

FARM DAIRY AND POULTRY PAGE

Wheat Surplus in Northwest Still Knotty Problem

The 1943-44 wheat market outlook is complicated and difficult to weigh, despite important known facts, according to the annual wheat outlook report of the Oregon State college extension service. "With the supply of wheat at record-breaking proportions, the old questions of what to plant on surplus wheat acres and what to do with the surplus wheat on hand are still problems," says the report.

The United States supply of wheat is so great that less than one-half will be needed for all known uses during the 1942-43 marketing season, unless more is used for feed and for the manufacture of rubber or other products than now seems probable, data in the report reveals.

The Pacific northwest wheat acreage in 1942 was 25 per cent less than the average from 1930 to 1939, and Oregon's acreage 30 per cent less, yet production this year is greater than the average owing to good yields. The carry-over is also very great, both in the Pacific northwest and in the country as a whole.

Carry-Over Sets Record

Production in the four principal wheat exporting nations (United States, Canada, Argentina, and Australia) combined will be slightly larger than last year and the carry-over is the greatest on record. Very little wheat can be exported under existing conditions.

The report states that Oregon does not produce enough of such feed grains as barley, corn and oats, but ships in corn and some other feed. Wheat is good feed for the production of pork, beef, lamb, milk, eggs, chickens, and turkeys, all of which are needed in the war effort. By using more wheat for feed, transportation will be conserved and storage space relieved as less corn and other feed would need to be shipped in.

In considering what to plant on surplus wheat land there is need to consider various crops, including the hay situation. Preliminary estimates indicate that, in relation to the number of animals on hand, Oregon's hay supply may be 15 to 20 per cent less than last winter, partly owing to increased numbers of livestock, and partly to there being hay harvested.

Insurance Deadline Cited

Only one month remains in which Oregon winter wheat growers can insure their wheat crops against all risks for the next three years, the state AAA office reminded yesterday. Closing date for insuring fall-seeded wheat is September 30.

Heads Campaign to Keep Oregon Green



New state leader of the Keep Oregon Green campaign is Eugene McNulty, June graduate of the Oregon state school of forestry. He succeeds R. C. Kuehner, who last week was called to the army. McNulty is serving his second year with the Green movement, last year doing field work.

News of 4-H CLUBS

Douglas county 4-H pheasant raisers have again come through with a good record, in their production of China pheasants this year. From 1048 eggs received 559 birds were matured, or 53.3 per cent of the number of eggs received were mature birds.

Mr. John McKean of the state game farm at Corvallis was here in the county last Monday and picked up all but a few of the 441 club raised birds. Marjorie and Maxine Wright of Days Creek produced 134 birds from 263 eggs; Mable Jane Matthews, Myrtle Creek, 46 birds from 100 eggs; Stuart Diddel, Riddle, 102 birds from 144 eggs; James Thompson of Sutherlin had had luck and released only one bird from 85 eggs. His birds were killed by rats. James did a good job of pheasant raising last year. Juanita Steurer, Sutherlin, matured 67 birds out of 100 eggs; Maradine Larson, Sutherlin, 191 birds from 250 eggs set. Beulah and Alice Stephens of Oakland also had had luck, but produced 22 birds from 150 eggs.

The 4-H club members who have proper outfits receive their eggs from the state game commission without charge. These members are responsible for the setting of the eggs and the raising of the birds to ten weeks of age. They receive 75 cents for each mature bird. The state game commission cut the quota down this year to about 25 per cent of the eggs allowed last year.

Word has been received from Smith River (Douglas County) 4-H livestock clubs that they really enjoyed their educational trip. These clubs had earned and put away enough money to take the entire membership with several parent chaperons to the Pacific International Livestock exposition this year. Since that was cancelled, they decided to visit several large dairy farms, creameries and beef cattle ranches. They also visited the Oregon caves, Crater lake and Diamond lake. They camped their first night at Smith River, California.

4-H boys who have returned from their camp held at the Wolf Creek Boy Scout site last week report an excellent time during the full four days. County Club Agent E. A. Britton states that 42 boys were in attendance at the camp. Forty-six had signed up but for some reason or other four could not attend. Each boy brought his own food and out his own cooking and camp work. Though the water in Little river was exceptionally cold, considerable swimming was enjoyed. The boys went to camp on Wednesday and on Thursday took a "brush" hike. They went up Wolf creek to the falls and then took the trail to a point above the falls.

Future Farmers Post Fine Record in Wartime Aid

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—(AP)—Oregon's chapters of the Future Farmers of America and the individual members have purchased \$29,309 face value of defense bonds and stamps.

The office of education conducting the project for the Future Farmers, composed of boys studying vocational agriculture in public secondary schools, announced a review of the activities of Oregon's Future Farmers.

It showed that they collected 984,905 pounds of scrap metal, including 2,994 pounds of aluminum, 942,563 pounds of scrap iron, 249 pounds of copper, 100 pounds of brass, 81,238 pounds of paper, 200 pounds of rags, 3,070 pounds of rubber and 4,658 burlap bags.

The review said 102 members of the state chapters were serving in the armed forces. It said 1,024 boys in 54 chapters repaired farm machinery at school and home valued at \$20,844 and 1,613 of the boys have victory gardens while 464 are assisting in caring for home gardens. It said the boys increased swine breeding animals by 70.4 per cent, sheep breeding animals by 23.1 per cent, beef breeding animals by 35.1 per cent, dairy animals in production by 5.4 per cent.

The summary of the boys' activities showed that 67.7 per cent of the 1,562 dairy cows in production have a yearly production record of 350 pounds of butterfat or better on mature basis and 72.2 per cent of the 730 young heifers are from dams with production records of 350 pounds or better.

The records were collected to last April 1.

