

# FARM DAIRY AND POULTRY PAGE

## Livestock Assured Ample Supplies Of Major Feeds

CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—(AP)—When government agricultural experts increased estimates of every major feed crop raised in the United States they immeasurably brightened the nation's wartime livestock production picture.

This, coupled with the fact that a survey showed substantially fewer cattle are on feed in the corn belt compared with a year ago, has done much to relieve fear that feed supplies may not be enough to go around during the next year.

Considering the sharp increase in population of grain-consuming livestock, revised forecasts of production of major feeds, now estimated about 6 per cent more than last year, proved to be very welcome news. Nevertheless, before 1943 crops become available, market experts anticipate there may be a tight adjustment between supplies and requirements.

Here are the principal crops in sight on the basis of new estimates:

Corn, bushels, 1942, 2,753,696,000; 1941, 2,672,541,000.  
Oats, bushels, 1942, 1,331,511,000; 1941, 1,176,107,000.  
Barley, bushels, 1942, 416,932,000; 1941, 358,709,000.  
Grain sorghums, 1942, 131,285,000; 1941, 153,968,000.  
Total, 1942, 4,633,424,000; 1941, 4,371,325,000.

are not expected to exceed 500,000,000 bushels, if that large. Using that figure, the total indicated supply with the new crop would be 3,254,000,000 bushels compared with 31,318,000,000 in the season which will end September 30. Last year there was a carryover of 646,000,000 bushels. Stocks of old oats on farms July totaled 191,688,000 bushels compared with 220,048,000 a year ago.

## Rural Areas Ready With "Fire Departments"



Oregon's 1100 rural fire protection crews, organized this year by the O. S. C. extension service, are fitting in well with the second annual Keep Oregon Green campaign, aimed primarily at forest protection but at field and farm safety as well. At left is an emergency water tank and equipment station of the Irish Bend district in Benton county which displays a KOG sign. Above is County Agent Stonewall Jackson testing a trailer outfit consisting of a 10-gallon tank, a washing machine engine and 50 feet of garden hose.

## 34 Sign for 4-H Club Camp, to Be Held This Month

Thirty-four 4-H club boys have signed up for the 4-H club camp, which will be held at the Boy Scout site on Wolf creek August 26, 27, 28 and 29. A few more may be added to this number, as they have until Wednesday of this week to sign up. This information has been given by County Club Agent E. A. Britton, who further states that the boys will meet at the Gilmore service station, just back of the post office, at 8 in the morning of August 26. They will be taken by truck from that point to camp and returned from camp to the starting point on Saturday afternoon, August 29 by 5 o'clock.

## Specific Control For Poison Oak Believed Found

CORVALLIS, Aug. 17.—(AP)—A new chemical weed killer that has given startling results with poison ivy in the east also seems to be a specific control for poison oak, a serious pest in the far west, research men at Oregon State college announced.

While keeping his fingers crossed as to final recommendations, Lynn Harris, in charge of weed control research for the experiment station, said that preliminary results show Ammonium sulfamate to be the most effective killer yet found for the poison oak shrub.

A strong solution of the chemical is sprayed on the plants during the dry season. It not only kills the top but is absorbed and carried into the roots, killing them.

The new material is fire retarding and its effect on the soil is helpful, Harris said.

War conditions have made the material hard to get and it is not yet available commercially in most places, Harris said. More work is needed on best strength to use, but good kills have been obtained at one pound to a gallon of water, he added.

## Labor Act Amended for Child Help in Orchards

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Katharine F. Lenroot, chief of the children's bureau, department of labor, announced she had amended child labor regulations under the wage-hour act to permit the employment, under carefully safeguarded conditions, of children 14 and 15 years of age in the cutting of pears, peaches and apples in fruit drying yards during the school vacation. The general minimum age for employment of children in drying yards is 16. The exception announced to it applies to the cutting operations only.

## Saving From Bees Wiped Out by Loss of 2 Mules

BLVTHEVILLE, Ark.—(AP)—Farmer Ernest Britt saved money on sugar and honey when he purchased three hives of bees but he probably lost in the long run. The insects stung to death two of his mules worth several hundred dollars.

## Early Marketing Of Meat Animals In Oregon Urged

While current meat shortages reported from some parts of the country have not occurred to any important extent in Oregon, the present situation holds an element of warning to livestock producers, points out R. G. Johnson, head of the department of animal husbandry at Oregon State college.

In Oregon, as well as elsewhere in the country, farmers are raising the largest number of meat animals on record, with marketings normally scheduled to reach an all-time high late this fall and in early winter. Current shortages in some parts of the country are caused by an unusually large export and domestic demand for meat supplies plus some local shortages caused by price control.

Because of the current demand and favorable prices Oregon cattlemen could well afford to move some stock such as fat cows to market in greater volume than usual this summer and early fall so as to avoid a possible congestion in slaughtering and shipping facilities later on, says Johnson.

The same holds true for hog raisers who may have hogs on on now that could be hurried along to good size and finish by heavy feeding. Present price ratios are such that heavy feeding of a well-balanced ration is just food and will return good profits, Johnson believes.

