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Lower Output of Grain Indicated

CHICAGO, July 8.—(AP)—The first comprehensive analysis of the nation's 1940 crop released at the board of trade indicated a harvest of 2,140,000,000 bushels in prospect based on present acreage and condition figures.

The crop experts estimated total United States harvest of principal grains, wheat, corn, oats, rye and barley, at 4,545,000,000 bushels compared with 4,626,000,000 produced last season. Principal reductions will be in wheat and corn while oats and barley crops will be larger.

The average of six estimates of spring wheat production was 222,000,000 bushels, 12,000,000 less than a month ago but 30,000,000 larger than the crop last year. Winter wheat production, however, was estimated at 470,000,000 bushels, 10,000,000 greater than a month ago but 64,000,000 smaller than last year's harvest.

The average estimate of spring wheat production in the three western Canadian provinces was 146,000,000 bushels, compared with a harvest of 149,000,000 last year and the five year 1933-37 average of only 229,959,000 bushels.

Marketing Board for Coast Pears Appointed

PORTLAND, July 8.—(AP)—The federal marketing control committee for the administration of marketing regulations on six varieties of fall and winter pears raised in the three Pacific coast states, will include growers members, D. R. Wood, Medford; Henry M. Smith, Dryden, Wash.; Edward A. Bannister, Yakima; Handler members—S. M. Sattelle, Medford; Harry Jensen, Wenatchee, and B. A. Perham, Yakima.

The selections were announced by the AAA officers here.

Fox, Mink Ranches Yield Oregon \$500,000 Yearly

SALEM, Ore., July 8.—(AP)—Oregon has 500 fox and mink ranches producing about \$500,000 worth of furs annually, officers of the Oregon Fox and Mink Association reported here today.

About 10,000 fox pelts and from 50,000 to 30,000 mink pelts are shipped out of the state each year.

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by JOHN CLINTON

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with Major Hoople

Marinating Gives Zest to Cool Food

The problem of meal planning in hot weather is one of serving dishes that look and are cool and that taste good without being rich or highly seasoned, says Lucy A. Case, extension nutrition specialist at O. S. C. One way of preparing cool looking foods is to use marinating mixtures, or marinades, for some of the salads used in main dishes. A marinade may be a sour fruit juice, usually lemon, or vinegar, or sour cream, or tomato juice. It is usually used in a French dressing.

The trick about marinating, says Miss Case, is to mix the dressing and the salad materials several hours beforehand, pack well, and chill. Then the marinating mixture penetrates through and through the salad, and softens meat fibers, if it is a meat salad, and hard vegetables such as celery, lettuce leaves and salad garnishes are not marinated, however, because they would lose their crispness.

For potato salad, marinate hot sliced potatoes with French dressing containing garlic or grated lemon, or if you prefer, with a hot cooked salad dressing. Chill for several hours. Small left-over portions of cooked carrots, beets, string beans, peas and cooked cabbage can be combined and marinated for a hearty vegetable salad. Possibly a few crisp, raw salad vegetables may be added at serving time.

One of the best liked marinades for chicken salad is a French dressing containing part lemon juice and part vinegar. Any meat salads use better if marinated. Beef minestrone is a "cooler" dish made by marinating lean soup meat cut into cubes. French dressing with onion or a trace of garlic is the marinade generally used.

Export Subsidies Continued by U. S.

WASHINGTON, July 5.—(AP)—The agriculture department announced today it would continue export subsidy programs on cotton, wheat and wheat flour during the fiscal year which begins yesterday.

These programs, financed by funds appropriated for disposal of agricultural surpluses, are designed to help American farmers regain and hold their "fair share" of world markets.

The department makes payments to exporters on products sold abroad. The payments are designed to offset the effects of foreign farm programs in pegging domestic prices above those in foreign markets.

Payments on wheat, which vary with market changes, and will be made only on grain shipped from the Pacific northwest to China, Hong Kong, Darwin, the Philippine Islands and Europe, and on shipments of wheat flour from the same region to China, Hong Kong, Darwin and the Philippine Islands.

Wheat and flour sold under the 1939-40 export program totaled 55,929,576 bushels, of which 16,567,002 bushels were in the form of flour.

Farm Purchase Aid in Oregon Widened

PORTLAND, July 8.—(AP)—The farm security administration extended the tenant farm purchase program Saturday to Deschutes, Coos and Marion counties.

Regional Director Walter A. Duffy, who reported to Oregon counties now included in terms of the Bankhead-Jones act, expected a \$200,000 allocation for purchase of state-owned lands. Appointments of county tenant purchase committees to review applicants, appraise farms and recommend acceptance of qualified tenants will be made within 30 days.

Duffy said about five loans would be made this year in each county. Three new loans will be made in Clarkamas, one each in Linn, Lane, Jackson, Lincoln, Malheur and probably Willoughby counties to fill the quota of not less than five nor more than ten in any county.

Twenty-two tenant purchase loans totaling \$273,268 have been made in seven counties. Each successful applicant is loaned the purchase price of a farm and repayments are scheduled over a 40-year period.

Modern Cooks Aided by Progress in Chemistry

The advancement of chemistry is responsible for many changes in the modern kitchen. Baking powder is an early result of chemical investigation. In every can of baking powder there is an acid and an alkali which react to give off carbon dioxide, the leavening agent. Fifty years ago the acid and alkali were sold in separate packages. The chemist learned that by adding the carbonate the two could be mixed and put into one container. The chemist also mixed those materials in the proper proportions so that the baked product would not be flavored or discolored by the baking powder residue.

