

FARM and GARDEN NEWS

Irrigated Land In Northwest Ups Farmers' Profits

HOOD RIVER, Ore. — (AP) — Farmers operating on some 4,000,000 acres of irrigated land in Oregon, Washington and Idaho had a cash income of \$480,000,000 last year, the American Society of Agricultural Engineers' Pacific Northwest Section was told here.

L. R. Swanner, irrigation engineer for the Bureau of Reclamation, said that this cash income on the farms is exceeded by the value of indirect benefits of irrigation. Processing and manufacturing plants, hardware and implement firms and other businesses serving the farm areas all profit through irrigated land production.

He pointed out that irrigated land produced more than a third of the total cash farm income of \$1,347,000,000 in 1947 in the three states.

Approximately 30,000 miles of canals have been built to serve the lands and capital investment in Northwest irrigated farm land is more than \$210,000,000, he said.

The potential of irrigated land has only been half tapped, he continued, with approximately 3,700,000 acres of new Northwest farm land being possible. The acreage can be economically served with water, Swanner said.

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OSC Creamery Bulletins Help Czech Refugee

A shipment of bulletins on dairy manufacturing from Oregon State college, together with several used books on the subject, have helped brighten the outlook for a refugee creamery operator from Prague, Czechoslovakia, who wrote to Dr. G. H. Wilster, professor of dairy manufacturing.

J. Stuedl wrote from Salzburg, Austria, that after 21 years in the dairy trade as manager of production in his country's largest plant, he was forced to flee, leaving behind his property, personal belongings and his library. Books on milk and dairy products were not available in Salzburg and he could not buy them if they were, he said.

After receiving the shipment he wrote his gratitude, adding that "Your great country not only has saved many million Europeans from starvation but also helped in many other ways. But do we deserve such benefit? Over 300,000 boys of yours have been killed and over a million disabled—Dent people are aware of all this and appreciate what Americans have done for them."

Stuedl then hesitantly made another request, saying "old pieces of wardrobe, linen or shoes that someone does not like to wear any more would still be a good service to us."

FARM WAGES UP — WASHINGTON — (AP) — Oregon farm wages climbed \$7 to a composite average of \$168 a month by Oct. 1, the Department of Agriculture reports.

The composite wage represents average per day and per month paid to farm hands with and without board.

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GOAT RETIRES — Flight Sergeant Lewis, Royal Air Force mascot goat, eats cake at animal refuge after being demobilized with full ceremony at Buckinghamshire, England.

How States Voted in 1944



Map shows how states voted in the 1944 presidential election. Box gives the popular vote for Franklin D. Roosevelt and Thomas E. Dewey and, in parentheses, the electoral college vote.

Silage Spoilage Usually Caused By Improper Methods

It's about this season of the year, when silage feeding starts in earnest, that a few farmers will write to Oregon State college and inquire: "What's wrong with my silage—the cows don't like it?"

Experience from past years indicates two silage making errors will cover most of the difficulties, answers Harold P. Ewalt, extension dairy specialist. For unappetizing, sour smelling silage, Ewalt says the usual fault lies in the fact that silage was put up too moist or with no preservative, or at least two little, added.

White mold on the silage is another frequent complaint. This, says Ewalt, is often caused by loose packing or when the silage is put up too dry.

In either event, it is too late after the damage is done to correct it. Unappetizing silage, however, may be "dressed up" by adding a little grain mix or molasses. Cows will often learn to eat slightly unpalatable silage if it is put before them for several days.

Thorough Tramping Needed — To farmers who open their silos for the first time and find excessive spoilage, Ewalt says that is a reminder for next year to tramp silage for several successive days after this silo is filled.

A good rule to follow is to tramp a silo daily until settling is completed. In rare cases an additional cause of off-flavored silage results from excessive weeds.

Grass silage is the cheapest feed available, according to Ewalt. He recommends that dairy animals be given all of this type of feed they will eat, since it is practically impossible to overfeed.

He cautions, however, that up to 40 pounds daily is the limit for corn silage. Foundering will result from excessive grain silage feeding.

Three times a day feeding has resulted in increased silage consumption for many dairymen, Ewalt adds.

