

# FARM and GARDEN NEWS



## Wool Output Slumps, Due To Boost In Meat Prices, Labor Shortage, Less Grazing Land

By ROBERT E. GEIGER

WASHINGTON, (AP)—U. S. wool production is back about where it was shortly after the Civil War.

What this may mean when you come to buy the family's woolen clothing next fall, the experts can't say. Taken with other factors, it may or may not mean higher prices.

This country now has only 28,000,000 stock sheep and lambs on its farms. In 1867, after the Civil War, it had more than 40,000,000.

That fact in itself isn't alarming. This country is a big importer of wool.

But world wool prices have gone sky high, although there seems to be enough wool if we want to pay the price for it.

If everybody decides he wants new woollens next fall, government experts say there won't be enough to go around. But they don't expect this to happen. They say too many things like tele-

have been buying those."

**Unemployment Big Factor**

Another factor in the fall situation will be employment. If unemployment increases, not so many people will get new clothes. And prices might come down. There has been a slump in the buying of woolen goods and thousands of workers in the woolen mills are out of work.

The government experts say there are no very accurate figures on how many suits and other articles of woolen clothing the retailers have on hand. But they believe the stocks of clothing and of the materials from which they are made are quite low.

Retailers apparently haven't been buying because they've been hoping for lower prices. So the woolen importers have cut their purchases in the world markets, too. Our purchases in world markets have declined about 10 percent. When we cut our purchases, world wool prices dropped about 10 percent from the peak they reached early this year. When they came down, buyers came back into the market and prices edged up a bit. Russia, for the first time, has been one of these big world buyers. For two or three years it has been purchasing much more wool than before.

**Why Production Slumped**

The U. S. always has been one of the big producers and one of the big consumers of wool. Why has our production slumped and why don't we raise all our own wool if prices are so good?

The experts say they can't answer accurately. The principal factors seem to be these:

1. Meat prices have been so high it has been more profitable for the sheepmen to raise meat than wool. Sheepmen formerly received about half of their income from wool and half from meat. Now two thirds comes from meat and one third from wool.
2. There has been a short-



**DISAPPEARANCE SOLVED**—Zeba of Selby (above), a Schnauzer show dog valued at \$1,000 by her owner, Bobby Burns Berman of Redwood City, Calif., poses prettily yesterday with her litter of six pups. The dog escaped from an attendant at Douglas Airport in Chicago last March (March 28) when she was being returned home after appearing in a dog show in Chicago. Her owner, through mayor of Redwood City, appealed to Mayor Martin Kennelly for help. Two detectives were assigned to the search. The search ended when the dog was found in a park on Chicago's west side—with six pups (May 31). (AP Wirephoto)

## Hen Shelters Lengthen Laying Period In Fall

A hen shelter is a handy piece of poultry equipment to have on hand when the main laying house is filled with pullets, forcing the transfer of old hens to other quarters or to market.

Nel Bennion, poultry specialist at Oregon State College, says portable hen shelters may be used to double up on egg profits during normally high priced fall egg months. When the laying house is refilled with pullets, he explains, old hens, many of which will still be in lay, are normally shipped to market.

By use of portable hen shelters many of these old producing birds may be kept for an additional period. Thus, the poultryman may double up on egg production.

A hen shelter may be similar to a range shelter used for pullets during the early growing period. Or, it may be an open air chicken house built with a roof, wire sides, and a wire or slat floor.

Old hens are best culled from the laying flock as they start to molt. Bennion suggests. Hen shelters fit poultry management plans where early chicks are hatched. Frequently such pullets are ready to lay before the old birds are out of production.

## Mother, Son Get Degrees In One OSC Ceremony

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—A mother and son will get their degrees at the same ceremony here early in June. Mrs. Earl W. Wells has taken a few courses each year for a number of years to complete requirements for a degree in home economics.

Her son, Arlen Wells, a veteran of the air corps with 71 missions over Germany as a fighter pilot to his credit, is completing his course this spring for a degree in education.

## Turkey Hens Respond Well To Artificial Light

A method of picking best layers among turkey breeding hens without expensive trapezing is suggested by J. A. Harper, of the poultry staff of the O. S. C. experiment station, as the result of experiments with advance artificial lighting of breeding hens.