Farmers Urged to Take Temperatures of Hay

GARY, Ind. (AP)—Farmers, have you taken your hay temperature lately?

Didn't know you could? Well, L. E. Cutler, Lake county extension agent, is lending his hay thermometer to farmers to help them nip fire losses before they threaten.

Three lengths of three-quarter-inch pipe, joined by a sharp joint, will do the trick. Simply find where the hay's hottest on the surface and insert the pipe. Drop a sensitive thermometer on a string to the bottom of the pipe. If the mercury registers more than 150 degrees, there's danger of spontaneous combustion, but with the warning remedial measures may be taken.

Northwest Plantings For Forestry Heavy

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—(AP)—Nearly 700,000 trees were planted by Oregon and Washington farmers for forestry purposes in 1941, the U. S. forest service has reported.

Oregon's 385,500 trees were planted 50 per cent for production of timber and 50 per cent for windbreak and shelterbelt purposes.

N. S. Rogers, Oregon forester, reported the following plantings: 86,100 Port Orford cedar, 47,600 black locust, 36,200 Douglas fir, 33,900 cascara, 23,800 Russian olive, 22,900 Chinese elm, 20,500 ponderosa pine, 18,300 catalpa and 17,100 Chinese aspen.

where they cut across to the middle fork of Wolf creek. After they had followed that down to the falls of that particular fork, Mr. Britton found he could not take them down because of a huge rock slide which left nothing but a cliff. It was then necessary to go east to the east fork of Wolf Creek and follow that down, where they made an easy descent, and then followed the creek the rest of the way down to the "bucket of blood," which is only a quarter of a mile above camp.

Friday was a day of sports in the camp. Boat racing prevailed. This has always been popular with all boys who have camped. Boats are whittled out by use of jackknife only and then launched in the creek for a 100-yard race. Of course there are several hand leaps in the course, which makes each race all the more exciting. Horse shoes, foot races, and baseball were also enjoyed.

The boys were taken to camp and returned in Forest Service trucks, one provided by Umpqua National Forest service and the other by the Douglas fire patrol.

School has already started in the Callahan district. The school is taught by Mrs. Katherine Cory. Mrs. Lulu C. Correll, county school superintendent, and E. A. Britton, county club agent, will visit the school this week. The 4-H livestock club will turn in its reports there during the visit and enroll for another year's work in livestock and also in health.

Huge Elephant Display Feature of Circus Scheduled in Roseburg



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The Cole Brothers' herds of performing elephants have been an outstanding feature for many seasons, but never before have so many of the powerful beasts been presented in a single gigantic assemblage.

In the display, twenty-four huge elephants are presented in the three rings at the same time, and for a climax, they form a mountain column on the hippodrome track directly in front of the grand stands that is nothing short of being the most thrilling and spectacular elephant display ever presented.

More than 1,000 people comprise the personnel of the big show this year, with scores of 1942 innovations including a big double menagerie, and an all-new horse show under a separate tent, housing many of the nation's finest three and five-gaited stallions. Performances are scheduled for 2 and 8 p. m.

Scrap Harvest to Start Sept. 7th

A statewide "scrap harvest," designed to produce Oregon's share of the scrap metals needed to keep America's war industries rolling, is scheduled to start September 7, Robert B. Taylor, chairman of the state USDA war board, announced this week.

Although 70,000 tons of scrap iron have moved from Oregon farms since Pearl Harbor, war board surveys show that at least that much more remains on farms, Taylor said. Much of the remaining scrap is largely in remote places and will be more difficult to get.

Every farmer will be contacted during the coming drive, which will be jointly directed by farm implement dealers, county USDA war boards, and county salvage committees.

The program will be inaugurated in each county by the chairman of the county war board, the chairman of the salvage committee and the county agent. A meeting will be held in each instance to be attended by members of the war board and representatives of the county and state salvage committees, who will make final detailed plans suited to each county situation.

Labor-Saving Methods in Haying Being Tried

REDMOND—Various labor-saving methods in haying are being observed this year by County Agent G. Y. Hagglund, who is making records of the most practical methods on colored lantern slides. One of the most practical methods seen so far consists of placing six 4x4 timbers against the stack to form a slide on which the hay is slid up by means of a rope net and cable, using tractor power. With the aid of buckrakes to bring in the hay, this method has made possible putting up 10 to 13 tons of hay per man day.

Winter Legume Seed Will Be Sent Overseas

CORVALLIS, Aug. 31.—(AP)—Much of this year's record production of winter legume seed will be sent overseas under lend-lease, the department of agriculture announced.

Part of the common vetch and annual ryegrass seed purchased by AAA will go to the agricultural marketing administration for such shipment, N. C. Donaldson, executive assistant at the state AAA office, learned.

U. S. Turkey Crop to Be Slightly Bigger in '42

BOSTON, Aug. 31.—(AP)—Festive Thanksgiving day tables are indicated by the U. S. department of agriculture's New England crop reporting service.

The service estimated that there will be 33,786,000 turkeys raised in the United States this year, one per cent more than last year, and predicted a 756,400-barrel cranberry crop, as against 725,200 barrels last year.

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Grasshopper Outbreaks Cause Damage, Concern

Severe outbreaks of grasshoppers in certain sections of the Columbia basin have caused considerable losses this year and are causing agricultural officials to look ahead to early handling of a possible outbreak next year, according to reports from various county agents in the district.

Severe losses were experienced in Grant county in July and early August, where, in addition to range and crop losses, more than 150 victory gardens were either

damaged or completely destroyed by the grasshopper invasion, reports County Agent M. E. Knickerbocker. While 24 tons of grasshopper bait were mixed and distributed in the county, shortage of labor and unfamiliarity of farmers with control work reduced its effectiveness.

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