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GRAIN CROP TO BE 4.5 BILLION BUSHELLS

Wheat and Rye Expected to Show Gain, Oats and Corn to Be Lower.

CHICAGO, Aug. 8.—(AP)—The nation's 1938 grain harvest of more than four and a half billion bushels, one of the largest on record, was estimated to have a market value of almost \$2,500,000,000.

Analysts based this estimate on the forecasts of the six Chicago crop experts whose August summaries indicated total production of wheat, corn, oats and rye in the United States would amount to approximately 4,585,000,000 bushels.

With the exception of last year's production of these major grains, which totaled 4,715,000,000 bushels and had a market value of slightly more than \$3,000,000,000, the 1938 harvest will be the greatest since 1932.

The valuation at market was based on Chicago prices for grain deliverable in the fall and winter.

The corn crop to be harvested this fall was estimated to have a market value of \$1,243,000,000 compared with \$1,555,000,000 last year. The wheat crop, now more than half reaped, was valued at \$645,840,000 compared with \$935,172,000 last year. Oats were valued at \$254,000,000 and rye at \$24,280,000.

The market valuation of the major grains was about \$500,000,000 less than the year ago figure, which was the highest since 1929, and about \$200,000,000 below valuation of the 1936 crop. With these two exceptions, however, it is the best in six years. Lower prices compared with the last two years accounted for the difference, traders said. Current grain prices are near the lowest levels in four or five years.

Wheat and rye crops this year are expected to be larger than last year but corn and oats production will be lower, according to current estimates.

SULPHUR SPRAY FOR BROWN ROT URGED

Where brown rot has caused losses in peach and prune orchards growers will find protection through the use of fine dusting sulphur or wettable sulphur sprays, states County Agent J. Roland Parker. Sulphur dust or wettable sulphur sprays will not reclaim or cure fruit already diseased and damaged by brown rot. Sulphur applied to the trees and fruits are preventative and must be applied in anticipation of brown rot attacks or used during the growing season when brown rot is first noticed on the fruit.

Dusting sulphur fine enough to pass through a 300 or smaller mesh screen should be used as the finer the sulphur the more active and gives better results. The cheaper, coarse sulphur dust cannot be expected to give the same control as the finer dusting sulphurs and are more costly in the long run.

Growers using fine dusting sulphur or wettable sulphur sprays three or four weeks before harvest to place a protective coat of dust over the fruit to guard it from brown rot attack and losses from brown rot less and the fruit keeps for a longer period. In some peach growing sections peaches are passed through a sulphur dusting process in the packing room with excellent results in keeping down the development of brown rot and serious losses from the disease.

IRRIGATION MEETS DATED IN DOUGLAS

Two irrigation meetings will be held in Douglas county Monday, August 15, for interested individuals to observe various irrigation systems in operation and the benefits of irrigation on different kinds of crops. The first meeting will be held at 10 a. m. on the Eppinger-Hill farm south of Myrtle Creek and west of the air port on the old Riddle road. The afternoon meeting will be held at Melrose, visiting the Busenbark Bros., and Dr. E. R. Stewart farms, where high pressure revolving sprinkler irrigation systems are being used for watering alfalfa and ladino clover pasture. The afternoon meeting will start on the Busenbark Bros. farm at 2 o'clock.

Arthur King, extension soil conservator, will be present to discuss various phases of irrigation with those in attendance and outline steps which should be taken in installing an irrigation system. Individuals contemplating installing an irrigation system next year should endeavor to make one of the meetings on the 15th states J. Roland Parker as it is unlikely another irrigation meeting will be held this season on farms where irrigation systems are in operation.

SHE "CROPS" HER HAIR



The family garden yields its treasure for the adornment of this lovely lady's blond tresses. Radishes, string beans and even the lowly onion are joined in the coiffure worn by a New York beauty shop model.

Turkey Meat Brined and Smoked Wins Way Into Eastern Popularity

BELTSVILLE, Md., Aug. 8.—(AP)—Tang of brine and hickory smoke can step up the flavor of turkey meat so that even the most sophisticated gourmet will smack his lips over it.

Experts in the department of agriculture experimental station learned the secret in experiments on birds which have reached the age of 28 weeks. At that age, the turkey has developed sufficiently so that his meat is firm and mature but still is tender and juicy. Extra fat birds are preferred.

The bird is killed, plucked and drawn in the usual manner. Particular care is taken to avoid breaking the skin.

The carcass then goes into a brine of salt, saltpeper and sugar for a week. The pickling completed, the carcass is hung in a smokehouse for several hours, absorbing the piquant fumes of burning oak and hickory.

