

# FARM DAIRY AND POULTRY PAGE

## Prune Industry Doomed Without Improved Quality

Acreage devoted to prune orchards in Oregon has been steadily declining for the past 20 years, just as prices of dried prunes to the farmer have also declined to the point where many have considered this enterprise unprofitable, according to the report of the Oregon state land use planning committee in the section devoted to export crops. The situation is such today that unless the quality of Oregon dried prunes can be improved immediately, the industry in this state is doomed, the committee reported.

About 19 per cent of the prune production is marketed in the fresh stage, about 25 per cent is canned, and about 56 per cent is dried. During the past few years the demand for canned prunes has increased, the market for fresh prunes has held its own, while the demand for dried prunes has shown a marked decline. Figures show that for the years 1921-25 the average prune acreage in this state was 56,765. By 1940 this acreage had declined to 41,583.

Furthermore, the report points out, orchards and equipment have deteriorated to the extent that it would not be feasible to restore a large percentage of the orchards to a state of economical production. Drying facilities are in a rundown condition, and in many instances the prunes are handled in an unsatisfactory manner from the market standpoint. Because of this situation properly handled prunes bring little more on the market than the "junk." The following four recommendations are made by the committee:

- (1) That the AAA in conjunction with the SCS make a survey of the orchards as to condition of trees and soil erosion and, where in their judgment it is not economically practical to operate them as orchards, that the AAA payment be increased for pulling trees.
- (2) That the practice by the prune exchange of changing grades from year to year be discontinued.
- (3) That rigid inspection based

## in other words

by JOHN CLINTON

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## Fruit Packers Of California See No Shortage Threat

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 15. (AP)—California canners have sold more fruit this year before finishing packing than ever in their history.

Lake canners in the Pacific northwest, they are completing the season with only a dribble of unsold canned peaches, pears, apricots and fruit cocktail.

But the packers see no likelihood of any shortage, such as some observers have suggested. "There should be no alarm about the canned fruit supply," said Preston McKinney, manager of the Canners League of California. "Certainly most of the fruit has been sold—but it will take a long time to eat it."

McKinney and other observers were not much impressed by the big buying by the army, navy and federal surplus marketing administration. The combined purchases, known and estimated, run far under the exports of last year.

The great bulk of fruit has gone into distributors' hands, but remains to be sold to consumers. And after making allowance for the unusual buying of the army and other government agencies, there will be about a third more California canned fruits for civilian consumption than last year, an average of estimates indicated.

Last year California packed about 19,500,000 cases of fruits. Exports took 3,500,000, leaving 16,000,000 for domestic consumers.

This year the estimates run around 24,500,000 cases for the yet uncompleted pack. The army and navy have bought about 1,143,000 cases. The F. S. M. A. may get 300,000, though it has said it wants a lot more. Add a million cases for this season's dwindling exports, and there will be left more than 21,000,000 cases for domestic consumers.

## Roseburg Affected by S. P. Train Time Changes

Change in Southern Pacific train schedules for the winter season will become effective Sunday, September 28, according to word received at local S. P. offices from J. A. Ormandy, general passenger agent.

Northbound Rogue River will depart from Roseburg at 12:30 a. m. instead of 12:45 a. m. and arrive in Portland at 7:30 a. m., shortening the schedule 15 minutes. Southbound the Rogue River will depart from Portland at 7:45 instead of 7:15 p. m. and arrive at Roseburg at 2:42 a. m. instead of 2:35 a. m.

Southbound Shasta will depart from Grants Pass at 5 p. m. instead of 4:45 p. m., allowing more time for connection with motor stage from Roseburg.

Mr. Wright Here—Jay Wright and son, John, of Milo, spent Saturday here on business.

## Winter Legume Report Deadline Set as Sept. 18

Tentative prices announced last week by the AAA for vetch, Austrian winter peas, crimson clover, and domestic rye grass in 1942 have been given official approval and will be minimum prices for first grade seed, according to information just received by J. Roland Parker, county agricultural agent. Farmers planning on growing winter legume and rye grass for seed next year are requested to return the questionnaire which they received and indicate the acreage of each kind of seed harvested in 1941 and the acreage which will be planted for harvest in 1942. Thursday, September 18, has been set as the final date for all counties to report the acreage of vetches, crimson clover, and domestic rye grass which farmers plan on planting for harvest next year.

Minimum prices established for winter legume seeds delivered to the government next year are substantially higher than prices offered in past years. Established prices for first grade seed are 10 cents for hairy vetch, 61 cents for Willamette vetch, 5 cents for common and Hungarian vetch, and 5 cents for Austrian winter peas. Growers who agree to plant a given acreage of these crops will be expected to deliver at least 50 per cent of their seed to the government, but may deliver all their seed if they desire.

Seed purchased by the government from local growers is made available to farmers in the southern states through "grants of aid" for growing green manure and cover crops. The supply of winter legume seeds available during the past two years was insufficient to meet the requirements of farmers in the southern states. With higher prices in 1942 assured local producers, a considerable increase in acreage of both vetches and rye grass is expected, states County Agent J. Roland Parker.

