

# NEWS OF FARM LIFE

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## CASH INCOME OF FARMERS BOOSTED

### Increase of 580 Million in 1937 Over Total in 1936 Estimated by U. S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The agriculture department estimated this year's cash income of farmers to be \$5,580,000,000, compared with \$5,000,000,000 last year. The figures represent the aggregate cash income from 78 crops, livestock and livestock products, and government soil conservation and benefit payments.

Crops brought in \$2,810,000,000 compared with \$2,482,000,000 last year. Livestock and livestock products were responsible for \$1,250,000,000, against \$1,171,000,000 a year ago.

Government payments aggregated \$550,000,000. They were \$257,000,000 in 1936. Cash income, representing the value of products actually sold off the farms, was used in the annual report for the first time. In previous years the farm value of crops and the gross income were used in the report. Farm value represented the value of production irrespective of use. Gross income comprised cash income plus the value of commodities consumed in farm households or used as feed for livestock and other purposes.

Explaining the replacing of farm value figures with those of cash income, department officials said the latter was a "better standard" because it gave an indication of farm buying power.

### Comparison Made

Farm value of crops last year was \$4,931,959,000, while gross income from crop production was \$3,740,000,000. Gross income in 1936 farm livestock and livestock products was \$5,180,000,000. All gross income from farmers' operations, including government benefit and soil conservation payments, totaled \$5,580,000,000 last year.

Cash income from the various crops for this year and last year was reported as follows:

Corn \$231,482,000 (this year and \$233,003,000 last year), all wheat \$666,459,000 and \$498,200,000, oats \$61,522,000 and \$56,672,000, barley \$15,012,000 and \$13,250,000, buckwheat \$1,791,000 and \$2,347,000. Hay \$92,784,000 and \$85,919,000, potatoes \$198,189,000 and \$211,053,000, sugar beets \$52,167,000 and \$50,000,000, broom corn \$3,561,000 and \$4,555,000, hops \$7,416,000 and \$6,510,000.

Apples \$109,574,000 and \$82,925,000, peaches \$51,749,000 and \$58,893,000, pears \$16,069,000 and \$14,549,000, grapes \$51,471,000 and \$58,452,000, cranberries \$5,270,000 and \$6,750,000.

Other fruits and nuts (including oranges, grapefruit, lemons, limes, pineapples, plums, prunes, apricots, figs, olives, almonds and walnuts) \$128,579,000 and \$158,509,000, all truck crops, \$350,999,000 and \$244,887,000.

## JOINT INSTALLATION HELD BY 4 GRANGES

Melrose granges held joint installation of office-holding party, December 13, with officers from Lookingglass, Riverside, Sutherlin and Melrose.

The officers from Melrose are: installed vice, Maude; Melrose, secretary, Virginia; Lookingglass, president, North; Riverside, secretary, and Melrose, installed vice, Melrose. The officers from Lookingglass are: installed vice, Melrose; Riverside, secretary, and Melrose, installed vice, Melrose. The officers from Sutherlin are: installed vice, Melrose; Riverside, secretary, and Melrose, installed vice, Melrose. The officers from Riverside are: installed vice, Melrose; Riverside, secretary, and Melrose, installed vice, Melrose.

## FARM MACHINERY COURSE PLANNED

CORVALLIS.—A three-week course in farm machinery and farm power equipment is planned to be held January 1 to 29. It has been arranged by the agricultural engineering department at Oregon State college. Special emphasis will be given this year to operation and care of direct tractors.

The course is open to general farmers or other students of any age. Through a limited charge of \$10 will be made to cover extra expense necessary in handling such a course. Application blanks have been sent to all county agents or

## INDIANS WILL USE PLANES IN ROUNDUP

YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 20.—(AP)—Indians of the Kiklatat Cattle Men's association, an all-Indian organization, are planning to use airplanes to complete their fall roundup of cattle this year. Kiklatat association cattle range in the Mount Adams country. Following the usual fall roundup conducted on horseback despite the ruggedness of the terrain, the 25 members of the association found each one was short several cattle, the total number of missing cattle being over 200. The Indians are convinced the cattle are in a small band in the mountains but though they have scouted the lower foothills have been unable to find them and snow is already deep in many parts of the range.

