

PRUNE INDUSTRY STATUS HEARD AT COUNTY MEETING

3-Fourths of World Dried
Product Supply Comes
From 3 States of
the Pacific.

Douglas Heavy Contributor
to Total—No Further
Acreage Expansion
Recommended.

(Editor's note)—Following is the second of a series of seven reports being printed in the News-Review, dealing with the outlook for fruit crops in Douglas county and containing recommendations for activities on part of the growers. These reports were submitted at the meeting of the county fruit growers held at Sutherlin February 14.)

A close inverse relationship exists between the price for prunes in Oregon and the world supply. The 1929 estimated world production of dried prunes was only 22,000,000 pounds or 55 per cent of the three-year average from 1926 to 1928 and under 50 per cent of the 1927 output of 58,000,000 pounds. With average weather

conditions it is likely that world production of dried prunes during the next few years will be at least as large as during the past few years.

More than three-fourths of the world production of dried prunes is in the three Pacific coast states. California alone accounts for about two-thirds of the world total. The yield in the Northwest is quite variable. Estimates for 1929 indicate a production of 72,000,000 pounds, of which 60,000,000 pounds were grown in Oregon, and 20,000,000 pounds in Douglas county. In California a moderate increase in bearing acreage is expected until 1931, after which the acreage in that state may not change much for a few years. Acreage and production seem likely to be about stationary during the next few years in the Pacific Northwest. Production of prunes in Europe, particularly in Yugoslavia, has tended to decrease for several years. Whether future competition from this source will be more or less than during recent years is an open question.

Foreign markets are becoming increasingly important for Pacific coast dried prunes. About 50 per cent of the output for several years has been exported. In 1928 60 per cent of the total went to foreign markets. The United Kingdom and Germany are the largest overseas markets, but several other European countries and Canada are also important. New York is the most important domestic market for Oregon dried prunes.

The Pacific coast states have a monopoly upon the dried prune production of the United States. Oregon and Washington combined have a monopoly upon the tart sweet dried prune production of

the United States. The total prune production is sufficient to feed the American population at the present consumption rate of one and one-half pounds per person, with 175,000,000 pounds remaining for export trade. When 100,000,000 pound production is reached, probably within the next few years, unless we increase American consumption, we shall have over 325,000,000 pounds for export.

The prune industry in Douglas county is one of its chief sources of agricultural income, more money being received for it than any other single farm enterprise.

F. L. Kent, agricultural statistician for Oregon, reported in the 1925 census that there were 11,000 acres in the county, and it is estimated by those familiar with the situation that the acreage has been somewhat decreased since that time. The average yield per acre is approximately 2000 pounds of dried prunes per acre, or somewhat more than the average for the state.

Starting about 1922 dried prunes have made quite an increase in the last few years. There are now about 1000 acres planted in this county, 750 acres of which are in bearing at the present time. This year, nearly one-half million pounds were produced. While the price is slightly under the price of a year ago, yet the large sizes make up for this in return. With proper pruning and fertilizing methods these can be made heavy producers per acre.

Recommendations
1. Since the cost of producing a pound of prunes depends largely upon the yield per acre, it is recommended that unless an orchard will produce one ton or more of dried prunes per acre it is not likely to be profitable and the production should either be brought up to that point or the orchard be eliminated.

2. Since the price of prunes is influenced by the size it is recommended that every effort be made to increase the size by proper soil management and pruning.

3. The committee also believes that there can be a large market developed for canned green prunes and recommends that further encouragement be given to the local industry to the end that a large amount of prunes may be marketed in this way.

4. In keeping with the recommendations of the federal farm board, that production of all commodities be reduced in keeping with the demands of consumption, it is suggested that there be no further expansion of the prune business in any of the varieties.

Marketing Advice
The committee recognizes the fact that one of the greatest problems facing the prune grower is efficient marketing and distribution. The average consumption of prunes of the United States is one and a half pounds per capita. Your committee believes that it should be possible to increase this by efficient and modern merchandising methods. It is also recognized that before modern methods of merchandising can be successfully adopted it is necessary to have a standardized product, the quality of which cannot be questioned.

We believe that an advertising fund should be raised by having one-fourth cent per pound deducted by the packers handling the crop in the entire Northwest, said fund to be expended under the supervision of the Northwest Dried Fruit association.

We believe that the placing on the market of inferior prunes has very greatly limited consumption and in many cases has driven the Oregon prune entirely out of the market. We recommend that steps be taken to establish federal grades for Oregon prunes and that these grades be standardized to the end that it may be possible to secure federal and state inspection; we recommend that each grade be designated by a name or number and that before any great advance can be made in proper merchandising of prunes that some organization will have to control a large part of the state's production to the end that the entire production may contribute to the necessary advertising and merchandising expenses.

We believe that all prune growers should provide themselves with ample storage room for binning their prunes. It is further suggested that each grower should have a bin for the purpose of storing prunes for a year or more, so that they can be marketed at a profit.

Dissemination of knowledge and technical thought, by visualizing her in some way, luxurious restaurant whose price was infinitely beyond his pocketbook, with Mortimer's flowers fixed in her dress and smiling her sweetest smile at Mortimer!

While the above conversation was occurring in the small French restaurant in the West Hundred, Malvey—his mind obsessed by jealous thoughts—was unable to fix it on his professor's technical phrases.

