

FARM DAIRY AND POULTRY PAGE

Douglas Farmers Pledge Increase in Needed Crops

Swinging into line behind America's total defense effort, Douglas county farmers have pledged their share of the increased production of milk, eggs, pork, beef and other foods needed for 1942. B. F. Nichols, chairman of the Douglas county USDA agricultural defense board, announced yesterday.

Tabulation of individual farm plans for 1942 that were signed by 1524 farmers and ranchers of this county during an intensive four-week farm sign-up campaign revealed that all of the production goals set for this county will be equalled or exceeded, the chairman disclosed.

Indicative of the manner in which county farmers are adjusting their production to conform with production goals established for this county is the county total on 1942 intended milk production. A summary of the individual farm figures for this commodity discloses that Douglas county farmers intend to produce 35,656,305 pounds of milk in 1942, as compared with a reported 1941 production of 30,236,403 pounds. This represents 15 per cent increase over this year's production, as compared with the 10 per cent increase sought in the goal established for this county.

Other Increases Set

Other 1942 intended production figures revealed by the sign-up and their comparison with the county goals were announced as follows: Cows to be milked will be increased 20 per cent against a minimum increase of 3 per cent requested; egg production will be up approximately 50 per cent compared to the goal for a 12 per cent increase or a production of 2,856,358 dozen in 1942 against 1,952,023 dozen in 1941; sows kept for farrowing show an increase from 1252 in 1941 to 1649 for 1942 or a 25 per cent increase against a 20 per cent increase requested; the number of ewes on farms is expected to be 106,045 head compared to 82,550 in 1941; the intended production of winter legumes for seed amounts to 13,585 acres against 9751 acres in 1941; production of small grains and forage crops for the feeding of livestock and poultry likewise shows a substantial increase in acreage.

"The national totals will give the secretary of agriculture a complete picture of the nation's 1942 food supply," Chairman Nichols said. "He will be able to determine in advance how much food we will be able to send to Britain and how much we can set aside for reserves, after supplying the greatly expanded needs of our own people, of course."

Recognizing that farming in a war emergency presents its problems, the county defense board is proceeding with plans for assisting farmers with such difficulties as machinery shortages, labor scarcities and priorities. Campaigns under way now include machinery repair and farm scrap iron collection drives.

Cash Income of Farms in '41 Tops 11 Billion Total

NEW YORK (AP)—Farm cash income, including government benefit payments, is expected to rise to a new record high of at least \$13,000,000,000 in 1942, compared with an estimated \$11,200,000,000 for 1941, an increase of about 16.1 per cent, trade analysts estimate.

The 1941 farm income was roughly the equivalent of 1929, and compared with \$9,123,000,000 in 1940.

Government crop benefits in the past had as their goal the bettering of agricultural prices to improve the farmer's earnings—make his pocketbook closer to the equivalent of the city worker.

In 1942 benefit payments take on a new significance. Government money—higher parity loans—now are designed to encourage production so that we will have food not only for ourselves in the war crisis, but also some for Great Britain, China and Russia.

Higher prices brought by vast government purchases of eggs, butter, cheese, dried milk, canned vegetables and meats for the army and navy and for shipment to Britain, agricultural department officials say, are designed to increase the incentive of the farmer to produce more of these products.

With farm cash income equaling 1929 levels and the cost of living substantially under 1929, rural retail buying raced along in 1941 at record levels in many localities.

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GREAT CAESAR, JASON, IS THAT MONEY OR A BUNDLE OF LAUNDRY? A DOLLAR—SIXTY? FORGET IT. BUT YOU MUST COME ALONG AS MY VALET TO AN INFORMAL NEW YEAR'S EVE SMOKER AT THE OWLS CLUB! WE CAN TALK OVER SOME SURE-FIRE INVESTMENTS!

AND BRING ALONG THAT CABBAGE, JASON—

12-30

Higher Output of Peas, Beans, Corn, Tomatoes Urged

CORVALLIS, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Oregon growers and canners of tomatoes, peas, beans and corn are asked to join a nationwide drive for the greatest output of these vegetables in history. Oregon State college learned from the agriculture department.

Every pound that can be produced—especially tomatoes and peas—will be urgently needed to meet military, school lunch and lend-lease requirements and to provide normal carryovers, according to Secretary of Agriculture Henry R. Wickard.

The government has announced minimum prices for tomatoes and peas at 95¢ and \$1.10 respectively, per dozen No. 2 cans, U. S. C. grade, for canners.

Purchase at these prices is contingent upon the canneries making contracts with growers at prices greater than those prevailing in 1940 by at least \$5 per ton on tomatoes, and \$17.50 on peas.

