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## Wheat potential cash crop in Houghton

HOUGHTON (Aug. 23, 1910) — Houghton County has possibilities as a wheat growing center, though these possibilities have not been recognized nor taken advantage of by the agriculturists of the region.

This is the opinion of the Michigan State Milling association as expressed in a letter to John T. McNamara, secretary of the Houghton County Agricultural society and of the Copper Country Fair. The milling association is desirous that the wheat growing possibilities of this county, and in fact the four counties in the agricultural society's territory, be exploited on a larger scale and to this end has asked the latter society for permission to cooperate.

The milling association asks permission to send to this territory in advance of the Copper County Fair two wheat experts who will look over the ground, advise with the farmers on wheat growing methods, assist in judging wheat at the Copper Country Fair and generally promote interest in wheat raising.

Secretary McNamara is to put the

matter up to the fair committee and believes the milling association's offer will be taken up. It will involve no expense to the fair and Secretary McNamara believes it will be a great benefit to the farmers.

Houghton county can grow a very high grade of wheat and does grow it now but only in small quantities. Mr. McNamara has seen magnificent wheat fields in various sections of the county but they do not produce wheat in sufficiently large volume to secure a market and the wheat is sold for chicken feed or is used for that purpose on the farms. If a farmer can raise a carload of wheat he can find a market for it but in lesser quantities it is of little value. The mill at Salo, the only flouring mill in the copper country, cannot purchase all the wheat grown in the territory even in the present condition of restricted production. All the mill can do is to grind such wheat as the farmers bring to it, for a fee of either cash or wheat. It cannot purchase the wheat outright. And merely growing wheat for his own use is not a particularly profitable matter for the farmer.

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