Harper and J. E. Parker, head of the poultry department, found that response of turkey hens to artificial light is directly related to seasonal egg production. In other words, the first hens to start laying after light was applied, were the ones that produced the most during the season.

The research men also found that hens that responded slowly to the stimulus of artificial light showed greater tendency toward pauses and gaps in their production through the season, either from broodiness or other causes.

"In view of these findings it appears practical to improve egg and poult production in turkeys through saving stock from individual hens showing most rapid response to light stimulation," Harper writes in an article recently published in Poultry Science.

"Date of sexual maturity may be determined without trapezing by examination of the posterior end of the oviduct," he explained.

Reprints of Harper's entire report on the experiment may be had free by writing to the poultry department at the college.

## Macaroni, Franks Go Well Together

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Macaroni and frankfurter combinations make thrifty dishes easy to eat and rich in food value. They are easy to prepare and almost a meal in themselves, and are therefore especially welcome during the hot months. Macaroni Frankfurter Bake is a tasty casserole dish.

**Macaroni Frankfurter Bake**  
(4-6 servings)

Three teaspoons salt, 3 quarts boiling water, 8 ounces elbow macaroni, 6 frankfurters, 1 cup diced American cheese, 2 tablespoons finely chopped parsley, one 8-ounce can tomato sauce, 1 cup milk, 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce, 1 teaspoon salt, dash pepper.

Add 3 teaspoons salt to rapidly boiling water. Gradually add macaroni so water continues to boil. Cook uncovered, stirring occasionally, until tender. Drain in colander. Cook frankfurters in boiling water 5 minutes. Drain thoroughly.

Mix together macaroni, cheese, onion, parsley, tomato sauce, milk, Worcestershire sauce, 1 teaspoon salt and pepper. Place in greased shallow baking dish (about 1 1/2 quarts). Arrange frankfurters on top, pressing them gently into macaroni mixture. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees F.) 25 to 30 minutes.

## Manufacture Of Drugs To Be Taught At OSC

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—Pharmacy students here in future will have opportunity to take commercial type courses in manufacturing pharmacy, using the only such facilities available in the Northwest. Purpose of the course is to give students basic knowledge of manufacturing methods using modern equipment, and enough practical training to meet the needs of manufacturing firms.

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**Famous Last Words.**

We seldom stop to recollect that automobiles kill more Americans than wars do. The shocking loss of life during the holiday just past is only one example. Next 4th of July will be a better example, we bet.

"LET'S HAVE A DRINK!" 20% of the fatal accidents involve drinking drivers. We think we can "handle" our liquor. Maybe so, but we shouldn't try to handle it behind a steering wheel.

"STEP ON IT." One third of the fatal auto accidents involved high speed. An automobile is a lethal weapon. At 75 miles per hour, a common speed nowadays, a car is equal in killing power to a 3000 pound cannon ball going 110 feet each second.

"SKIP IT." How's the brakes? How's the tires? Not so good, but "skip it till next week." These famous last words precede one out of eight fatal accidents. America is in too much of a hurry.

And it is bad enough on the victim who is killed outright. But think of those who are maimed for life, or who die a lingering death, all battered, bruised, and broken up. Their fate is worse than those who are finished off quick.

Not a minute goes by that there isn't an accident causing death or injury to somebody in an automobile. P. T. Barnum said it: "There is a fool born every minute." And if it was only that particular fool that got killed, it wouldn't be so bad. But too many perfectly innocent people become victims. Too often the fool gets away.

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We hope this little piece will do some good, but we doubt it. Too many dampfools in too much of a hurry. Still, you and we can drive carefully, and maybe get into the ditch before we get it in the neck. GOSH, we sometimes wish for a machine gun!

**Uncle Hank Says**

There's too many good folks in this here world for a feller to associate with them that's not.

Suzanne: Mommy, do fairy tales always start "Once upon a time?"

Mother: No, child. Sometimes they start with "Darling, I'll have to work late at the office tonight."



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We happened to think about this when a newcomer came in the other day, reporting a loss of 100 fryers from "coxeys," out of a flock of 200. Just half died. This lady never heard of "The MILL" until a neighbor suggested that she come in and report her trouble. Now she has some good feed priced proper, and we have a new customer. Everybody's happy, and the chix are getting well.