BOX SILO WORKS WELL — ALSEA — A practical above-the-ground silo for grass silage was built here by Cris Baune for just 75 dollars. The silo is essentially just a 9x22 foot box, 11 feet high, made of planks and heavy timbers spiked and wired together. The silo was filled with grass, clover, vetch and oats last spring. When opened recently it showed very little spoilage, reports County Agent Stonewall Jackson.

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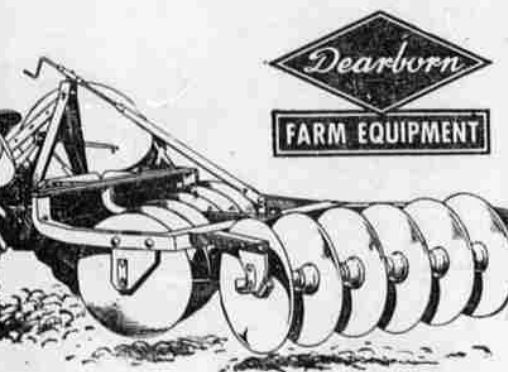
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Menus That Spell Cheaper Meals

PANCAKES ARE POPULAR

Pancakes have always been breakfast favorites, and who can resist even now a steaming stack of golden brown hotcakes with a melting square of butter on top and maple syrup dripping deliciously over all? It's so easy to become lyrical over these American breakfast favorites that we feel they shouldn't be limited to only one meal.

Pancakes are rapidly becoming luncheon and supper favorites, and a variety of tasty main dishes and desserts have been developed. They've been rolled and stacked, made delicately thin and of he-man thickness, served with sweet, tart fruit sauces and creamed mixtures—and with each new recipe pancakes increase in popularity.

Here is a new version that can lead a double life. Individual stacks of cottage cheese pancakes with applesauce. The protein rich cottage cheese makes them a welcome luncheon dish; the spicy applesauce topping insures their success as a dessert. They are also easy and economical to prepare and serve.

Pancakes with Applesauce

2 eggs.
1/2 cup sieved cottage cheese.
3/4 cup thin sour cream.
3/4 cup all-purpose flour.
1/2 tsp. baking soda.

1 tsp. salt.
Beat eggs and blend with cottage cheese; stir in sour cream. Sift flour, measure, and sift with baking soda and salt. Add to egg mixture and beat thoroughly. Let batter stand a few minutes before baking. Cook on hot, lightly greased griddle. Serve hot with butter and applesauce. Makes 10 to 12 cakes 4 inches in diameter.

Corn Meal Roll Ups with chicken a la King offers an easy to prepare specialty that looks elegant and tastes it too.

3/4 cup all-purpose flour.
2 1/2 tsp. baking powder.
1 tsp. salt.
1/2 cup corn meal.
1 egg, beaten.
1 1/2 cups milk.

3 tbsp. butter.
Sift flour, measure, sift with baking powder, sugar and salt. Add corn meal and mix well. Combine beaten egg, milk, and melted butter and add to dry ingredients all at once, beating with spoon until smooth. Bake on hot, lightly greased griddle until golden brown, turning once.

Chicken a la King (serves 6)

4 tbsp. butter.
1/2 lb. sliced fresh mushrooms or 1 small can mushrooms.
5 tbsp. flour.
1 1/2 tsp. salt.
1/8 tsp. pepper.
2 1/2 cups milk.

3 cups cooked diced chicken. Sauté mushrooms in butter over low heat until tender and lightly browned; blend in flour, salt and pepper. Add milk slowly and cook over low heat until sauce boils and thickens, stirring constantly. Add chicken and heat. Roll up a serving of chicken a la king in each cornmeal pancake.

Bigger Chick Output In 1949 Plan of Hatcherymen

PORTLAND — (AP) — Oregon hatcherymen encourage by a favorable poultry-feed ratio, plan to produce 15 per cent more chicks next year than this year, Noel Bennion says.

The Oregon State College Extension official told the Oregon Baby Chick Association that he had surveyed three-fourths of the state's commercial hatcherymen.

He predicted chick prices would remain about the same as last year, with slight increases in certain types.

CROPS SMALLER

HOOD RIVER — (AP) — Both the apple and pear harvests are well along in the Hood River Valley. The apple crop, smaller than last year's, appears of good quality, packers said, but the size of the apples is unusually small. The winter pear crop is about 30 per cent under last year's.



