



FARM and GARDEN NEWS



Indicated Corn Crop Of U.S. Means Acreage Allotments

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The agricultural department, in its next to last report of the year, estimates this year's corn crop at 3,357,618,000 bushels.

This is 119,368,000 bushels less than the 3,476,986,000 forecast a month ago.

It compares with last year's record crop of 3,650,548,000 bushels and with the ten year (1938-47) average of 2,787,628,000 bushels.

The indicated crop is considerably larger than prospective needs. This fact will require the department to impose acreage allotments on the 1950 crop to cut production and to prevent a burdensome surplus.

The national planting allotment is expected to be around 76,000,000 acres, or about 10,000,000 less than was planted for this year's crop.

The department did not make new estimates for some crops, particularly small grains. The wheat figure remained unchanged at 1,126,226,000 bushels compared with 1,288,406,000 last year and

991,950,000 for the ten-year average.

The Nov. 1 estimates compared with those of a month ago, last year and the ten-year average, respectively, for crops on which new figures were given included:

Potatoes 386,832,000 bushels; 378,905,000; 445,850,000 and 393,403,000.

Apples (commercial) 133,388,000 bushels; 132,126,000; 88,407,000 and 111,114,000.

Pears 36,001,000 bushels; 35,936,000; 23,334,000 and 30,832,000.

Production of milk in October was reported at 9,004,000,000 pounds, compared with 9,390,000,000 in September, 8,748,000,000 in October last year and 8,656,000,000 for the ten-year October average.

Production of eggs in October was reported at 3,749,000,000 compared with 3,576,000,000 in September, 3,497,000,000 in October last year and 2,784,000,000 for the ten-year October average.

Horticultural Meeting Scheduled At Eugene

Outlook for canned fruits and vegetables will be discussed by C. R. Tuttle, Portland, executive vice-president, Northwest



HE'S REALLY A HOG—The fellow with the paunch on the right is Billy, a groundhog who makes a hog of himself when he gets an ice cream cone. He's so dainty he rotates the cone constantly so drippings won't ooze over his paws. His master (left), Johnny Coble, 6, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Coble of Bazetta, O.—(AP Wirephoto).

Oregon's 4-H Clubs Reveal Large Increase For Last Year

National 4-H Club Achievement week, November 5 to 13, marked the close of 1949 and the start of the 1950 club year, states L. J. Allen, state 4-H club leader, in calling attention to the fact that Oregon had 28,000 boys and girls organized into 3,400 local 4-H clubs during the past club year.

Those figures mark an increase of 2,000 club members and almost 300 more clubs than were organized during the preceding year.

Four-H club work, open to an Oregon youngster between 9 and 21, is based on project work which is started and completed during the course of one club year, Allen explains. It may include anything from membership in a health club—one of the popular projects with 10,000 youngsters enrolled last year—to feeding and caring for a market steer. Club members may choose one or more of about 25 different projects.

Based on rural population, one in five Oregon youngsters of eligible age belonged to a 4-H club. Projects totaled 40,000 and were valued at more than a million dollars during the club year just completed.

Backbone of the Oregon as well as any other state's 4-H club program are the volunteer local 4-H club leaders. These older youngsters or adults give their time and "know how" in teaching their charges how to do specific tasks better. Twenty-eight hundred leaders last year were responsible for the Oregon club program success, Allen emphasizes.

During the club year just completed, members of clothing clubs made 30,000 articles which include 3,500 remodeled garments. Cooking club members prepared 140,000 dishes and served 35,000 meals. Six-hundred members of preservation units froze or canned 75,000 quarts of meats, fruits and vegetables.

Livestock club members owned 8,200 head. Poultry and rabbit club members owned 24,000 birds and animals.

In the Oregon program, girls outnumber boys on the ratio of about three to two.

Frozen Cake Tests To Be Conducted At O. S. C.

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—Can one really make a cake, freeze it, and then serve it fresh and luscious a week, a month or several months later?

