

FARM and GARDEN NEWS



Little Change Is Expected In 1950 Prices On Chicks

Baby chicks will sell at approximately the same levels during 1950 as they did this year if present hatching industry expectations are followed through.

Prospective chick asking prices were made public recently during the annual fall meeting of the Oregon Baby Chick association when the annual industry "intention" survey results were made known by Noel Bennion, O. S. C. extension poultry specialist.

Asking prices for both Leghorn and heavy breed cockerels are set for one cent advances, survey results reveal. Hatcherymen expect to receive 4 cents apiece for Leghorns; 14 cents for heavy breed day old, sexed cockerels. Straight run Leghorn chicks are expected to stay at 1949 levels—18 cents. Meanwhile, a dip from 19 to 18 cents apiece is expected for straight run heavy breed chicks.

Bennion said the relationship between the pounds of feed a dozen eggs will buy—the egg-feed ratio—during the months of November, December, January, February, March, April, and May is closely tied in with the number of chicks hatched each year. He points out that the egg-feed ratio now is not as favorable as it was in early 1949. Thus, he anticipates some national reduction in chicks hatched.

Despite an anticipated downward trend in chick numbers, the poultry specialist said that Oregon hatcherymen expect to step up their output next year. The reason is that Oregon now imports approximately 25 to 30 percent of the market eggs and a chicken meat consigned, and local producers are in a good com-

petitive position to assume much of this market.

Hatching industry spokesmen see no reduction in feed prices and other production costs during the coming year.

When the egg-feed ratio is high, Bennion explains, chick numbers normally increase. The opposite is true when the index is low.

Miss Fern Vosberg Wins Apple Packing Title

HOOD RIVER. —(AP) —Miss Fern Vosberg won the apple packing championship of Hood River county.

She packed 63 boxes of the fruit in two hours to win over 13 other contestants.

The Hood River woman scored 88 points out of a possible 100 for speed and quality, according to Richard Ryalls, chief contest judge. He is plant superintendent for the sponsoring Hood River Apple Growers' association.

Ryalls noted the best job here was far behind the 83 boxes packed in the same time by last year's winner at a Yakima, Wash., event. The winner there was named "World Champion."

Time Running Out For Carrying On Soil Conservation

Time is running out in which soil and water conservation practices can be carried out under the 1949 agricultural conservation program, says J. F. Bonebrake, chairman of the Douglas county PMA committee. He urges farmers to concentrate their efforts on those practices which still can be completed.

The chairman states that practices must be carried out within the program year to qualify for assistance. The practices must be completed according to specifications and the farmer must provide the necessary evidence that the practice has been carried out before approval can be given for payments.

The only purpose of payments to farmers, he explains, is to provide the necessary financial help to get needed conservation work done. As he puts it, "the mere intentions of farmers with respect to farm conservation don't stop erosion nor build up resistance to blowing and washing."

"The people of this country are helping farmers financially to carry out conservation practices. It is up to us to get the job done. We have the responsibility to use the program to conserve our soil and water resources." Assistance under ACP, he explains, makes it possible for farmers to carry out the needed conservation practices. The government shares in the cost—about 50 percent in most cases—and the farmer is responsible for carrying out the needed practice.

He points out that all farmers whether they cooperate in the program or not are responsible for protecting the land against erosion and for conserving and using available moisture most effectively. As the chairman sums it up, "upon the farmer rests the responsibility for protecting the land just as the individual has a responsibility in helping to protect the country in time of war. The forces that destroy land are just as damaging as the atomic bomb—the only difference, it takes a little longer."



JAKE LECHMAN, left, and Roy Mitchell are pictured at the—so help me, I've forgotten what this unit is called. At any rate, it was pouring a steady flow of grain into sacks which the two were kept mighty busy supplying it with, and trucking away when filled, at the Douglas County Flour Mills the other day. That's the only thing I don't like about a flour and feed mill—there's so much work connected with it.—(By Paul Jenkins).

Chickens And Eggs Reported Short In West Coast States

Oregon and the Pacific coast are short on chickens and eggs but long on turkeys, honey, and some other animal products, according to the Agricultural Outlook Circular just issued by the Oregon State college extension service and now available from county extension agents.

A large part of the chicken and egg requirements of the greatly expanded Pacific coast population has been shipped in from the midwest in recent years. Feed shortages prevented Oregon poultrymen from maintaining war-time increases in chicken numbers even when egg prices were quite favorable. Feed is more plentiful now but egg prices are expected to be lower and competition with producers from other areas will be keen, the report cautions.

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for high quality turkey and chicken eggs but demand in the season ahead is expected to be smaller than last spring.

Prices of two specialty animal products, mohair and honey, will be supported by the government for the first time in 1950.

This outlook report also points out that fur and game farming looks brighter and that horses and mules are becoming scarce on Oregon farms. Copies of the report, Oregon Outlook Circular No. 6, are available from county extension offices or the college.

A soil fit for planting should be loose and friable enough so the beneficial bacteria may breathe freely. There is no better source of humus than completely rotted vegetable and animal matter. Do not spade fresh vegetable matter into the garden bed to rot. Provide a space apart, for this purpose.

