

Turkey Growers Protected By Federal Price Support; Scale Of Payments Listed

Turkey growers are protected by a government price support program. J. F. Bonebrake, chairman of the Douglas County Agricultural Conservation committee, reminded farmers today.

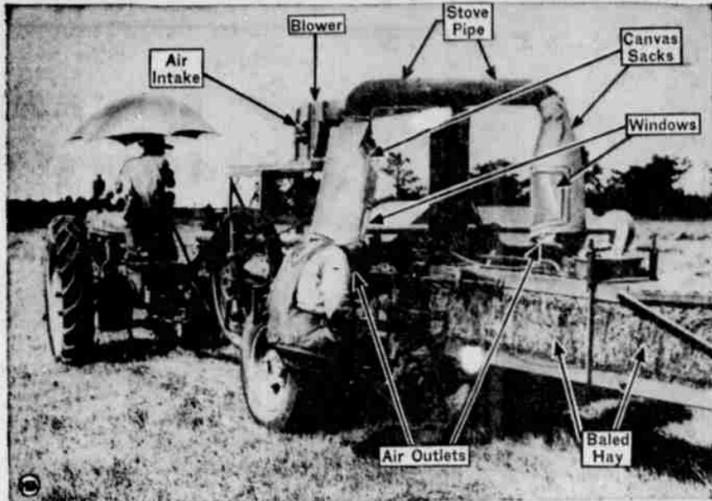
The program, which sets a floor below which average farm prices should not fall, will operate through purchases of frozen dressed turkeys in car-lot quantities. Purchases will be made from producers or from other sellers who certify that they have paid producers the announced support prices for the live turkeys bought from Aug. 1 through their contract delivery date. Prices will vary by zones, by month, and by weight. Turkeys offered to the government between Aug. 1 and Dec. 28 must be delivered within 30 days.

The live weight price sellers must pay Oregon producers for turkeys weighing under 18 pounds is 34.50 cents per pound during the month of August. The support increases one-fourth of a

cent each month through November; the December support is the same as for November. August price supports in the state for other weights are: 18-22 pounds, 31.25 cents; 22-24 pounds, 27.75 cents; 24 pounds and over, 25.00 cents.

"The turkey program will offer a national average price support of about 31 cents a pound," Bonebrake said. "This is expected to be around 90 percent of parity for the whole marketing season. Last year, producers received a U. S. average liveweight price of 47 cents per pound for turkeys sold from August through December—an all-time record level. Prices received by farmers for turkeys on July 15 of this year averaged 34.7 cents per pound."

To encourage the trade to store turkeys during the normal marketing season, the Department of Agriculture will also purchase, during July, 1950, frozen turkeys in storage which were purchased from producers in 1949.



THEY "GET THE SACK"—AND LIKE IT—The men who operate the hay baler on Walter Hahn's farm near Jefferson City, Mo., complained about the heat and dust. So Hahn's son, Herbert, solved the problem with the ingenious air-conditioning device above. The mobile unit consists of a blower operated from the hay baler by a V-belt. The workers put sacks, with transparent plastic windows, over their heads and work in air-cooled comfort.

Evergreen Cones With Seeds Pin Money Source; Follow Squirrels

Here's how you can spend that weekend at the mountains and make it pay.

Bring back a few sacks full of tree seed bearing cones. Charles R. Ross, O.S.C. extension forestry specialist, says government and private seed dealers are looking for tree seed this year as never before. With plans for stepped up reforestation work, nurseries are looking for more seed.

That coupled with a few lean seed gathering years has placed a premium on certain forest tree seeds. Wanted particularly are cones bearing seeds of Douglas fir, hemlock, Port Orford cedar and white fir.

From one well established dealer in the state, the forestry specialist has obtained the following price information. On a per bush-

el basis, Douglas fir cones are worth 75 cents to \$1.50. Hemlock cones are worth \$2.50 per bushel; Port Orford cedar \$5; and white fir from \$1 to \$2. There is also market for sugar pine cones.

In the lower elevations of the Willamette valley, cones were ready for picking about mid-August. After about September 10, the cones will be dry and much of the seed will drop out. In higher elevations, the picking season will be progressively later ending with white fir in late October.

Ross points out that all the seed gathering opportunities are not in the mountains. Many yard and pasture trees are excellent cone sources.

The white fir species wanted are Abies concolor and Abies grandis. Ross suggests that cone gatherers check with market outlets to make sure they have the desired strain of white fir before picking large quantities. In most cases dealers are willing to call at farms to purchase cones.

And, here's an added tip on where to look. Follow the squirrels, Ross suggests, since they have a bumper tree seed crop to work on this year and they are busy now gathering next winter's meals.

