

FARM DAIRY AND POULTRY PAGE

Fur Raising Now Large Industry in Oregon Districts

Fur-farming in Oregon has been accounting for an annual income of more than a half million dollars and is increasing in importance despite declining pelt prices and large imports, according to a report in the April issue of the Agricultural situation and outlook released by the Oregon State college extension service. More than 600 different fur farms are now operating in Oregon.

Most of the recent development in raising fur-bearing animals in captivity has come through the expansion of the mink industry in the lower Columbia and coast counties. Many mink farms are also now found in the Willamette valley and several large units are located in eastern Oregon. Silver fox operations, on the other hand, have been curtailed to some extent during the past five years.

Prices for the two most important products, mink and fox pelts, declined between 1936 and 1939 but improved in 1940. Ranch-raised mink pelts taken last season brought Oregon farmers an average of about \$12 each compared to \$9.60 in 1939 and \$20 each in 1936. Silver fox pelt prices in 1940 were about 20 per cent above the 1939 average of \$26 each after declining from \$40 in 1936.

Imports of mink pelts have been large and are increasing but exports declined last year. Returns from Oregon's ranch-raised mink are only about one-tenth the value of imports. Nearly 150,000 silver fox pelts valued at two and one-half million dollars came into this country during the 1939-1940 season but imports are now on a quota basis.

Karakul sheep are among the newer fur-bearers on Oregon farms. Large imports and moderate to low prices for the lamb-skin fur are against the profitable development of the karakul sheep industry in this country, according to the report.

A few nutria or South American beaver, skunk, muskrat and fish are being kept in this state, but none of these animals is important economically in the Ore-

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Douglas Sign-Up in AAA Involves 92 Pct. of Crop Land

First figures on the 1941 AAA farm program disclosed that 2268 farmers in Douglas county have signed their 1941 farm plan sheets, signifying their intention of taking part in this year's program, B. F. Nichols, chairman of the county AAA committee, said. "We believe that we have indications of better compliance with the farm program during the coming crop year than ever before," Nichols said.

Approximately 92 per cent of the county's crop land is signed up under the farm program, Nichols pointed out. He believes that more farmers will plant within acreage allotments and will use soil conserving and soil building practices in 1941 than in any previous year.

"Douglas county farmers who take part in the program cooperate with more than 6,000,000 U. S. farmers in adjusting their business to meet their problems," the committee announced, pointing to the recently announced program to increase production of pork, poultry and dairy products, and canned vegetables to meet increased domestic and export needs.

"The new program is a challenge American farmers are glad to accept, and demonstrates that the farm program is as capable of increasing production as it is of controlling it," Nichols commented.

joyed Saturday evening by the South Deer creek group and the Glengary boys.

Saturday forenoon, classes were carried on in spite of the heavy rain storm which began at five o'clock in the morning and lasted until slightly past noon. M. M. Nelson, of the Umpqua national forest, conducted classes in "General Forestry Practices." Todd Slayton, junior ranger of the Umpqua national forest, conducted classes in "Elementary Surveying and Map Reading," and Marvin Helland, of the Douglas Fire Patrol, instructed in "Tree Identification."

On Saturday afternoon the entire group made a trip to Wolf creek falls, which they enjoyed very much. Wolf creek was high and with a lot of water running over the falls, the members called it "thrilling."

The camp was in readiness when the group arrived there. Everything had been provided by the Umpqua national forest service for the comfort of all who attended. Fred Asam, district ranger of the Glend district, made sure that everything had been done to make possible a good time for everyone.

Those who attended were: From Canyonville—N. B. Ashcraft and Miss Lydia Reichen, leaders, Paul Peterson, driver; Sidney Hemphill, William Hobson, Webster Briggs, Jean Clough, Faith Schroeder, Betty Lou Hasor, Carl Long, Baxter Ferebee, James Moyer, Wayne Garey, Lester Spencer, Bill Hart, Ray Eshleman and Don Lilla.

From South Deer creek—Mrs. Ada Melton, Mrs. Rose Kelly, Frank Bohme and Mrs. Winona Bailey, leaders; Hugh Jones, Arthur Bohme, Robert Stritzke, Charley Melton, Robert Hall, Evalyn Hunter, Mary Ann Stritzke, Jean Kelly, June Hall, Richard Stritzke, Charles Bailey, Robert Mathis, Lena Mae Gilliam and Wilma Melton.

From Glengary—LeRoy Sigfridson, Johnnie Mode and Marvin Sigfridson.

Club members of Camas valley are holding their 4-H achievement program Wednesday afternoon of this week.

4-H club members of the Smith river district are holding their achievement program in connection with Community day program on Friday of this week. Members of the dairy club will have their calves on hand for the program.

Members of the Dillard district are holding their achievement program next Monday, May 26.

The last meeting for 4-H club local leaders for this season will be held outdoors this evening (Monday) at the home of County Club Agent Britton. A huge bonfire is planned. Refreshments will be served by Roseburg local leaders. If it should be raining, the meeting will be held in the Roseburg junior high school.

Scouts to Patrol Here During Soldiers' Visit

Plans for participation in Memorial day activities and special traffic safety service during the visit here of traveling army units will be made at the regular meeting of Troop No. 4, Boy Scouts of America, at the Methodist church at 7 o'clock tonight. The scouts plan to patrol the streets each night this week during the visit here of soldiers en route to war games in California, and will aid in handling traffic, directing visitors and other duties. They also plan to march in the Memorial day parade.