## News of 4-H CLUBS

Announcement of the winning schools in the silver loving cup contest has just been made in the office of the county club agent. The silver cup provided by the Roseburg News-Review for the one-room school excelling in 4-H club work was won by Cleary school, district 109, Edenburg school, district 23 proved itself outstanding of the two-room schools in the county and won the silver cup given by the Douglas County Flour mill. The Fisher's Department store cup was won by Dayer Creek which of course is larger than a two-room school having a high school in connection. In each case the cups had been won twice in succession by the same schools. Leon Lake school won the News-Review cup twice. Green school won the Douglas County Flour mill cup twice; and Glide had already won the Fisher's Department store cup twice. In order to be kept permanently, any one school must win a cup three years. Schools are scored on enrollment and completion, quality of work, final reports turned in and exhibits made.

A new clothing club has been enrolled at Cedar Grove school, district 53, near Myrtle Creek. Arlyn Harper was selected as leader of the club. Irene Brown was elected president, Charabell Pueston was elected vice-president, and Barbara Chaney secretary. Mrs. Margaret Kimmel is teacher of the school. Other members are: Sarah Hatfield, Dorothy Hatfield, Alberta Franklin, Betty Edwards, Wanda Chaney, Pauline Pueston, Fay Hatfield, Cecil Mae Beardsford, Ruth Brown and Leola Trankle.

Three enrollments have just come in from Tenmile school. Verne Lawwell, teacher, is leading a club of nine members in a wood-working club. The club elected Richard Hyman as president, Junior Butts as vice-president, and Billy Williams as secretary. Other members are: Earl Butts, Jack Cabot, Daryl Hawley, Archie Jenne, Harold White and Ernest Woodard.

Pupils of the Tenmile school have formed a health club with Mr. Lawwell leading officers and members are: Junior Butts, president; Harold White, vice-president; Kathleen Hyman, secretary; Arthur Alton, Bert Alton, Richard Hyman, Earl Butts, Jack Cabot, Daryl Hawley, Archie Jenne, Maybelle Knaggs, Olive Krueger, Beulah McAllister, Betty White, Billy Williams, Ernest Woodard, Emma Woodard and Georgia Woodard.

Mrs. E. R. Alton was selected by vote of Tenmile to lead their club in a clothing project. They will carry the first division. They elected for their officers: Kathleen Hyman, president; Beulah McAllister, vice-president; Emma Woodard, secretary; other members are: Betty White, Arthur Alton, Bert Alton, Maybelle Knaggs, Georgia Woodard, Olive Krueger, Johanna Ellis, Jean Knaggs and Genevieve Reulex.

The following is a news item sent in by Maxine Wright of Dayer Creek, secretary of a cooking club. "A 4-H cooking club, Riverside, 1, was organized at the Dayer Creek school December 2, 1937 with Mrs. Ray Wright as leader. There are twelve members. Officers elected are: Betty Lou Woodman, president; Violet Clark, vice-president; Maxine Wright, secretary; Arthur Woodman, treasurer. Other members are: Maxine Wright, Alice M. Welch, Joy Marie Melroy, Thelma Davis, Thelma Davis and Geraldine Spruce. The Dayer Creek club held their second meeting at the school house in December 15. All members were present. The project has been discussed by Mrs. Ray Wright, the coach leader. The next meeting will be after the Christmas holidays."

The student home ownership was featured by Alfred the street of England, who had accidentally dropped a piece of bread with cheese into the fireplace. He tried to get it out and found the melted cheese on the wall. FIRE-JANE'S BALL, SATURDAY NIGHT.—Ad.

## PRICES OF MEATS MAY BE LOWERED

### Increased Supply in 1938 Foreseen; Farm Bill Aims to Stabilize.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Agriculture department officials said the farm bills passed by house and senate would not materially raise the price of meats. A. D. Steadman, assistant agricultural adjustment administrator, said the legislation probably would be unable to prevent a decline in hog prices next year. "We are just getting out of a period of short meat production due to food shortages growing out of the 1936 drought," he said. "This short production caused meat prices to advance. As a result of the good prices of this year's bumper crop, the meat supply next year will be increased considerably. Consequently, lower prices may follow."

