



FARM and GARDEN NEWS



Price Support Total Passes Billion Mark

Federal Loans, Buying Aid In Huge Harvest

Potatoes, Dried Fruits, Grains, Eggs, Included In Stabilizing Program

By OVID A. MARTIN
WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—(AP)—The government has put out—

or set aside—over \$1,000,000,000 to help farmers keep their prices up on this year's record harvest.

The bulk of the money has been distributed as loans on storable

products, particularly grains and cotton. Whether the government gets its money back on these loans depends on future market prices.

Farmers have the option of (A) paying off this debt and reclaiming their mortgaged products, or (B) turning the product over to the government as full payment of the loan if prices do not rise above the support levels before the loans are called.

And whether the government loses money on products it takes over under loans also depends on future price developments.

As a matter of fact, the government made money on products taken over before the war. They were sold at inflated war prices.

Potatoes Major Item

The potato support operations have attracted widest attention. The government has bought about 65,500,000 bushels at a cost of about \$90,000,000. It has spent an additional \$10,000,000 transporting the potatoes to public institutions, to schools for lunch programs, to starch and flour mills,

alcohol plants and to livestock feeders.

Little if any of this outlay on potato supports will be recovered by the government.

The government also has bought \$6,411,000 worth of surplus dried fruits for sale to countries receiving Marshall Plan aid.

For \$34,864,000 it bought 27,674,000 pounds of dried eggs—equal to 81,000,000 dozen shell eggs—of which it has sold 894,200 pounds for export and has contributed 3,175,000 pounds to the school lunch program.

About 153,117 bushels of sweet potatoes have been bought at a cost of \$232,745. These probably will be contributed also to the school lunch program and public institutions.

Choice On Grains

In the case of grains, the government offers both loans and purchase agreements. Under the purchase agreement, the government contracts to take a fixed amount of grain off the farmers' hands at a later date if in the meantime he has not found a better market.

Latest reports show a total of 231,613,000 bushels of grain either under loan or purchase agreement. This is in addition to a roughly equal amount of grain the government bought outright for export to occupied areas and Marshall Plan countries.

The quantities and outlays by grains included: wheat, 216,773,000 bushels, about \$433,538,000; corn 1,332,000 bushels, \$1,932,000; oats 12,961,000, \$9,072,000; barley

Farmers Urged To Vote for County Committeemen

Voting for community committeemen and delegates to the county convention, who will elect county committeemen for the 1949 Douglas County Agricultural Conservation Association, is now in progress according to Ted Dunwoodie, secretary of the association.

All eligible farmers are receiving ballots by mail this year. Candidates for positions on the ballots were selected by representatives nominating committeemen in each community. The nominees were chosen from lists of participating farmers in the belief that they were best qualified to serve the interests of their community and nation in local administration of direct farm programs.

Ballots are to be returned to the county office by mail before Dec. 9 where they will be counted by a committee of members of the association who are not serving as candidates or committeemen. Elected delegates to the county convention will meet about December 15th, to elect the county committee for the next year.

The committeemen elected will represent the farmers in their communities and in the county in making recommendations on farm programs. They will have the responsibility of administering production goals, price support, and soil and water conservation programs affecting the major farm questions of what crops to grow, what price they will get for their crops, and how to restore and maintain productivity of their land.

Since these questions are of concern to all farmers, they are all urged to vote and to return their ballots promptly. Recommendations made by committeemen elected this year may have far-reaching effects on the future of agriculture. Elections being held in all agricultural communities in the United States will choose more than 10,000 county committeemen and well over 100,000 community committeemen in the next three weeks.

On Jan. 1, 1947, there were exactly 41,750 post offices throughout the United States and possessions.

23,354,000, \$22,888,000; rye 690,000 bushels, \$925,000; grain sorghums 6,584,000 bushels, \$7,935,000.

The government has bought about 22,000,000 bushels of flaxseed for about \$132,000,000. Some has been sold for export and to domestic processors. Figures on these amounts were not available.

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AC Committee Post Opens Door To Federal Jobs

"For further information, see your Agricultural Conservation Association committeeman," has become an often repeated slogan. E. Harvey Miller, chairman of the Oregon State PMA Committee, explains why the "committeeman" is.