In an attempt to answer that question the school of home economics here is conducting some research this year. Mrs. Patsy Jones, 1948 graduate, is making the cakes to be frozen from a recipe developed last spring by Dr. Andrea Overman, director of home economics research, now on sabbatical leave.

The cakes will be taken from the freezer and judged throughout the year by a group of home economics staff members, after which Dr. Overman will compile the findings upon her return. Another research study concerns the stability of fats in pastry mixes during long storage.

BETTER CORN HYBRIDS

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Higher corn production is expected by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Department experts have produced hybrids which will give 10 bushels to the acre more than those now used. Hybrid corn revolutionized U. S. farming and boosted production to new high levels.

Department experts say that still other hybrids are being used in different sections of the country. First attempts to use the early hybrids in the South, for example, were dropped because corn bred in Iowa did not grow well there. Now hybrids adapted to the area are being used.

U. S. Marine Detachments form a part of the complement on all American battleships, aircraft carriers, heavy cruisers, and on the later types of light cruisers, as well as on other types of combat ships.

Survey Forms Sent Out To Oregon Nut Growers

Northwest walnut and filbert industry survey report forms will be mailed to growers November 17, those in charge of the survey have announced.

Niels I. Nielsen, Portland, agricultural statistician for the federal crop reporting service, and M. D. Thomas, O.S.C. extension agricultural economist, report all nut growers should receive the forms immediately following the mailing date. Those who fail to receive them may get copies by calling at their local county extension office or by writing to 306 U. S. Court House, Portland 5.

Survey information to be requested will include numbers of trees by varieties, acreage and age groups. Grower reports will be used solely for preparation of county and state totals, Nielsen and Thomas emphasize.

Findings will be published as soon as tabulation is completed. It is needed, according to John E. Trunk, manager, Northwest

Nut Growers cooperative, in order that future industry marketing plans may be laid. Trunk is a member of the national tree nut advisory committee which is responsible for making the survey possible using research and marketing administration funds.

In 1859, U. S. Marines constituted part of the force under Colonel Robert E. Lee, then an officer in the U. S. Army, that captured John Brown and suppressed riot at Harper's Ferry.

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From O. P. A. to Price Supports.

Remember O. P. A.? Who can forget it! The great plan which was to solve the problems of equitable distribution at fair prices to everybody during the war! But which ended up by the rich buying in the black market for exorbitant prices, while the rest of us went without decent produce all the time, and without much of any, much of the time.

O. P. A. failed mostly because it began showing the way to what we then called "reimbursement," by which we meant that there was too much government in business, and too much regulation of our daily private lives.

It was too complicated, even if it had been any good to start with. It became too heavy. Everything that was regulated called for something else which was related, to be regulated. To put a "ceiling price" on an automobile, you had to put a ceiling on steel, rubber, cotton, glass, soya beans (plastics), paints, and a hundred other items that go into the manufacture of automobiles. It was some headache trying to put a "fair" ceiling price on all those things. And if it could have been fixed at a fair spot for autos, it would have been wrong for farm machinery, or for refrigerators.

We reckon farmers kicked the hardest on O. P. A. They saw other businesses chisel, and make profits, while their stuff was priced low, to cut the cost of living during war days. So, maybe the politicians found they had to have the farm vote. Anyway, they eventually kicked O. P. A. out the window, despite loud protests from consumers, Chester Bowles, et al.

Whether that bought the farm vote, we wouldn't even hazard a guess. Apparently, the politicians thought not. Anyway, there has been a rash of plans to "help the farmer." The only class of people who have been coddled more, and received more from the gravy train was the veterans. But there were more veterans than farmers, so-o-o-o.

Still, a lot of farmers and their wives have votes, so something had to be done to get the farm vote. Originally, the support price voted during the war, to help Mr. Farmer adjust to peace time agriculture was a timely and wise piece of legislation. Not enacted to buy votes.

Peace Never Came.