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Good Government.

One week from tomorrow morning will be the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, which means that we will all have the privilege of voting for our leaders for the next four years. In many parts of the world, they don't even have any elections. In others they have elections, but only one set of candidates. You either vote for them or—K-K-K—off comes your head.

But in the good old U. S. A. we have our choice of half a dozen candidates for President and vice-president. And if we didn't chance to like any of them, we could even vote for ourselves. Not so in most other countries.

Funny thing is, in those countries where the can't even choose have no choice, every citizen would give an arm for the privilege of expressing his free and secret choice. But in the U. S. A. a very large part of the citizens don't even take the trouble to register. Many who are registered don't take the "TROUBLE" to vote.

What do we mean—"Take the trouble to vote?" We really mean that we don't appreciate our freedom enough to take the trouble to preserve it. Good government or bad government derives from the people who accept the privilege and perform the duty that such a privilege affords of voting for their choice. He who fails to vote certainly doesn't deserve to "cuss the Government" which he failed to help elect or defeat. But, he is still entitled to do it, if he wishes. We only say, he shouldn't.

So next week you should vote. We don't care so much whom you support. Of course, we know how we are going to vote. Got our mind all made up. But we don't have to tell anybody. It's our own private business. We hope you feel like we do.

But we do want YOU to vote. If you vote again us, OK. That's YOUR business. If we all vote, then we are all good enough American citizens to abide by the will of the majority. But if we don't all vote, there is a good chance that somebody might get elected who will make us all mighty sorry we didn't get out and vote. Minorities get elected because too many other-wise good citizens stay home election day.

WE DON'T CARE HOW YOU VOTE—BUT VOTE!!!

About Buying At Home.

We don't like to keep harping about buying at home. There are so many good reasons for doing it that it shouldn't be necessary. And one of the biggest reasons is that you know your home dealer, and don't have to take a chance. The outsider you know only by reputation, and sometimes not even that well.

We ran into something last week that brings the whole idea of buying at home into focus so well that we want to tell you all about it. We have blood-tested over 13,000 chickens during the last few weeks. These birds were practically all hatched in Douglas County hatcheries, and in the whole caboodle we didn't find one single diseased bird.

Last week we started to test a flock which had been bought as started chicks from a hatchery near Eugene, Bang! Right off the bat we found five polluted birds out of the first 25 tested. Needless to say, we went no further. That will be one flock that will not furnish hatching eggs to anybody.

"The disease in this grower's flock will cost him many hundreds of dollars in lost extra profits. We doubt that the hatcheryman will do much of anything about it, since he has been selling polluter chicks for several years. But if it had been a local hatchery, there would have been no polluter; and if anything else should accidentally have gone wrong, this grower could have ironed it out the first time he came into town.

Yes, take our advice. Buy at home. Your hometown merchant is your friend and neighbor. He not only wants your good will, but he just has to have it to stay in business. He is willing and anxious to co-operate with you 100%, hatcheryman or feed mixer.

Hey, You Turkey Growers.

It's about time to see a little "mud-fever." Hope it doesn't catch up with you this year, cause it's bad when it does. Big toms, ready to kill are worth too much to die. If it shows up, call on us. We might be able to help you. To prevent it, keep the birds on the move.

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That Turkey Price.
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Anyway, you can finish them out pretty cheap. If you have around six, eight weeks of feeding left to do, put them on UMPQUA TURKEY FAT, which is selling at \$4.10 cwt., mash and a dime more for pellets. Then we still have corn at \$80.00 a ton. And a chance that both corn and UMPQUA TURKEY FAT will be lower in a couple of weeks.

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You Name This One.
W. P. A. Worker: "I dug this hole where I was told, and put the dirt back in like I was supposed to. But the dirt won't all go back in. What do I do now?"

W. P. A. Supervisor (after much cogitation): "Why you sap, there's only one thing to do. You'll have to dig the hole deeper."

The congressman's wife reared up in bed in the middle of the night and whispered: "Jim, there's a robber in the house."

The sleepy congressman answered: "Impossible, my dear. Maybe one in the senate, yes, but in the house, NEVER!"