Farmers who do not have seed for planting any of the crops mentioned may secure seed through "grants of aid" from the Agricultural Conservation association, provided they have signed a work sheet to participate in the conservation program. A producer must also participate in the conservation program to sell his seed to the government.

## Argentines Keep Eye on Wiedemann

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Sept. 15. (AP)—Argentina's congressional "Dices committee" kept a close watch today upon the activities of Capt. Fritz Wiedemann, emissary and friend of Adolf Hitler, while pressing its demand for the expulsion of German Ambassador Edmund von Thiermann.

The chamber of deputies is near a vote, perhaps today, on the committee's resolution accusing von Thiermann of "overstepping the bounds of a diplomat and abusing his privileges."

Into the midst of the furor throughout Argentina over the resolution and two sharp protests made by von Thiermann, Wiedemann stepped yesterday from a

plane which brought him from Brazil.

The captain, ousted from his consular post in San Francisco last July and sent back to Europe with 500 other axis representatives, greeted a large crowd at the airport with a wave of his hand and drove off in von Thiermann's limousine.

Von Thiermann, who said yesterday he had no intention of withdrawing from his post here, declared Wiedemann would leave within a few days on a special diplomatic assignment in the far east.

Taborda, chairman of the committee investigating anti-Argentine activities, had sought a way to question Wiedemann but acknowledged that his committee had no right to detain the envoy if he did not attempt to remain in this country.

## Tennile

TENMILE, Sept. 12. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moore of Edenbower are in Tennile at present. Mr. Moore owns and operates the prune drier in Tennile.

J. M. Cabot took a load of old hens to Roseburg for market Wednesday.

Mrs. Minnie Lockwood is in the hospital in Myrtle Point, recovering from a major operation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cabot and son, Jack, spent last Wednesday at the State Fair in Salem.

School opened here Sept. 2 with Mr. Clark of Medford as principal and Miss Florence Allis as primary teacher. This will be the second year in Tennile for Miss Allis.

The young folks of Tennile to attend the Roseburg high school are Jeanette Flora, Jack Cabot, Beth Albino, Dora Cooper, Johanna Erbe, Arbutus Albino, and Olivia Kreiger.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Campbell visited friends in Riddle Sunday.

Tom Godfrey was shopping and transacting business in Roseburg last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Muetzel were attending to business matters in Roseburg Wednesday.

John Ratkey and son, Eldred, who are both employed in Marshfield, spent the week-end at home with their family.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Peterson of Roseburg were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. McCaffrey last Sunday evening. The evening hours were spent in visiting and at a late hour refreshments were served.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet at the church Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 17. All are cordially invited to attend.

Lester and Joe Lowellyn, Joe Flora, Jr. and Chauncey Albino, are helping Mr. Moore harvest his prunes.

Eibert Smith was a Roseburg caller last Monday.

Home, Sweet Home

PATTONSBURG, Mo. Ralph Sims, en route home on furlough from Asbury Park, N. J., drove the 1,500 miles without mishap.

That is, until he was two blocks from home. His was one of three machines in a three-car collision.

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## Pullets Hatched In Fall Capable Of Profits Boost

Fall-hatched pullets produce somewhat less than spring-hatched pullets and their mortality is slightly higher, according to experimental results by the poultry department at Oregon State college, which department, recommends their use under certain conditions.

During the present period of demand for additional eggs for defense, a group of fall-hatched chicks may be worth while for a limited number of producers that have adequate equipment, says N. L. Bennion, extension poultryman. Ordinary mortality during the fall and winter may provide space in laying houses by spring which could be occupied profitably by fall-hatched pullets. It is good business to operate a poultry plant at normal capacity throughout the entire year, particularly under present conditions, he says.

The 10 per cent increase in the size of laying flocks requested by the federal government is practically assured in Oregon this fall. By the use of fall-hatched pullets, which would start laying about next March, this increase can be maintained despite normal mortality of the laying flock.

Bennion has made other suggestions for maintaining high production, which he has sent to all county agents who in turn will pass them on with local additions to poultrymen interested.

## Columbia Fish Run Sets New Record

SEATTLE, Sept. 15. (AP)—A record-breaking salmon run up the Columbia river is proving a bonanza for commercial fishermen, the state fisheries department said today it had been informed.

The fishermen, the department's report said, caught between 2,500,000 and 3,000,000 pounds of chinooks in two days. The season opened Wednesday after a 15-day closure.

From September 1 to 5 p. m. Saturday the count of fish going past Bonneville dam was 210,000 compared with 174,000 for the entire month in 1938, 110,000 for September, 1939, and 182,000 for September, 1940.

One gill-netter was reported to have taken 11,000 pounds of salmon in one day, the catch bringing him \$550.

ASTORIA, Ore., Sept. 15. (AP)—Some sentiment continued here today for a brief suspension of fishing to permit canneries to catch up with the greatest chinook salmon run in a quarter of a century.