The meeting between Corinna and his employer's son outside the beauty-shop today haunted him so that he simply couldn't concentrate upon the lecture.

Finally, he slipped away to call her up. He waited in the phone booth... waited for her kind and eager voice to sweep all doubts of her away, as surely it would do... but she had gone out to dine with Marie, and there was no answer.

Obsessed with jealous and resentful thoughts, he visualized her in some way, luxurious restaurant whose price was infinitely beyond his pocketbook, with Mortimer's flowers fixed in her dress and smiling her sweetest smile at Mortimer!

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CONTEST AMONG DOUGLAS POULTRY RAISERS STARTED

J. C. Leedy, County Agent,
Aided by Local Firms
and Civic Bodies,
Promotes Plan.

Business Still too Small
to Be Called Industry,
Circular Sent Out
Declares.

For the purpose of stimulating the chicken raising industry of this section of the state, County Agent J. C. Leedy is promoting a contest for the current year, open to all poultry raisers of Douglas county. Supporting Mr. Leedy by offering cash prizes aggregating a total of \$105 are three Roseburg banks, the Roseburg chamber of commerce, the Roseburg Lions club and the Farm Bureau Cooperative Exchange, the last named of which, in addition to cash, \$5 worth of goods.

Poultry raisers intending to enter the contest must give notice accordingly before April 1, next, on blanks furnished to them for such purpose. No person can enter in more than three of the five classes comprising the contest. These classes, together with the prizes offered and the names of the donors, follow:

1. Largest percentage increase in flock in 1930. For growers now in the poultry business, owning 200 or more hens on February 1. Contest closes August 1. \$25.00, donated by Roseburg chamber of commerce.

2. Largest increase in number of hens in 1930. For owners of commercial flocks, having 500 or more hens on February 1. Contest closes August 1. \$15.00, donated by Lions club, Roseburg.

3. Largest flock joining the Pacific Cooperative Poultry Producers in 1930. For non-members. Contest closes August 1. \$10.00, donated by First State and Savings bank, Roseburg.

4. Raising largest percentage of baby chicks for beginners, purchasing 500 or more baby chicks in 1930. Written evidence of total purchase, and of sales of cockerels required. Contest closes August 1. \$15.00, donated by Douglas National bank, Roseburg.

5. Raising largest percentage of baby chicks. For commercial flock owners, purchasing 1000 or more baby chicks. Written evidence of total purchases, and of sales of cockerels required. Contest closes August 1. First prize \$10.00 in trade; second prize, \$5.00 in trade. Donated by the Farm Bureau.

ected that the prunes should be hauled over at least once and left in the bins two weeks before delivery to the packers.

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Industry Lacks Volume
"A detailed analysis of the situation reveals the fact that the poultry business in Oregon cannot be classed as an industry, chiefly because of its lack of volume," Mr. Leedy states. This opinion is amplified by Mr. Leedy in a recent issue of the Examiner, official publication of the Pacific Cooperative Poultry Producers, under the caption, "Oregon Should Have a Poultry Industry." The article, being mailed in circular form to the poultry producers of the Umpqua valley, follows:

"Considering original investment, production factors, marketing situation, feed costs and other aspects, Oregon conditions are equal to either Washington or California, which states, after feeding larger populations, export five times as many eggs. Oregon conditions, in the main, prevail in Douglas county. Most poultrymen do not keep enough hens. Many poultry units in Douglas county are too small for economical operation. Small flocks are a handicap to the poultry business and those engaged in it, for the reason that shipments are made at such infrequent intervals that quality suffers and overhead costs are exorbitantly high.

"Figures compiled by the home economics staff of the State Agricultural college indicate that a minimum of \$1500 a year in addition to those products furnished by the farm is required to maintain a standard farm home. To accomplish this the gross receipts from those products furnished by the farm need be increased. Fig. 1, taken from the report of the Oregon experiment station cost of egg production study suggest the approximate number of hens the specialized poultryman must keep to produce \$1500 above cash business expenses. Income per hen above cash cost was found to be \$1.75, thus requiring about 860 hens to produce the \$1500.

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periods of depression 15 times as many small producers as compared with large producers are forced out of the poultry business.

"H. E. Cooby, poultry specialist, O. S. C. extension service, suggests that poultry expansion be confined very largely to those engaged in the business at the present time, and who are familiar with profitable poultry practices.

"As Oregon produces but 1% of the eggs in the United States at the present time the export surplus of eggs could be materially increased without injury to prices, provided this increased volume came from flocks large enough to insure good quality and large enough to ship regularly in case lots.

"With the prospects of the establishment of an egg packing plant in the county at an early date to insure a market for high grade eggs, the principal need of Douglas county to place it among the leading sections of the Pacific coast for egg production, is an increase in the average size of the flocks."

**TRAPPER COLLECTS
SIZEABLE BOUNTY**

Perry Wright, trapper, brought the skins of five cougars, a timber wolf, coyote and a large black bear, to the county clerk's office yesterday afternoon, where he applied for bounty. Mr. Wright sent one of the large cougar skins and the bear hide to Doctor Payne in Chicago, a brother of Dr. DeWalt Payne, former Douglas county health officer. The skins will be mounted and returned to Mr. Wright.

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