

Wool Buying Aid Will be Offered By AAA Groups

County AAA committees have just been notified by the state office of new responsibilities under the Commodity Credit Corporation's 1944 wool purchase program. These committees will help carry out new procedure set up by the CCC this year to help insure growers a full return on their 1944 marketings, says N. C. Donaldson, executive assistant in the state AAA office.

Five different plans by which growers may market their wool this year have been arranged. The grower may consign directly to a primary handler, which is one who has a contract with the CCC. He may join with others in forming a pool to consign to primary handlers. He may sell either directly or on consignment through a secondary handler, which is a country merchant or assembler without contract with the CCC who handles lots of 3000 pounds or less for resale to the CCC. A grower may also sell directly to a mill if one is located within 50 miles of where the wool is produced.

The county AAA committees will be concerned mostly with sales through secondary handlers. These handlers are required to certify to the committees the prices they have paid growers. These figures will then be turned over to the CCC before payment is made to the handlers. Rules now provide that the handlers will receive only a specified margin above the price paid the growers. Secondary handlers who do not certify in writing the price paid producers for wool will suffer a deduction when the wool is sold to the CCC.

Plant Corn in June For Fast Growth

By GEORGE QUINT

(AP Features)

So you're going to raise corn? Then grow some healthy, tender ears instead of scrawny stalks that can be used for Hallowe'en decoration and little else.

An ancient legend says June-planted corn is the sweetest. Whether or not that is so is a question, but there is little doubt that corn sown in June grows faster than any other and produces unusually good crops, for uncertain weather is over and the ground is mellow and easily workable.

Dig the soil deeply and pulverize it finely. Spade in plenty of fertilizer or complete plant food. Corn is an avid feeder and rapid growth will yield biggest and earliest ears.

Use one quart of seed for 200 hills, two and one-half feet apart. For better-filled ears, plant in squares instead of rows. The reason: Pollen will get the freest possible distribution—no matter which way the wind blows, pollen will be blown throughout the patch. Every silk must have pollen to produce a kernel.

Sow every 10 days in June for a good succession. Early varieties are ready for the table in eight or nine weeks from seed; late varieties in about three months.

OUT OUR WAY



MIXED DATES

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By J. R. Williams

Berry Growers' Protest Against Ceiling is Aired

PORTLAND, Ore., June 3—(AP)—Protest of Oregon strawberry growers that a recently-set OPA ceiling price of \$1.61 a crate is unfairly low, voiced Thursday when some 50 producers met with OPA price specialists. Official assurance from agency officials that the complaint would be forwarded to Washington, D. C., along with a recommendation for prompt corrective action, if the growers would provide the district OPA with ground facts to back their stand.

As a result, according to Earl Hald, OPA price executive, a berry-men's committee was named to round up the required information and report within 24 hours.

Growers at the Thursday session said that the ceiling, effective in Oregon and Washington, compares unfavorably with a much higher price to producers of California and Boise and that there is too much spread between the price allowed producers and the retail figure, which is 40 cents higher per crate.

Objectors take the position that the northwest price reflects a desire on the part of the war food administration to force berries into cannery channels.

cents a bushel to 18 cents for soft wheat ground outside the Pacific coast area. The subsidy reductions and the price ceiling reductions are both effective tomorrow.

The adjustment, OPA said, will place millers producing soft wheat bakery flour "more nearly on a competitive basis with hard wheat millers and Pacific coast soft wheat millers who ship into the east."

The Defense Supplies corporation also announced a reduction of 6 1/2 cents a bushel in the subsidy for hard wheat ground outside the Pacific coast area, making the new subsidy 29 cents a bushel. The change will be effective tomorrow.

The total length of oil, gasoline and natural gas pipe lines in the United States would make almost 13 loops around the earth.

Subsidies on Durham wheat ground outside the Pacific coast area and on wheat ground in the Pacific coast area were left unchanged from May.

The new soft wheat bakery flour prices per hundredweight are: at New York, cake flour \$4.67; under 41 per cent ash \$4; over 41 per cent, \$3.77; at Louisville, cake flour \$4.42; under 41 per cent ash \$3.75; over 41 per cent, \$3.52.