Returns were down about 30 per cent from the record-smashing 4,000,000 pounds that crowded cannery floors after Thursday's hectic rush but were still coming in heavily as craft of every conceivable type tied up with loads ranging from an average of slightly under 2000 pounds to 1000.

## Research Shows Frozen Peas Rich in Vitamins

A usual size serving of frozen peas of the four varieties found highest in vitamin B1 will provide about one-fourth of the average adult's daily requirement of this vitamin, according to research

with frozen foods being carried on by Dr. Margaret Fincke of the school of home economics at Oregon State college. Dr. Fincke has found that the varieties Alderman, Asgrow 40, World Record and Roger's 95 have the highest vitamin content when frozen, while Glacier Park, Telephone and Laxtone's Progress have the least.

A brief outline of research in home economics being conducted at O. S. C. is contained in a leaflet available at the college. Research work in nutrition and rural housing is described.

## Oregon Fees For Shipping, Testing Seeds Increased

A new schedule for shipping point and official seed sampling fees, effective September 15, has been announced by the state department of agriculture. This work is carried on through the plant division and its federal-state shipping point service.

Under the revised fees, 50 cents more per car, or \$5, will be charged for inspections of prunes, fresh berries, cauliflower, celery, fresh cherries, tomatoes, peas, mixed fruit, cabbage, beans, peaches, bulbs, carrots, garlic and parsnips. The minimum charge per half carload or less will be \$3.

Lettuce and mixed vegetables will take the same inspection fee that has prevailed, \$5 per car, except that the fee for average shall be \$7. No changes are made in the fee for cold pack goods in barrels and brine cherries or for dried fruits.

The increases have been made necessary by increased wages for the shipping point personnel. The new schedule puts potatoes on a 1 cent per hundred basis, instead of a car basis and results in a slight decrease here. Onions and onion sets will be charged 1.3 cents per hundred instead of \$3.50 per car. The minimum charge for potatoes, onions and onion sets on FPI, 20 certificates, will be \$2.50 and for 118 certificates, 75 cents.

For truck lot inspections, boxed or crated fruits and vegetables will call for 1.1 cents per package with a minimum of \$1 and a maximum charge of not to exceed 50 cents over usual carload rate.

Official seed sampling fees remain unchanged—\$5 per car up to a maximum of 600 sacks and 1 cent per sack for loads over this amount; also 1 cent per sack for less than carlots with a minimum of \$3.

Walnut and filbert fees have been reduced, the former from \$125 per ton to 5 cents per hundred with a \$1 minimum. Filbert fees will be 75 cents per ton or 5 cents per hundred up to 34 tons, when the ton rate shall apply.

## Sow and Litter Bring \$71 at Vale Auction

VALE, Sept. 15. (AP)—Hog prices put swine nearly on a level with cattle, animal for animal, R. E. Williams, Vale sale yard manager, reported last week. He said a sow and her eight small pigs brought \$71 at an auction.

## Home Course Lures Boys, Woodwork Beckons Girls

SCOTT CITY, Kans., Sept. 15. (AP)—It's a topsy-turvy world. Seventeen boys are enrolled in home economics, 13 girls in manual training and woodwork at Scott community high school.

## Further Walnut Marketing Slash Urged on Growers

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 15. (AP)—A recommendation that walnut growers reduce to 65 per cent from 85 the part of the 1941 crop released to the domestic market was made by the walnut control board at a hearing here.

The board said the crop was increasing faster than the sale demand.

The secretary of agriculture will decide, on the hearing evidence, whether proposed amendments should be submitted to the Oregon-Washington-California growers for approval under the tri-state marketing agreement.

The reduction to 65 per cent would, with the carry-over, put 658,000 hundred-pound bags on the market from the three states, W. E. Goodspeed, secretary manager, said. This would be almost as many as last year's 663,576 bags.

This board estimate, Goodspeed said, was based on the prospect of 975,000 bags of merchantable nuts from a total production of 1,180,000 bags of orchard run. He said, however, that the department of agriculture's Sept. 1 estimate was for a yield up to 1,190,000 bags.

Although testifying that an accurate forecast was difficult, George B. Alcorn, University of California marketing specialist, said the trend was upward. He said California's walnut crop had increased until it was 20.19 per cent greater, on less acreage,

than the 1931-1935 average.

Fred E. Chambers and R. A. Duncan, representing the Oregon industry, and W. H. Dözier, Lodi, Calif., grower, offered supporting evidence. Albert Arnold, independent handler member of the board, urged that the inconvertible part of the crop be decreased only to 70 per cent.

## Holstein Cow, 2 Years Old, Sets Oregon Record

TROUTDALE, Sept. 15. (AP)—An Oregon milk production record for a Junior two-year-old Holstein cow has been set by Halrose Governor Mary of the Halrose herd here. It produced 710.2 pounds of butterfat out of 17,410 pounds of milk with an average test of 4.1 per cent over a recorded year. County agent S. B. Hall is owner.

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