But despite the fact that all military opposition ended in August of 1945, officially hostilities did not cease until a few months ago. This allowed the "New Deal" and the "Fair Deal" to

Uncle Hank Says:



continue a lot of war time controls, including O. P. A. The so-called "Steagall Act," which was supposed to cushion farm prices for two years after the end of hostilities remained in effect a couple years overtime.

And now, the politicians still think they must continue cushioning farm prices until about 1952, according to the compromise effected just recently, so the law-making boys could come home. And the support price is higher than ever.

The new law gives considerable discretionary powers to the Sec. of Agriculture, as to the range of "support" to be extended various crops. For one thing, it has been reported that the support price of eggs will be dropped from the present 90¢ of parity. Just how much of a drop remains to be seen. But at present, it is around 35¢ for fall eggs. And wheat around \$2.17. We used to get 35¢ for eggs when wheat was \$1.00. And that was without benefit of "PRICE SUPPORTS."

Does anybody want more about this subject? If so, drop us a hint.

Pat: My wife talks to herself. Mike: Mine too. Only she thinks I'm listening. (Now, Mom, please. We never missed a word.)

You Need Production.

Days are getting mighty short. We will soon have the shortest of the whole year. Pullets get a bit draggy on production. Have to do all we can to keep them going.

Most of the flocks under artificial lights are doing fine. All of them, in fact, unless they have "laying house coxey," myxosis, bluecomb, or sunpin. If you don't have lights in your chicken house, you are missing some nice extra profits. Enough to pay the cost of lighting the house. We have the fixtures for turning

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Other Things

that will help increase egg production, in case it is low due to the above causes—Sulfa-Quinoxaline for coxey, at a new low price. Blue vitriol for myxosis, FEEBLES CONDENSED WHEY for Bluecomb, or for an appetizer and extra vitamins and milk minerals. All at the Mill.

Proof of the Puddin'

Just to prove that it pays to feed UMPQUA TURKEY FEEDS, and feed long enough to finish your birds, Malcolm Humphreys kept his turkey hens to 6 1/2 months and got an average of 15 1/2 lbs. (Sold 'em all, too.) Only 4 off grades, due to tom scratches.

Pauline Bounds saved all the best toms for breeders, and cleaned up the balance with an average dressed weight of 26 1/2. Buyer stressed the satiny finish, and the ease of picking.

On That Bum Feed.

Jim Lyons of Myrtle Creek has 220 pullets. They like Jim and the UMPQUA MILK EGG MASH he feeds them, as proved by their giving him 190 eggs a day. How much % would that be?

Good News.

Egg prices stiffened quite noticeably last week, after the big slump of the week before. We thought the dealers were pretty much stumped. Of course, prices may slip more before the winter is over. But the first drop was too severe, and prices just had to come back.

Regardless of where egg prices go to, it will still pay you to feed the best mash you can get. Now, don't get us wrong—Some folks think the highest priced ANYTHING is the best. They are wrong but definitely. You have to figure what makes the price high.

Is it because there is a hidden kick-back in the price? If so, who is going to get the kick-back, and how much will it be? Or is it the extra cost of merchandising, due to low volume and resultant high margin?

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Scholarships, Trip Won By Five Oregon 4-Hers

CORVALLIS.—(AP)—Scholarships and a trip award to five Oregon 4-H club members were reported by the state 4-H headquarters.

They are first annual awards by the Standard Oil company of California for special merit in 4-H work. The winners: Pat Horning, 19, Stafford, and Charles Hornecker, 17, Hillsboro, both Oregon State college students, \$300 scholarships each; Jo Ann Roberts, 17, Sheed, and John A. Kinsow, 18, Bend, \$200 scholarships; Sally Stillwell, 17, Astoria, an all-expense trip to the national 4-H Congress in Chicago.

Electrified Farms In Northwest Nearly 90,000.

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The Rural Electrification Administration says the number of electrified farms in Washington and Oregon has increased \$1,952 since the end of 1934.

Those in Oregon numbered 62,705 last June 30 as compared with 17,839 at the end of 1934. In Washington they increased from a 1934 total of 40,060 to 77,146 on last June 30.

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