Agriculture department economist said that pork and beef prices this fall have been at the "partly" level which the administration is seeking for all farm products. For example, in October the average price farmers received for hogs was 9.78 cents a pound. The parity price—one that would give hogs the purchasing power they possessed in the 1909-14—was 9.5 cents. The average price received for beef, he said, was 7.19 cents a pound compared with a parity price of 6.87 cents. Steadman said the general object of the house as well as the senate bill was to "stabilize" farm prices rather than increase them materially. "It should prevent price extremes," he said. "In the past short crops generally have brought high prices to consumers, and bumper crops low prices. The bill would regulate production so as to level off the bumper and short yields."

## MOST FARM FIRES COMMON IN CAUSE

Farm fires in the United States take about 3,500 lives and destroy \$100,000,000 worth of property each year, says a report of United States department of agriculture publication "Fires on Farms."

Eighty-five per cent of this loss is from such commonplace causes as defective chimneys and stoves; sparks on combustible roofs; lightning; spontaneous combustion; careless use of matches, smoking; careless use of gasoline and kerosene; defective and improper installation of stoves and furnaces; faulty wiring and misuse of electric appliances.

Four simple precautions that the author, Harry E. Roethlis, of the bureau of chemistry and soils, gives to reduce needless waste caused by farm fires are: Use fire-resistant roofing; dispose of waste and rubbish; never use gasoline or kerosene to start or revive a fire; and guard against overheating of stoves and furnaces and clean smoke pipes at least once a year. He also suggests that major buildings be equipped with lightning rods.

## FOREST PROTECTION HIGHLY EFFICIENT

"Protection" really protects the forests, it helps prevent forest fires and saves timber and young trees. The first report for 1936—a last report year—was compiled by the United States Forest service shows the practical results of the system of trails, lookouts, equipment and organization for forest protection.

In the forests which had some degree of organized protection less than 1 per cent of the area was burned over. In the unprotected areas of forest land nearly a fifth of the area was burned. Another reason of the same facts: The unprotected area is less than a third of the total forested area, but by far the most of the burned acreage was in the unprotected area. Protection helps to prevent fires, and when fires do start, protection keeps them from spreading.

Good forest management—which includes protection—also has positive benefits. For example, the forest service finds that in well

## PURCHASE OF OLD HOP CROP ARRANGED

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CORVALLIS, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The San Francisco headquarters of the AAA informed Oregon state college officials of crop purchase of hop crop. The purchase will be arranged through the newly established Pacific coast hop stabilization corporation. The hop division said the program, designed to improve price conditions for 1939 crop growers, will be financed by a percentage of the custom receipts which have been set aside for surplus removal. The old crop will be diverted to fertilizer, mulching uses and other purposes approved by the AAA. Participating growers will be offered \$7 for a standard bale of 200 pounds, less the operating costs. The AAA said the surplus had increased at the rate of 15,000,000 pounds in the last three years. Prices are slightly more than half the 1935 figures.

## PETITIONS AGAINST WAR OFFERED HERE

An organized campaign to obtain the signatures of the majority of the citizens of Douglas county on petitions which call upon congress to keep America out of war is to be launched immediately under the supervision of Patrick W. Kelley, post No. 2488, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U. S. The appeal to congress reads as follows: "We, the undersigned citizens of the United States of America, call upon the congress and the president to adopt and apply policies designed to keep America out of war and supported by a national defense program adequate for the protection of our country and its people."

The plan to convey to congress tangible evidence of the prevailing sentiment against war is the chief objective of a nation-wide campaign being conducted by 3600 local units of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, according to Commander Forest Holmes.

A quantity of petition blanks were received today by Commander Holmes from national headquarters at Kansas City, Mo. These petition blanks will be circulated by VFW members and distributed to various other local, civic, patriotic, religious and fraternal groups.

## KIDDIES BIDDEN TO CHRISTMAS PARTY

All boys and girls of Douglas county have an open invitation to be guests of the Indian theater and the Roseburg Elks lodge for the annual Christmas party to be held Friday, Dec. 24, at 7:30 p. m. The Elks lodge also is sponsoring the Christmas party to be held Friday, Dec. 24.