**REMEMBER, FRIDAY IS CHICKEN BUYING DAY AT THE MILL THIS WEEK.**

**On That Bum Feed.**

Bob Tolmsland of Melrose is much better known as a fisherman than a poultryman. But between fishing trips, he has raised 247 out of a possible 250 New Hamp pullets up to their ninth week birthday. Maybe if he would've paid more attention to the pullets and less to the salmon he wouldn't of lost those three. Still, you know Bob, and his fishin'.

Turkey Start Pellets.

Turkey poulters are coming so fast this year on this 1949 UMPQUA TURKEY FEED! We suggest that you get them trained to eat the larger size pellets by the time they are five or six weeks old. It will help cut the cost of feeding them up, and that's going to be the big job this year.

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DON'T FORGET—POULTRY BUYER WILL COME FRIDAY THIS WEEK NOT THURSDAY. TELL THE FOLKS.

Little Tim's Mom was giving him a birthday party, and insisted he must invite Joe, even though they had staged a couple fights already. But on the day of the party, Joe didn't show. So Mom asked: "Are you sure you invited Joe?" Tim answered: "Sure I'm sure. I invited him to come. And I even DARED him to come."

**Wanta Know Sumpin'?**

The Douglas Co. Poultry Improvement Ass'n. will hold an open meeting, Saturday afternoon, June 18th at 1 P.M. Everybody is invited to come, and we even dare you to come. The association is working for the improvement of poultry in Douglas County, with the view of increasing the demand for local hatching eggs.

The meeting on June 18th will be devoted to questions and answers. You furnish the questions, and the directors will endeavor to furnish the answers, or find out who does have the answers.

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**'Push' Housing Offered At OSC Summer Session**

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—Summer session students will have the best housing in history here this year with the opening of new Sackett hall for women and the main dormitory for men, announces Robert Koehler, director of dormitories.

Women will be in Sackett hall where the unit design makes possible putting under-graduates in one or more wings and graduate students in an entirely separate unit. Study quarters in both halls are shared by two persons. The men's dorm has group sleeping porches while Sackett hall has mostly individual sleeping rooms.

Single rooms, unavailable in regular terms, will be allowed for those wishing them in summer. All bed linen, blankets and towels are furnished.

**Present Farm Law May Stay Until Next Session**

WASHINGTON, June 6.—(AP)—Rep. Albert (D-Okla.) says Congress this year may extend the life of the present farm law, holding up any complete revision until next session.

"There are so many plans, ideas and conflicts among congressmen and farm organizations over a long range farm program that I don't see how we are going to be able to work out a real overall plan this session that will be approved by both Senate and House," he said.

He doubts, he told a reporter, that there will be any "very drastic changes" in farm laws during this session.

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## Dairy Food Product To Attract 4-H'ers Again

Plans for the 1949 national 4-H dairy foods demonstration program are underway in Oregon, according to L. J. Allen, state 4-H club agent. New awards, based on demonstration records and general achievement offered by the sponsoring Carnation Company this year, are trips to the National 4-H Club congress in Chicago.

County winners will again receive a gold filled medal, while state individual and team champions will receive gold watches.

Last year 5,146 youngsters were enrolled in this project and gave 1,796 public demonstrations showing value of dairy products in general health. State honors for individual went to Joyce Kuenzi, Salem, and the team award won by Genevieve Nelson and Rosemary Dell of Portland.

**Hot Macaroni Salad**  
(Serves 4-6)

Four and one-half teaspoons salt, 3 quarts boiling water, 8 ounces elbow macaroni, 1 cup chopped green pepper, 1 cup chopped onion, 6 frankfurters, sliced, a tablespoon butter or fortified margarine, 1/8 teaspoon pepper, 1 cup French dressing, 1 cup sweet pickle relish.

Add 3 teaspoons salt to rapidly boiling water. Gradually add macaroni so water continues to boil. Cook uncovered, stirring occasionally, until tender. Drain; dot with butter or fortified margarine if desired. Saute green pepper, onion and frankfurters in butter or margarine until vegetables are browned.

Add remaining 1 1/2 teaspoons salt, pepper, French dressing and sweet pickle relish. Simmer to blend flavors, about five minutes.

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