News of 4-H CLUBS

Two clubs have been formed and enrolled at the Wilbur school. One is a health club of 19 members, the other a basketball club with the same number in its membership. Basketball comes under the heading of hobby. Mrs. Helena Estudillo, teacher of the school, is leader of both clubs and has been very successful with her basket weaving instruction. The membership of these clubs are: Vada Holcomb, Ray Wilder, Doris Ann Fletcher, Bessie Aquino, Geraldine Brozio, Joan Forrell, Eugene Holcomb, Vincent Holcomb, Benjamin Irving, Robert Irving, Elaine Jordan, Donald Lee, Bonnie Ann McMickle, Lloyd Norris, Dean Russell, Herbert Russell, Domingo Sabala, Leon Strader and Myrna Wilder.

Officers of the basketball club are: Vada Holcomb, president; Ray Wilder, vice-president and Doris Ann Fletcher, secretary. Officers of the health club are: Bessie Aquino, president; Leon Strader, vice-president, and Joan Forrell, secretary.

A woodworking club has been enrolled at Tenmile school with Robert J. Clark, principal of the school, as leader. This club, according to the information on the enrollment, will make from wood spice shelves, the racks, miniature flower pots, garden sticks, labor supplies, broom cabinet, taboret and flower boxes.

Members of the club are: Edmund Reringer, president; Verlin Miller, vice-president; Gene Cooper, secretary; Keith Coats, Byron Burt, Chauncey Albro, Ray Reringer, Don Wilson, Sonny Sander, Joanne Kreiger, Joy Malone, Sidney Smith, Phyllis Croy, Joe C. Flora and Leona Patterson.

Seventeen members of the Garden Valley school have formed an arts and crafts club with Mrs. Cleone Andrus as their leader. These members are: Delmar Christian, president; Betty Nachter, vice-president; Clark

Smith, secretary; Margurite Hampton, Melvin Johnson, Kenneth Ewens, Teddy Hoefler, Gordon Hughes, Pracilla Potvin, George Hoefler, Earl Royce, Charles Royer, Betty Joyce Ream, Helen Royler, Betty Wood, Mervyn Johnson and Molly Dewar.

County Club Agent E. A. Britton reports 80 clubs are enrolled at this time. This number is just a few more than the number of clubs enrolled at this time last year. In all probability, according to Mr. Britton, enrollments will come in mighty fast during the month of January.

A meeting of the Cleveland, Melrose, Sylmon Valley, Edenbower and Garden Valley livestock club members is scheduled for this evening at the home of County Club Agent Britton at 7:30. Notices have been sent out, but any boy interested in the livestock project is urged to attend the meeting.

The "Helping Hands" held a very lovely Christmas party at the home of their leader, Shirley Shrum. The evening was spent playing games and exchanging gifts. Lovely refreshments with the holiday motif were served. Our next meeting will be held Friday of this week.

Defense Brings Change in Dairy Regulations

The total war and blackout instructions which have caused dairymen to change their programs have resulted in the state department of agriculture relaxing requirements for lights in dairy barns.

Department regulations require that a certain amount of light is necessary in all such barns, however, all dairymen have been advised that due to the emergency this will not be enforced until further notice. Food and Dairies Chief A. W. Metzger says.

This procedure will allow dairymen to keep their windows covered during the day, thereby relieving them of additional work involved in putting up covers each night. Dairymen are urged to take any problems arising due to the emergency to the department's local representative in their territory.

Japanese Students at O.S.C. Pledge Loyalty

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—The 34 American-born Japanese students attending O. S. C., who responded immediately following the declaration of war with a letter to Acting President F. A. Gillfillan pledging unwavering loyalty and support to America, continued their work through to the end of the term without a single withdrawal, reports E. B. Lemon, registrar. In their letter to the president they wrote that "we will deeply appreciate any opportunity to prove our mettle and our devotion to the college and to our state and nation."

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Dairymen Prepare For State Meet

Much consideration of the relationship of the dairy industry in Oregon to the war situation and plans for victory will be given at the annual convention of the Oregon Dairymen's association at Astoria January 13 and 14, says Roger W. Morse, secretary and extension dairyman at Oregon State college.

While the detailed program has not been worked out by President Oscar Hagg of Reedville, and other officers, the general outline has been approved. Prior to the opening of the main session, various committees of the association will meet the afternoon of January 12. Meetings of separate breed associations have been arranged for the afternoon of January 13.

Other subjects slated for prominent consideration on the program will include the relation of the dairy industry to the national nutrition program, sales promotion of dairy products, and a discussion of plans necessary to prepare for post-war conditions.

The Oregon Dairymen's association is one of the oldest agricultural commodity groups in the state. This will be its forty-ninth annual convention.