Thus, rapid forcing of Oregon meat animals to good size and finish will help consumers and

## Production Forecasts by Principal Pear Producing States

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Production forecasts by principal pear producing states included:

Washington, 6,662,000 bushels; Oregon, 4,352,000; California, 8,167,000.

## Blueberry Industry Is Built by N. Y. Educator

NEWPORT, Ore., Aug. 17.—(AP)—A relatively scarce coastal crop, blueberries, being developed at South Beach by a New York University professor, is bearing fruit this year with a yield that is keeping pickers and packers busy.

James Drury, who comes west each summer to join his family and help in the harvest, purchased the tract on the south Yaquina bay shore two years ago and is developing the berries on a productive yield basis.

## Shipments of Oregon Fruits, Vegetables Drop

Oregon fields and orchards produced 19,503,6 cartloads of fruit and vegetables for shipment out of the state in the year ended June 30, reports the federal-state shipping point inspection service attached to the state department of agriculture. The shipments in the year recently ended dropped 4,882 cartloads below the 1940-41 shipments inspected and certified by this service.

Onions, walnuts and filberts all

## Participation in U. S. Cheese Week Urged by Sprague

From the annual output of more than twenty-six million pounds of cheese produced in the cheese factories of Oregon, nearly twenty million pounds are exported to out of state markets, Governor Sprague declared in directing attention to the observance of August 22 to 29, as "Cheese Week for All America."

"In view of the added wealth that comes to Oregon through the sale of this vital product, Oregon naturally is deeply interested in every effort to increase the demand for cheese," the Governor said.

"This is particularly true at the present time when, by reason of the success of the patriotic effort to enhance production, in the face of difficulties, the dairy industry has produced a surplus which threatens the economic welfare of this important division of agriculture."

"It is needless for me to emphasize the value of cheese as a source of strength and health, nor to observe that its greater use will aid in the conservation of other products of which the supply is diminishing."

## Outlook Good for Crops in Oregon

PORTLAND, Aug. 17.—(AP)—The report of E. L. Wells, federal meteorologist, for the week ending last Tuesday gave an optimistic picture of conditions.

In very limited areas wheat was damaged by hail, rain and high wind; in some earlier areas grain harvest is nearing completion; corn is thriving but somewhat later than usual, Wells reported.

His survey continued: Bartlett pear picking soon begins. Early peaches and apples are being marketed in increasing

## Prune Industry Told Of Need Of Better Sanitation

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 17.—A meeting of prune growers, drier operators and packers has been called for Tuesday, August 18, at the state house in Salem at which time efforts will be made to start the ball rolling to get the Oregon dried prune industry into better shape.

The call follows the recent appearance of Russell Smith, representative of the federal food and drug administration before the state land use planning committee. Smith outlined the position of the food and drug administration on the Oregon prune crop for the year 1942 and gave notice that the administration is familiar with the practices in vogue in the handling of dried prunes in this state and the insanitary conditions that exist in many of the packing plants and driers.

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## Wilbur

WILBUR, Aug. 14.—Mr. and Mrs. John Miller and daughter, Iona Jean, of Bremerton arrived here Sunday, August 2, and spent the week visiting their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Milt Miller, and other relatives in Winchester. John is employed in the shipyards.

Mr. and Mrs. Narcisse LaRaut, Miss Wilma LaRaut, Miss Alta Delano, of Salem, and Corporal Willard Perry, of Fort Lewis, Washington, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon LaRaut.

Miss Edith Jones of Roseburg spent the weekend visiting at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Milt Miller.

Walter Kinzel, who was employed in Corvallis working on the cantonment, has finished his work there and arrived home last week.

Word was received that Mrs. Estelab, who resigned her position in the Wilbur school here, has accepted a better position near her home in Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hunter have moved to Roseburg to reside.

Mrs. Ed Sands of Hinkle Creek came down and got her mother, Mrs. Charles Shrader, who will visit her for a few weeks.

Mrs. Frank Parker left Wednesday for Portland to spend a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Alan J. Wickham, who is recovering from a major operation.

## Low Feed Wheat Prices Set For AAA Program

Wheat prices for disposal of surplus government-held grain for feed have been announced for Oregon at two levels in a new program just authorized under terms of recent congressional action, the state AAA office at Corvallis has just announced.

For August the two price levels are 90 cents per bushel for all counties east of the Cascades except Hood River and Klamath and 94 cents for these two and all counties west of the Cascades.

These prices are on the basis of whole wheat delivered in each county, explained N. C. Donaldson, administrative officer. Purchasers desiring cracked or ground wheat will have to get it processed at their own expense.

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This disease is beyond doubt the most important one affecting Oregon ewes, and results in greater economic loss than any other, according to the authors. Losses of 10 per cent are not uncommon, while occasional losses of as high as 20 per cent in some flocks have occurred. A most conservative estimate would place the loss to Oregon sheep men at around half a million dollars annually.

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