In about 30 thousand communities in the United States elections will be or have been held during the past several weeks. In these elections farmers vote for their neighbor farmers to represent them in administering the Agricultural Conservation Program and related farm programs. The Agricultural Conservation Program helps farmers carry out soil and water conservation practices as a protection to the nation's present and future food and fiber supply.

These elected community and county committeemen, nearly 100,000 in number, have in large measure furnished the leadership for State PMA Committees and National Administrators. Through these elected committeemen the door has been open for farmers to move up into administrative positions in the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The immediate past and present under secretaries of agriculture came up through the elected farmer committee system. N. E. Dodd, former under secretary of

agriculture and now head of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, started as a committeeman in Oregon. Albert J. Loveland, present under secretary of agriculture, began as an elected community committeeman in Iowa.

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Roseburg's Big Moment

A week from today sees the opening of the 17th Annual Northwestern Turkey Show. The Daddy of them all. For a whole week the aristocracy of the turkey world will strut in their cages in the local armory.

The size of the show will be limited by the size of the building housing the show. It is of course, unfortunate that the city of Roseburg or Douglas County couldn't before now have a suitable place to hold such an important event, and other events which need a reasonable amount of space.

But nothing can be done about that right now. The big job is for everybody to lay in to it, and make this not only the biggest turkey show in the world, but the best Northwestern Turkey Show ever held.

The prize list will be probably the largest ever distributed by the local show, and it is to be hoped that a large part of this prize money will stay right here in Douglas County. We know that if Douglas County Growers will take the time to select their very best birds, this goal will be reached, for we feel sure that there are no better turkeys anywhere on the average than we have right here.

To be sure, it is considerable of a chore to select those best birds, but they do get well paid for it. We suggest that local growers can make enough in money alone to make good wages for their time, and that the advertising value to themselves and the County will pay more in the long run than the prize money.

And to the townspeople: let us remind you that the fame of the great Northwestern Turkey Show is nationwide. Roseburg will gain national headlines as a result of the show. Remember, it is the "biggest and best" in the world, and it is being held in our own back yard. For one week, let's forget that we are the "Timber Capital" of the world, and concentrate on the fact that we are the "Turkey Capital" of the United States.

Yah, let's talk turkey for this coming week. Let's everybody go to the turkey show at least one day. After the timber has all gone up in smoke in the burners, we will still be raising turkeys, and they will taste a lot better than sawdust.

A Reminder

All you folks who sell hatch-

ing eggs, and all those who have

that business in mind for the future, please don't forget the meeting at the K. of P. hall, Saturday next, Dec. 4th at 1:30 p.m. Here's your chance to get in your two-cents worth in laying out a course that may affect your way of life importantly.

We hope to lay the foundation for an improved poultry industry at this meeting, and think everyone connected with the business in any way could well afford to be there. We certainly all can profit by any improvement in breeding, production and marketing.

Along this line, we are glad to have been assured by another local hatcheryman that he will cooperate in helping to attain our goal of better and bigger chickens and eggs. Jim Ponton, of Ponton's Hatchery, Roseburg, is stepping up his rating to "PULLORUM P.A.S.S.E.D." It would certainly be swell if we could make this rating unanimous for the entire country. We truly believe this will be true.

Then next year, we can step up one more notch, and all be "Pulorum Clean," which is perfection. When we reach that stage, our possible egg market is increased to any and every hatchery in the entire United States, for there will be nothing better. Few as good.

Hay! Hay!

They say it pays to advertise. Maybe so, but we advertised last week for some hay, and never got a nibble. Maybe so, there ain't no hay for sale. But if there is, please let us in on the secret. We have a lot of vacant corners in our new hay barn, and we want to get them filled up with good hay. So regardless of how much you have, or what variety it is, tell us about it.

Did You Lose Sumpin'?

At the risk of becoming tiresome and repeating myself too many times, we want to urge you to feed UMPQUA SHEEP CUBES before it is too late. We always knew it was good business to feed plenty of protein feed to chickens, turkeys, hogs

and milk cattle.

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