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Dairy Cow 'Waste' Holds \$30 Value

The fertilizer output of every dairy cow on the farm would approximate a value of \$30 per year if all the nitrogen, phosphorus, potash, and sulphur contained in manure were saved and returned to the soil, according to Arthur S. King, extension specialist in soils at Oregon State college.

The best way to insure the conservation of this value is to build and use a liquid manure tank, according to King. The construction and use of such tanks, either of wood or concrete, are described by King in a new extension circular, No. 368.

Not only does the liquid manure tank conserve the fertilizing values, but, if properly handled, it greatly reduces the work on a dairy farm, he says. If only limited amounts of bedding are used, all of the manure can be handled through such a tank, while otherwise part of it can be placed under a shed with drainage into the tank.

Where flood irrigation is used on dairy pastures, labor can be still further reduced by arranging to run the liquid manure from the tank into an irrigation ditch where it is spread on the land with the water.

Stockmen Warned on Increasing Their Herds

ONTARIO, Ore., May 19.—(AP)—Livestock experts warned stockmen against increasing cattle herds in anticipation of higher prices.

Dr. Orlo Maughan, Spokane, told Oregon Cattle and Horse Raisers association members here that prices would begin to decline by the first of next year. He blamed an increase of 5,000,000 head of cattle in the U. S. in the past two years.

Farmers Keep Books to Aid in Tax Returns

GOLD BEACH—With prospects of higher income taxes and lowered exemptions, Curry county is one of those leading the way

with community conferences to set up simple farm accounting plans as a basis for next year's income tax returns. County Agent R. M. Knox recently arranged a series of meetings where Dr. G. W. Kuhlman of the farm management department at O. S. C. conferred with dairy-men and other groups of farmers throughout the county and explained the use of farm account books of various types. Knox plans to call these same farmers together next January to assist in summarizing their accounts. Dr. Kuhlman reports an increasing demand for these conferences all over the state.

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Wickard Calls Farm Vote May 31



Declaring safe management of the country's large wheat supplies an important defense measure, Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard (above) has proclaimed a marketing quota for wheat and has announced May 31 as the date of a referendum at which wheat farmers will mark ballots such as the one shown to determine whether quotas shall continue in effect on the big 1941 crop. Marketing quotas are provided by the AAA farm program, and enable farmers to safely store their surplus for use as needed, Wickard said. According to current estimates, U. S. farmers will have enough wheat on hand after harvest this year to supply the nation's expected needs for nearly two years.

son for farming enterprise at present.

The complete report is available at county agent offices.

County Committees to Help Nutrition Program

County committees to help further the cause of nutrition as an aid to national defense as well as the general welfare will be organized soon throughout the state as a result of action taken by the recently organized state nutrition committee for defense. This committee is part of the nation-wide movement to work for better nutrition during the national emergency period.

The committee will undertake to expand the school lunch program throughout the state, which is now reaching only 19 per cent of Oregon's schools, according to the report of a subcommittee headed by Mrs. Mabel Mack, extension nutritionist only 12 per cent of the Oregon schools are making use of the surplus food products made available by the federal government.

Action Not Planned Now Against Berry Hallock

The state department of agriculture, plant division, recently directed a query to western enforcement officials regarding the western berry hallock, also known as the raised bottom hallock.

A resume of the answers shows that no action is contemplated at

Increased Crop Ability Of Oregon Pointed Out

CORVALLIS, May 19.—(AP)—Oregon's state land use planning committee decided that Oregon agriculture has a vital part to play in national defense but that it must prepare itself for wartime conditions and post defense problems.

The committee will report that Oregon can produce numerous specialty crops previously imported, specifically vegetable seeds and fiber flax.

It also recommended expanding production from existing poultry flocks and livestock herds by better management, but not by increased credit or capital outlays.

Importation of farm products already produced in surplus in this country was condemned. If such importations are necessary for hemisphere relations, protection should be extended American growers, it was held.

Crop Seeds Embraced in Lease-Lend Program

WASHINGTON, May 19.—(AP)—Agricultural seeds are eligible for handling under the lend-lease program "when the necessary requisitions and arrangements are met through the proper official channels."

The information was relayed from the bureau of foreign agriculture relations of the agriculture department through Senator McNary (R-Ore.) to Oregon seed companies.

The bureau said that the ruling applied only to new business and not to contracts already in force between American and British firms. As soon as requests for agricultural seed are received, the nation's seed industry will be notified.

Oregon Women Will Be Listed in Defense Survey

SALEM, May 19.—(AP)—The State Employment Service Saturday announced it would conduct a statewide inventory of women for national defense labor emergencies; the survey to be conducted by a committee appointed by William E. Bowes, chairman of the Service's Advisory Council and Portland City Commissioner.

More than 500 occupations women can fill will be listed.

Available women may be used not only to replace men in many service jobs, but also for such jobs as sewing fabric and light riveting in aircraft industries.

The Service said that 30,000 workers would be needed in the next few weeks to thin beets in Nyssa, pick berries in Western Oregon, work in the Athena pea fields, and in other agricultural activity. About 2,000 farm laborers already have arrived in the state from California.

Leaves For Medford—J. Williamson has returned to his home in Medford, following a two-day stay in this city on business.

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The scene, Union Oil Company's big laboratory full of boiling beakers, bubbling steam jets and flint-tipped "Doctor Phil" and your above-inscribed reporter, the plot—Clinton trying to find out why Triton is such super oil.

As nearly as I can find out, Triton Motor Oil is perfectly amazing. In the first place, it's made by what Union engineers call the "Propene-Solvent Process." Don't ask me what happens. The whole thing reminds me of something by Rube Goldberg.

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