Turn Surplus Wheat Into Pork, Urge on Farmers

Oregon wheat farmers, particularly in the Columbia basin and Blue mountain counties, have an excellent opportunity to increase the production of hogs during the war period through greater use of wheat as feed, according to O. S. C. livestock specialists, who are authors of a new extension bulletin No. 582, which deals with this subject exclusively. The eight-page leaflet discusses the demand for pork in the western states, the high value of wheat as a hog feed, methods of feeding, the use of pasture in connection with it, and other factors in the successful management of hogs.

Investigators in Oregon have long considered wheat a valuable feed for swine and many years ago stressed its value in comparison with barley and corn. Recent feeding experiments have emphasized this value while the national defense program has created an opportunity in Oregon to market more of the region's surplus wheat through this channel, the bulletin points out.

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Ample Supply Of Fruit Foreseen For Coming Year

A smaller output of deciduous fruits and more citrus is in prospect in 1942 compared with 1941, according to information in a review of the outlook for fruits and nuts just issued by the Oregon agricultural extension service. The report also indicates that domestic demand will continue strong, while export fruit business will remain at a low level.

"It is not possible to estimate the volume of fruit and nut production in 1942 at this date," says the report, "although general conditions would suggest a smaller output of deciduous fruit and more citrus than this year. The citrus crop of 1942-43 may be the largest of record, if no serious damage to the crop occurs. It is very probable that domestic demand will be even stronger than the record high level of demand this year. It is to be expected that costs of production, harvesting and marketing will increase, also."

"Beyond 1942, the outlook is for a moderate increase in the rate of fruit production for several years, owing to increases expected in citrus fruits, peaches, pears, cherries, plums, fresh prunes, and grapes. Citrus production is expected to continue to increase for several years more. The production of apples and dried prunes is expected to continue to decline. Nut production is expected to increase further."

The complete fruit and nut outlook report, which contains several important statistical tables and charts, is available from county agricultural agents or direct from the college.

Filbert Production in Oregon Mounts Rapidly

Oregon now has approximately 23,500 acres of walnuts and 11,600 acres of filberts, according to estimates contained in the current agricultural situation and outlook report issued by Oregon State college. Average filbert production for the period 1926-1930 was only 162 tons per year. Estimated production for 1941 is 5,030 tons, mostly in Oregon. Total supply of filberts has not increased, however, as imports of filberts decreased from 5,140 tons per year, shelled, to 753 tons shelled for the 1940-1941 importing year.

Fall Pig Crop in U. S. Will Set New Record

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The agriculture department estimates the 1941 fall pig crop at 35,580,000 head, or the largest of record.

This was 18 per cent larger than the fall pig crop of 1940, 33 per cent above the ten-year (1930-39) average, and about six per cent larger than the previous record fall crop of 1939.

Home-Town Papers Best Read by Rural Residents

Home-town papers are read more thoroughly by rural people than any other publications and hence they are the most valuable medium for disseminating farm news, according to AAA committeemen attending the annual conference at Oregon State college. One farmer serving on the education committee of the conference said:

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TOP 4-H STOCKMAN



HIGH achievements of Oregon 4-H Clubsters in livestock work is reflected in the 10-year record of Robert K. King, 21, of Moro, who is named the state's outstanding boy for the year in this project by State Leader H. C. Seymour of Corvallis. Robert handled 393 sheep, 127 baby beeves and other stock and won many showmanship and judging honors. Prize money received on 11 grand championships and lesser awards total \$1,891 and the boy's gross proceeds are certified as \$20,643. He is also named Western sectional winner in the national 4-H meat animal contest and received from Thomas E. Wilson, prize donor, a trip to the recent National 4-H Club Congress and a \$200 college scholarship.

once stated that, although his group is always glad to get news in the metropolitan dailies, the news that really counts in reaching a large proportion of the farmers is that used in the country weeklies.

The farmer committeemen recommend that close contact be kept between those dealing with various agricultural programs and the local editors in order that each may be of the greatest help to the other, to the benefit of the rural population as a whole. The community committeemen were urged to see that local correspondents obtain prompt and accurate reports of local happenings relating to the farm programs.

Short Course On Soils Will Stress Defense Program

With Oregon farmers planning to bend every effort toward increasing production of vital foods next year with a minimum labor requirement, most efficient handling of the soil is a fundamental problem, says Dr. W. L. Powers, head of the soils department, in announcing the annual soils short course to be held from Thursday through Saturday, January 29 to 31.

Special consideration will be given to handling pastures and in applying irrigation for maximum production of food crops. The general division of the program shows soil classification, soil survey, and land use to be considered the first day. Reclamation, improvement of pastures, and small seed production are included on the second day's program. Fertilizing food crops for defense will be the general theme for the third and final day.

All sessions will be open to the public without charge and will be held in the Memorial Union building on the campus. Agricultural leaders of the state and some representatives of the U. S. department of agriculture will join the college staff in taking part in the program, or leading round table discussions.

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