Defense Needs May Boost Oregon's Flax Acreage

WASHINGTON, July 8.—(AP)—N. E. Dodd, western AAA director, has advised Senator McNary that requirements for national defense might result in expansion of Oregon flax acreage next year.

Tests showed the Oregon product equal to any in manufacture of linen for parachutes and other military fabrics, Dodd said.

The state's flax acreage totaled 6000 this year and may go to 8000 and perhaps 12,000 in 1941. The 1940 production is estimated at about 13,000 tons.

Cattle Increase in Bang's Disease Ban

The idea that a Bang's disease control program cuts down the increase in cattle population is effectively quashed by statistics, declares Dr. W. H. Lytle of the animal division of the state department of agriculture.

He finds that Oregon, Virginia and Washington—the three states that lead this country in Bang's control—also lead the other states in the increase of cattle over 1933.

Washington, third in Bang's control, has the largest increase of cattle, 116 per cent compared with 1934. Oregon, 1940 leader in Bang's work, is second in increase with 110 per cent against 1934. Virginia, second in the control program, has 104.7 per cent of cattle compared with 1934.

"These figures go to show that a Bang's control program does not cut down the increase in cattle population. Rather they prove that this program gets rid of non-calf producing cows and makes more feed for the sound cows that will breed," Dr. Lytle says.

He recalls, too, that a few years ago, right in the intensive period of the Bang's disease control program, Oregon cows increased their milk yield. The Rocky Mountain states that have little of the control work has been conducted, have the largest decrease in cattle population with 10 of these states aggregating less than 80 per cent of the 1934 cattle population.

Dr. Lytle says his statements are based on figures from the American Cattle Producers' Association which has not been friendly to the federal Bang's program.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

DR. CHAS. A. EDWARDS

The Children of Israel said, when they were in captivity in Babylon, "How can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land? There is a story told that when the Children of Israel were in captivity they were called upon to sing their songs of Zion. How could they sing the Lord's songs in a strange land? How could they sing, "The Lord is my shepherd." Sacred songs require a proper spiritual attitude. "As the hart panteth after the water brooks so panteth my soul after Thee O God," was more suited to their feelings. They had been uprooted from everything spiritual, and they longed for the courts of the Lord. This particular Psalm 137, begins in fine harmony but ends in discord. The Edomites, their close kin had refused to help them when it was most needed. This act called forth from the Jews the spirit of hate, and they shouted back at them, happy shall he be, that taketh and dasheth thy children against the stones, what a contrast between the Old and New Testament. "I say unto you love your enemies," Jesus was ever emphasizing the large place of forgiveness in the Christian life. "Forgiving one another, even as God for Christ sake hath forgiven us." Amen.

Apple Marketing Plan Set for Vote

Ballots have been mailed to all Oregon and Washington commercial apple growers by which they will decide whether or not a federal marketing agreement in the marketing of the Pacific northwest apple crop will be put into effect. The scope of the proposed agreement takes in all of Washington and Oregon, with the exception of Malheur county which is closely allied to the Idaho marketing region.

The proposed agreement was drawn up at the suggestion of the industry and was modified later following public hearings held in both states. If approved, it will permit the establishment of a control committee of nine grower and five handler members to operate the program. This control committee could establish marketing policies and could limit shipments of C grade apples and sizes smaller than 2 1/8 in other grades.

The program also calls for inspection of shipments by federal grade inspectors when grade and size provisions are in effect. The control committee would also collect and distribute price and shipment information to producers and handlers. Under the program, all apples, as well as shipments for by-products and charitable uses, would be exempt from control.

Oregon would be represented on the control committee by two grower members and one handler member. The agreement will go into effect if it is approved by at least two-thirds of the growers voting, by number or volume, and by handlers of at least 50 per cent of the apples handled last year.

Electric Brooder Reduces Pig Loss

A simple homemade electric pig brooder will frequently pay for itself in reduction in death losses, according to A. W. Oliver, assistant animal husbandman, who has been using various types of these at Oregon State college during the past 10 years. Brood sows are quite nervous at farrowing time and frequently cause serious losses when the pigs must depend on them for all extra warmth.

Litters started with an electric brooder for seven to 10 days later averaged one more pig to the litter at weaning time than litters raised without brooders. Plans for making these electric pig brooders are included in a station circular, No. 125, prepared by Oliver and by E. E. Price and Ivan Branton of the agricultural engineering department.

The brooders consist merely of a 100 or 150-watt regular Mazda electric lamp with a suitable reflector mounted over the top opening in a wooden cover placed in one corner of the farrowing pen.

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New Apricot Containers in Oregon Standardized

SALEM, Ore., July 8.—(AP)—Effective July 10 two new apricot containers become standardized boxes for shipment of apricots, the state department of agriculture has announced.

A public hearing was held in The Dalles to discuss standardizing the two boxes and it was decided to allow their use because eastern consumers have become familiar with similar containers used by California growers.

News of 4-H CLUBS

The Summer school photographs which were requested by a number of 4-H club members who attend school have been received at the county club agent's office.

Several members who are very anxious to secure these according to K. A. Hutton, county club agent, may get them any time at his office.

4-H livestock husbandship score cards are available now at the county club agent's office for those boys who expect to show animals at either the community fairs or the state fair. Any 4-H livestock member may secure one of these by calling at the office. The state fair management has sent a supply of 1940 premium lists for the 4-H club department to the Douglas county club agent, who will be glad to provide each member who ex-

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