After smoking, the bird is ready for storage until the consumer buys it.

In preparing the smoked turkey for her dinner table the housewife roasts it in the usual fashion.

Two or three companies have started smoking turkeys commercially and found a ready market in New York and other eastern cities.

"Perhaps it's just a fad," one experimental station official said. "But if the demand for smoked turkey meat continues, other plants to prepare it undoubtedly will be built."

A continuing demand for smoked turkey meat, would make it possible for a breeder with large poultry houses to operate throughout the year, instead of only in the summer as at present.

CALIFORNIA PEACH INDUSTRY WARNED

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 8.—(AP)—California cling peach canners and growers were warned by the state department of agriculture that unless a marketing agreement is approved the industry faces huge losses this year.

The department expressed belief that there is no control over the pack this year it may reach 200,000 tons, overclaim the market and cause large losses to both canners and growers.

Director of Agriculture A. A. Block recently submitted a proposal for a 140,000 ton pack, equalizing the cost of surplus disposal among all growers.

To date it was reported about 25 per cent of the growers and a small number of canners have agreed to the program but it takes 65 per cent to put the plan into effect.

1938 WOOL OUTPUT SHOWS INCREASE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—(AP)—The bureau of agricultural economics estimates the 1938 wool crop at 368,528,000 pounds.

This is about 2,000,000 pounds more than in 1937 and about the same increase over the average for the past five years.

The number of sheep to be shorn this year was estimated at 16,632,000 head, an increase of about 600,000 over last year. The average weight per fleece was estimated at 7.30 pounds compared with 7.97 last year.

Shorn wool production in the western sheep states was forecast at 269,470,000 pounds compared with 266,988,000 last year. Production in Texas was placed at 76,903,000 pounds, or about 1,000,000 more than in 1937.

OREGON CANNING INDUSTRY GROWS

Volume Mounts 103 Perct. in 14 Years; Value Set at \$17,651,000.

PORTLAND, Aug. 8.—(AP)—The state's canning industry has progressed so rapidly in three decades there is one chance in 38 every time Mrs. America gets out her can opener she cuts the lid from produce packed in Oregon.

In 1921 the chances were only one in 40 and before the war—well Ma America put up most of her foodstuffs herself in glass jars.

A bulletin released by the state planning commission valued the industry at \$17,651,421 annually. The average monthly employment was estimated at 3,841 with thousands of persons supplementing regular income with cannery occupations during the peak summer period.

Oregon produced 2.43 per cent of the nation's canned food in 1921 and 2.62 per cent in 1935. Although the state's share in the national output did not increase greatly in the 14 years, the actual volume mounted 103 per cent.

Only the lumber industry employed more wage earners than packing plants in Oregon three years ago.

What Was Canned
The state canned 44,651 cases of vegetables and 1,186,032 cases of fruit in 1921 compared with 1,250,000 cases of vegetables and 4,500,000 cases of fruit in 1935.

Pears, prunes, berries, apples and cherries, in the order named, are the principal fruit packs. Beans, peas, pumpkin, beets, carrot, tomato, corn, green asparagus lead the vegetable class.

Prunes increased from 88,232 cases in 1921 to 1,570,544 cases in 1935. The pea pack was insufficient to merit consideration in 1932 but by 1935 it reached 288,541 cases and has made comparable strides in the last three seasons.

"Because of the fortunate combination of soil and climate, the existing arable land is sufficient to meet the expanding raw material needs of the canning industry," the report said. "Furthermore, the practice of irrigation in the Willamette valley has resulted in astonishing yield increases. Reclamation work in eastern Oregon will make available considerable acreage to further increase production of fruit and vegetables."

WASHING MACHINES HELP FARM WIVES
WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Seventy-seven per cent of Oregon farm wives know nothing of the

rigors of the scrubboard, the burden of home economics finds. That many farm homes have washing machines, 76 per cent of them, powered by electricity.

TWO OREGON COUNTY JUDGES APPOINTED

SALEM, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Governor Charles H. Martin today announced the appointment of Harland Woods, Tillamook, as county judge of Tillamook county, and Mrs. Donald T. Templeton as county judge of Washington county.

Woods will succeed Judge H. H. Rosenberg while Mrs. Templeton will succeed her late husband, both within the last two weeks.

Woods is state secretary and treasurer of the Isak-Walton league of Oregon and Tillamook county president of the league. He also is an officer of the Pacific Coast Milk Breeders association and president of the young democratic club of Tillamook county.

Speaking of Mrs. Templeton, Governor Martin said: "The late Judge Templeton was one of the outstanding county judges in Oregon. Following his death there was an instantaneous sentiment throughout Washington county for the appointment of his widow to serve during the few months remaining in his unexpired term as a token of respect and admiration for Judge Templeton."