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Farm WAR NEWS

BEER FOR A BIER

The Fuehrer and Goebbels, touring naziland in an automobile ran over a pig in front of a beer hall. Learning the dead porker belonged to the tavern keeper, Goebbels stepped inside to break the news. An hour passed before Goebbels staggered out drunk. "What happened?" asked his Fuehrer. "I walked into the hall," Goebbels replied, "and said: 'Heil Hitler! The pig is dead!' And the bartender yelled: 'The Lord be praised! The drinks are on me!'"

RUSSIAN SEED TREATMENT

By employing a process of "artificial vernalization," Russian farmers are able to plant winter wheat in the spring. The process, involving moistening the seed wheat and exposing it to near-freezing temperatures, is completed in three to six weeks and gives the wheat somewhat the same treatment it would receive normally in the ground from fall until spring. When no spring wheat seed is available, the Russians actually gain an entire crop year by the process, because winter wheat seeded in the spring will not develop grain heads. Russian farmers are credited with developing artificial vernalization and have used it in past years when fall planting was impossible or the crop was winter-killed.

These price adjustments were necessary because the ceiling prices were devised only as maximum limitations and were not

Cheap Wool Plan In Relief Work Draws Criticism

WASHINGTON, June 2—(AP)—Congressmen from wool-producing states, in hearings on the lend-lease appropriation bill made public today, expressed fear that textiles distributed in Europe by the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration would be of inferior quality and ruin the reputation of American goods.

Representative Hill (R-Colo.) told the house appropriations subcommittee that evidence submitted to the house agriculture committee previously indicated UNRRA officials "want to buy the cheapest wool and manufacture it into textiles, to produce the cheapest type of clothing, and to give it to these folks."

He urged also that UNRRA draw from stockpiles of American-grown wools, rather than the reserves of foreign wools held in this country.

Rep. Barrett (R-Wyo.) also suggested that the relief agency be required to use only American wool.

WORKER'S DRAFT STATUS

Recent changes made in selective service policy of draft deferments do not materially alter the status of farm workers. Persons engaged in agriculture still are governed by the Tydings amendment, with final decision up to the registrar's local board. The Tydings amendment calls for deferment of all farm workers who: (1) are necessary to agriculture; (2) are regularly engaged in agriculture; (3) are doing essential farm work; and (4) cannot be replaced.

MACHINERY FOR WAR VETS

County farm machinery rationing committees have been asked by the War Food Administration to give preference to returning war veterans on rationed farm implements. The preference will be conditional, says WFA, in that the machinery allotted veterans is required to contribute as much to the war food program as it would if sold to another applicant. Officials have estimated that from 90,000 to 100,000 discharged veterans originally came from farms, and many of them have returned to farming.

SLAUGHTER RULES OFF

WFA announces that slaughter permits are no longer required for the farm slaughter of any type of animal. This does not apply to OPA regulations, however.

OPA has also announced that no points will be required for wholesale cuts of beef of cutter and canner grades nor for stag and block cuts. This change applies only to the four grades mentioned above.

Special Services On at Church on Calapooia

Special evangelistic services are in progress at the Calapooia Free Methodist church, five miles west of Sutherlin. Services are being held each night at 8 o'clock and Sunday mornings at 11 by the Rev. V. M. Abbott of Woodburn, Ore. The congregation is inviting all members and friends to attend.

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Ceiling Prices on Soft Wheat Flour Slashed by OPA

WASHINGTON, May 31—(AP)—The OPA last night reduced by 23 to 38 cents a hundredweight the ceiling prices on soft wheat bakery flour sold to millers in the eastern and central states, and the Defense Supplies corporation simultaneously announced a compensating increase in the flour subsidy paid to millers.

The subsidy was increased six

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Public Urged to Fight Excess Berry Prices

SEATTLE, June 3—(AP)—The OPA office here today called on housewives to fight a black market in strawberries. The ceiling for locally grown strawberries in the 19 western and central Washington counties is 23 cents per pint box, but almost none are to be had because of the late season and the processors' demands.

