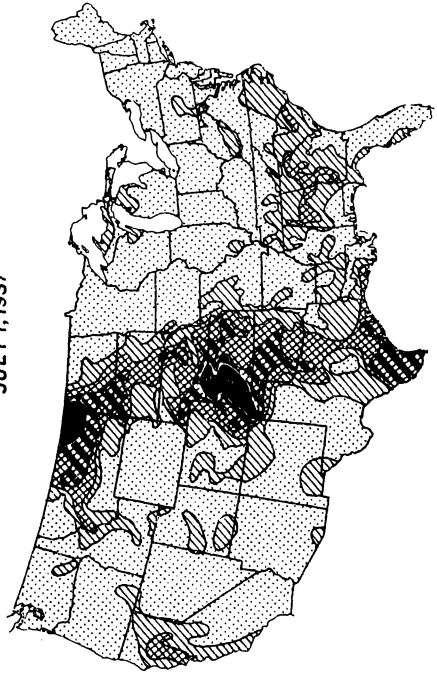


PERCENT OF NORMAL

- 80 and over Good to excellent
- 65 to 80 Poor to fair
- 50 to 65 Very poor
- 35 to 50 Severe drought
- Under 35 Extreme drought

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JULY 1, 1937



JULY 1, 1938