Mrs. Templeton is a woman with business experience and has been assured of receiving the full cooperation of the other county officials and of the members of the Washington county bar.

NAZIS GET CZECHS' NOTE OF REGRETS

PRAHA, Aug. 5.—(AP)—The Czechoslovak government expressed regrets today two of its planes had flown over German territory and said the fliers who did it would be punished.

The official explanation for the incident yesterday, against which Germany had protested sharply, was the fliers lost their bearings during exercises.

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(AP)—"The best form of social security is a good job at good wages." Charles Sprague, republican gubernatorial nominee, told a picnic crowd here yesterday. Rufus Holman, republican senatorial candidate, said "any fool can levy a tax. The thing to do is to administer public affairs with the money you've got."

BLIGHT CUTS 'CANT' AND TOMATO CROPS

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 8.—(AP)—Producers and handlers reported blight damage amounting to millions of dollars in the Pacific northwest tomato and cantaloupe industries.

Losses in the Oregon and Washington tomato fields average about 75 per cent. The destruction ranged from 50 per cent in some areas to 90 per cent in others. The Oregon output was valued at \$5,500,000 in 1937 and the Washington crop at more than \$10,000,000.

Market authorities said there would be an acute shortage because growers in the north would be unable to meet more than a small percentage of the demand.

Damage to the cantaloupe crop was between 25 and 40 per cent.

News of 4-H CLUBS

County Club Agent E. A. Britton announces that he has just sent out a letter to each 4-H club member giving the dates of the community fairs and the State fair, and urging that all who can show exhibits.

Mr. Britton further states that ribbons were awarded at the various achievement programs last spring according to the place of the exhibit. Club members on taking their exhibits to the fair should bring their ribbons along. Of course, those who were unable to bring exhibits to achievement day programs will receive their ribbons at the fair as well as premium money according to the placing awarded.

Fair dates announced are as follows: Canyonville, August 27th; Glade, August 31st; Lookingsburg, September 1st; Sutherlin, September 2nd and 3rd; Drain, September 16th and 17th, and the State fair, September 5th to the 11th, inclusive.

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exhibit so we could have a hundred per cent club.

Although all of the members report that flowers are not as nice as usual due to the hot weather, they all are making an earnest attempt to keep a few flowers alive so they can exhibit.

It was decided by the club that our community needed a "Booster Meeting" before the fair so they thought it fitting to meet at the Day Wright home Tuesday, August 23rd. All club members will be urged to be present because if possible Mr. Britton will be there to tell of the community fair. The leaders will get together to decide all details which will be disclosed later.

Those attending the meeting were: president, Wiletia Hutchinson; Gene Rhoads, Mildred Spore, Maxine Wright, Josephine Wright and the local leader, Mrs. Fritz Snyder.

At a conference of 4-H club agents in Corvallis today, tomorrow and Wednesday, the printed bulletin dealing with the 4-H health project will be completed by the state committee consisting of Miss Lucy Case, extension specialist of Oregon State college, Wayne Harding, school supervisor of Marion county, and E. A. Britton, county club agent. This bulletin is to carry a three-year program which will run to the expiration date of the state text book dealing with health.

According to E. A. Britton, county club agent, several inquiries have been made as to why he publishes so many items dealing with the Days Creek 4-H clubs. Mr. Britton wishes to explain in this manner—that Days Creek has a 4-H club member who writes all of the news and mails it to the 4-H club office. This is a privilege extended to all community clubs and to every 4-H club in the county.

The Days Creek canners met at their leader's home Friday, July 29. The meeting was called to order by the president, Josephine Wright. At the secretary, Betty Rhoads, read the roll call everyone answered by giving a new relish recipe. It was announced by the leader that the next roll would be answered by giving a new marmalade recipe. We were told to also bring a sample of jam or relish to the next meeting so the club could sample the new product.

The local leader said that it had been suggested that she contact the members of the Canning Club which was organized by Betty Anne Michaels, who recently moved to Green, Oregon. It was voted by all the club that Mrs. Rhoads see all the members and if they like for them to join our club.

The local fair was discussed. The members present at the meeting were: president, Josephine Wright; vice-president, Maxine Wright; secretary, Betty Rhoads; Gene Rhoads; Marjorie Wright and Mildred Spore.

NORTH BEND, Aug. 8.—(AP)—A 40-mile wind almost blew the Coos Bay Yacht club's regatta off the ocean Sunday. Seven sailboats swamped at the start of one race and only the 15-foot craft of George Solander finished. Motorboat races were called off.

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