The result, the OPA said, was that the few available are sold in flagrant violation of the regulations, at 45 to 50 cents apint.

"If a housewife can find strawberries, she should know that 23 cents is the top legal price. If she is charged more than that, she should report at once, with a receipt, to the price panel of her local OPA board," the announcement concluded.

LATE CALLER

LOS ANGELES—Mrs. Florence K. Mescall asked superior court to restrain John J. Mescall, motion picture cameraman and former city golf champion, from communicating with her.

She said she feared her husband would telephone her "as he has done in the past at late hours during the night, merely for the purpose of annoying her and disturbing her sleep."

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THE OUTLOOK

Just a parting glance at what the immediate future promises. Remember back in the early 30's when we kept looking around the proverbial "corner" for prosperity? It was always "just around the corner." It took a war to bring the sham "prosperity" we now have. And we have passed a lot of corners.

Well the feed situation and general conditions for poultry, turkeys and stock shows a little light around the corner, but we don't know how far away the corner is.

Harvest of 1944 wheat will begin soon, and forecasts indicate close to a billion bushels; a bumper crop. No indications that the freeze order on corn will be lifted, since processing plants still can't get enough for full time operation. But indications point to another bumper crop of corn, as moisture conditions at planting time are very favorable.

Cats situation very tight, but new crop of California barley now coming on the market. Mill feeds still unobtainable, and no prospect of corn on the Coast until next fall.

The Commercial Review says: "With pressure to sell livestock the situation may be far brighter in the fall than pictured a month ago. Liquidation of farm animals very severe, indicating government liquidation program is succeeding beyond expectations."

In order to support egg prices, W. F. A. will convert as many eggs as necessary into hog feed. These eggs will cost the government \$100 a ton, which will make somebody some pretty high priced feed. The huge egg surplus is blamed on the farmers.

Prof. Cosby says we shouldn't feel resentful in war time.

REMEMBER:

You can pay more, but you can't buy better feed.

BUT "Somehow we do feel resentful when, by inference, the producers were told that low egg prices were due to the fact that they produced too many eggs, exceeding production goals, and didn't cull the excess birds raised which were not asked for, etc.

"The farmer is as patriotic as anyone. He has sons and daughters in the service. He was told that a hungry world needed all the food he could produce. He was told to shoot at, not something to stop at. He was pleaded with by press, radio and conference to go "all out" in production.

He is not entitled to receive any swivel chair criticism for doing well the job assigned him. He should never be used as an excuse for the mistakes of others, the high production during a mild winter, or the congested food warehouses of the nation."

As usual, Prof. Cosby sums the thing up very completely. All we can add is that the situation will eventually work out. If there isn't too much interference. After all, as Cosby says, there will always be a poultry industry; and, we add, a livestock industry. So let's keep right on pitching, and buy an extra bond this month.

Boy: "What causes petrified trees?"
The Other Boy: "The wind makes them rock."

Gob: "Will you marry me?"
Gal: "You'll have to see my mother first."
Gob: "I've seen your mother, and I'd still rather marry you."

THIS WE MEET AGAIN

This will be the last issue of the "Feed Bag" for this season, unless we have something of especial importance to say to you. We always wonder how many of you read the "Feed Bag", and have been gratified this year at the number of people who have confessed that they always watch for it. And some have even said they liked it.

Ordinarily, an advertising campaign is launched for the purpose of selling something. During these unusual and trying wartime days many concerns are converted to strictly war purposes, and have nothing to sell to the public. Nevertheless, they have trade names and brands of which they are justly proud, and advertise just to keep those names in the public mind.

The Douglas County Flour Mill is proud of the brands "Sunrise" and "Umpqua". We don't want you to forget them. For the past couple years we have had more demand than supply. Our feeds have produced food, and "Food is ammunition". With your help, we are helping to win this war.

But some time, and we hope it will be soon, the War will be won, and conditions will get back to normal. Then the "Feed Bag" will be printed to help us sell you the best bargain your money can buy in the feed line. Until then, we hope it will be helpful to you, and show your interest in you and your problems, our appreciation of your friendship and patronage, and express the hope that we may continue to deserve both.

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