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Farm Bureau Federation To Move Headquarters
MILTON, Aug. 22—(P)—The Oregon Farm Bureau federation will move its headquarters from Pendleton to Salem on Aug. 30-31.

Federation President W. Lowell Steen said second floor offices

Pioneer Sheepmen Of Oregon Will Be Honored By Plaque To Be Displayed At Fairgrounds

Honoring Oregon's pioneer purebred sheep breeders, a bronze plaque containing the names of 24 early-day breeders will be dedicated by Governor Douglas McKay in the sheep barn at the Oregon state fairgrounds, Salem, Tuesday, September 6 at 11 a.m. This announcement is made by C. M. Hubbard, Monroe, president of the Oregon Purebred Sheep Breeders association.

S. A. Jackson, Benton county extension agent and association secretary, says the 24 by 36 inch plaque will be set in a three-sided concrete enclosure which will also house a drinking fountain.

Other speakers scheduled to take part in the dedication ceremony include Dr. A. L. Strand, Oregon State college president, and C. P. Kizer, Harrisburg, now close to 80 and prominent for many years in the state's purebred sheep industry. Kizer's name is among those included on the plaque.

It is believed the action of the

Government Plans To Buy Bartlett Pears

PORTLAND, Aug. 22—(P)—The chairman of the Oregon production and marketing administration committee says the government is going to start buying Bartlett pears in Oregon and Washington.

The announcement had long been hoped for by Pacific Northwest pear growers, anxious about declining market prices on this year's crop.

E. Harvey Miller, chairman of the state PMA committee, said the pears would be bought by the USDA production and marketing administration for use in school lunches and relief outlets. They will be bought from growers, growers' organizations, or growers' agents.

The amounts and other details of the purchase program will be worked out shortly, Miller said.

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Elgarose 4-H Club Has Party, Hikes

By MRS. THELMA HANSON (News-Review Correspondent)

Elgarose 4-H canning club members took a hike following their regular meeting Thursday. Mrs. Thelma Sundberg, local leader, was in charge. The business meeting was conducted by the president, Marlene Bartholomy. Sally Brown led the club in song and yells.

"Happy Birthday" was sung in honor of Carmen Cooper. A birthday cake was served. Sylvia Tanner and Ardith Anderson were visitors.

Those who took the hike were Dixie Wooten, Sally Brown, Marge Hanson, Donna Sundberg, Charlotte Sand, Carla South, Sylvia Tanner, Ardith Anderson, Carmen Cooper, Marlene Bartholomy, and Mrs. Sundberg.

Personal Briefs
Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Weaver and their children, Richard, Jr., Ronald, Raymond, and Sally Ann, of North Hollywood, Calif., were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Wooten and family of Elgarose.

Mrs. John Blaine and Mr. and Mrs. Ed McLoughlin and children of Antioch, Calif., were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Holmquist.

Mrs. Kenneth Casper and daughter, Mable, of Myrtle Point, visited Monday with Mr. and Mrs. William Casper of Elgarose. Mable will visit this week with her grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Holmquist and their daughter, Patricia, have returned to their home after a weekend visit with Mrs. Cleo Shopp of Newport, Ore. Ardith Anderson, daughter of Mrs. Shopp, returned with them.



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Steen explained farm bureau membership growth in the Willamette valley prompted the shift.

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State Corn Show To Be Held This Year In Ontario

The popular hybrid yield contest will again be featured during the eighth annual state corn show to be held this year in Ontario, the show committee has announced through its co-chairmen R. E. Fore and Rex Warren at O.S.C. The committee expects to choose show dates in late November or early December.

Fore, professor of farm crops, and Warren, extension farm crops

an industry advisory committee will be set up to help make purchase allocations.

specialist, say 10-year exhibit classes will be included in the show again this year. Classes and districts for entries similar to last year's have been announced.

Included will be competition in open classes, 4-H club members and FFA members. Entries will be classed on the basis of the following districts: Upper Willamette valley, Lower Willamette valley, southern Oregon and eastern Oregon. Open class entrants must raise five acres of corn; 4-H club members one acre; and FFA students three acres for entry in the yield contest.

Representatives of the state corn show committee will visit farms of entrants and determine yields and maturity of corn. The state committee will be responsible for transporting entries to Ontario. Exhibits raised in the western part of the state will be first assembled in Corvallis.

CHRISTMAS NEARS
PORTLAND, Aug. 22—(P)—It's only a month until Christmas at Red Cross headquarters here. The organization has asked for volunteers to help get ready. Some 72,000 packages and 12,000 holiday stockings must be packed, wrapped and shipped overseas to military servicemen within the next month.

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