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## DROUGHT LOSSES IN NINE STATES HEAVY

### WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The agriculture department reported that while 1937 was a year of bumper crops for the nation it was the fifth year of heavy drought losses for a large portion of the western plains region.

About 24,100,000 acres planted to crops were abandoned before harvest because of drought damage, the department said. This included about 19,648,000 acres of winter wheat; about 10,000,000 acres of spring wheat, oats and barley; and 2,673,000 acres of corn. The department said that about 75 per cent of this was in Montana, North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico. The lost acreage compared with abandonment of about 45,000,000 acres in the severe drought years of 1934 and 1935. Weather bureau officials have said that a deficiency in moisture in much of the plains territory this fall threatened drought conditions next year. Outside the drought area, crop production was exceptionally favored. Yields on the acreage harvested, the department said, were about 14 per cent above the average for the 10 years preceding 1937.

## CARS LEAD CLOTHES IN FARM SPENDING

Expenditure patterns of farm families are different from those of the early 1920's. Then, clothing expenses were second to food. Now, clothing has been superseded by automobiles in more than half of the most usual income groups, according to a study by the bureau of home economics, of typical farm families in different parts of the country. In the more prosperous farm communities between 80 and 90 per cent of the families studied in the most usual income groups have cars.

For example, in such a community families having yearly incomes from \$750 to \$1,000 spent 28 to 23 per cent of the income for food, depending on the size of the family. From 15 to 18 per cent was spent on the automobile. As income increased to between \$1,500 and \$1,750, families consisting of husband and wife spent only 22 per cent for food and 20 per cent for the automobile.

## FEDERAL PURCHASES PROP APPEAL MARY

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The agricultural adjustment administration office reported the Pacific coast apple market is becoming "more stable" as a result of the purchases of the federal surplus commodities corporation. The purchases have been made principally in the Pacific north-west. They amount to about 1,000 cars this season.

## Poultry Breed Improvement, Pullorum Control Indicated in Federal Designs

Poultrymen cooperating under the national safety poultry improvement plan can now show on advertising and shipping boxes the exact stage of breed improvement and pullorum disease control of the chicks they sell. These distinctive designs have been worked out by poultry specialists of the U. S. department of agriculture and copies of them may be obtained by participating members from the official state agency in each of the 42 cooperating states.

The breed-improvement design, when orange in color and labeled "U. S. Improved," will indicate chicks produced under the first breeding stage, that is, chicks from male and female breeding chickens which are rigidly selected for vigor and standard-bred qualities, with the females especially selected for egg-production qualities. When green and labeled "U. S. Certified," the breed-improvement design will indicate chickens produced under the second breeding stage. Breeding flocks in this stage include females with a U. S. A. approved rating and males from flock matings of U. S. R. O. P. males and females. To have qualified as U. S. R. O. P., a female, in addition to other requirements, must have laid in one year of least 200 eggs averaging at least 21 ounces in the dozen, and a male must have come from a U. S. R. O. P. female.

When red and labeled "U. S. Certified," the design will indicate chicks of the highest breeding stage that are generally available in commercial quantities. Breeding flocks which produce U. S. Certified chicks consist of U. S. approved females, and males individually pedigreed from U. S. R. O. P. females mated to a U. S. R. O. P. male whose dam's U. S. R. O. P. record was at least 225 eggs. A design, blue in color, labeled "U. S. Certified," will indicate chicks of the two most advanced breeding stages.

The pullorum-control design, when green in color and labeled "U. S. Pullorum-Tested," will indicate that the chicks come from flocks from which the reactors to pullorum disease have been removed. When red and labeled "U. S. Pullorum-Passed," the design will indicate breeding flocks with no reactors in one test. And when blue and labeled "U. S. Pullorum-Clean," it will show that the breeding flock had no reactors in two consecutive tests.

The new designs will supplement the emblem already widely used by hatcheries and poultry breeders

enrolled in the national poultry improvement plan. The emblem carries the words, "Cooperating in the National Poultry Improvement Plan administered by official State Agencies and the U. S. Department of Agriculture."

The Southern Pacific is asking permission to install two-way short wave radio sets on certain trains. In case of severe storms that took down telephone and telegraph lines, the radio would link trains with dispatching centers.

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