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Turkey Day

Pity the poor turkey! For him there is no silver lining. This week he will bite the dust by the millions. The silver lining is for guys and gals who get one of the finest, tastiest meals of the whole year. These days, there will be only one Thanksgiving, so let's make the most of it. (Remember the good old days when we had two Thanksgivings a year?)

Just a note to the housewife who has to get up a big family dinner Thursday. What with the high cost of living and all, it may be a strain on the family purse. But you can have the best main course in the world, Oregon Broad Breasted Turkey, at the lowest cost in years. Serving turkey will be a fine thing in several ways.

You will be helping one of the major industries in our state. That will give you a feeling of self-satisfaction. You will be helping a producer who is getting a pretty rough deal this year, to stay in business. That's your "good deed for the day." And as a reward for your thoughtfulness and kindness, you will have the enjoyment of a wonderful food at an economical cost. How can you miss?

If you haven't decided on a turkey for Turkey Day, hurry and get your order in. There should be more than enough for all of us.

And now, for a word to the producer of those noble birds. We won't advise you whether to sell or store, or consign. It's anybody's guess as to what the future market will do. Storage holdings have increased rapidly this fall. Maybe that's just because of an earlier than normal maturing crop, or maybe it means a lot more turkeys have been raised.

We will advise only one thing, and that very strongly. Finish your turkeys properly. It never did pay to sell turkeys until they were prime, and in a tough year with low prices, you can't afford to sell poorly finished turkeys, and risk a lower grade and price. You have to have all primes, to protect your investment.

Toms will grow rapidly, and take on dressed weight at economical feed consumption up to about 28 to 30 weeks. The otherwise wasted weight of "blood feathers" will become marketable turkey during the last couple weeks. With UMPQUA TURKEY FAT at only \$3.90, you can put on pounds pretty cheap. Besides, they look so much prettier when fully finished.

Uncle Han Says

THAT MAN THAT NEVER MADE A MISTAKE—CERTAINLY COULDN'T A BEEN VERY INDUSTRIOUS.

Last Call

The fall has been wonderful for getting in crops and pasture seed. But if you still have a bit of land yet, why not get it in shape and plant it to wheat. The stuff is too high to buy, on account of Government competition, but you can raise some, and it's fine feed.

We have some fine winter wheat seed, all cleaned and ready.

Hello, Tri-City

If you don't live in the neighborhood of Riddle, Myrtle Creek, Days Creek and Canyonville, skip this paragraph. But if you do live in that delightful section of Douglas County you will be interested to know that Mr. Rimmell has taken over the Feed Store and delivery route built up by the late Mr. Gloss, and more recently operated by Mr. Clockson.

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"Say, Bill, you should pull your shades down after dark. I saw you kissing your wife last night."

"Ha, ha! The joke's on you, Pa! I wasn't even home last night."

On That Bum Feed

Mr. L. L. Ford has a bunch of pullets out on South Deer Creek. He also runs a big sawmill and logging camp on the side. But what was started on one side, his Hanson strain White Leghorns are now laying at the rate of 85% on

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Everybody Happy

"Sorry, neighbor, that my hen scratched up your garden."

"Oh, that's all right. My dog ate your hen."

"Fine, fine! I just ran over your dog."

How's Your Egg Grade

It's easier to produce clean eggs than to clean eggs. Plenty of sawdust in the nest and in the egg room, dry or built-up litter, and gathering several times daily all help.

But if the weather gets bad, or something happens that you have dirty eggs, get one of our egg washing machines, and clean them easily and without lowering the grades. With egg prices down, you have to get top grades to get top prices. Why not ask Mike Brown, at the Roseburg Poultry Co., who buys heaps and heaps of eggs, what he thinks of eggs that have been washed properly? Save yourself time, and make yourself money with one of our egg washers.

"Such lovely cookies! I don't know how many I've eaten," gushed the lady visitor.

"Seven," snapped the small son of the hostess.

Keep Your Litter Dry

Built-up litter is the answer to lots of prayers. If you can keep it dry, it saves you oodles of work, and the birds do much better. But perhaps your litter has become damp on account of too many birds, fog drift, raining in, leaks in the roof, improper ventilation or what not.

If so, come to the Mill and get some hydrated lime. That will do a heap of good. If you have really bad spots, remove the wettest stuff and replace with perfectly dry litter. Better to do it that way than to take out everything and clean house. And the thing that will answer your purpose—perfectly dry litter to add—is that Serval cane litter. We have a mess of it in our hay barn we want of get out of the way to make more room for our good hay. A special price on this good-litter.

Want A Tender, Juicy Turkey? Try These Tips

Cook your Thanksgiving turkey by ear. If fat sputters or drips burn, the oven is too hot. That is a timely Thanksgiving cooking reminder from an O.S.C. extension nutrition specialist, Miss Agnes Kolshorn, who adds that long cooking in a comparatively low oven—300 to 325 degrees—will lend added flavor to the bird.

Cook the turkey in a shallow, uncovered pan without adding water, the specialist suggests. Place it on a rack breast-down, and turn it from one side to the other on the hour. To finish cooking, turn the turkey breast up for the final 20 minutes or so. When the joints move easily under slight pressure, or a pinch of flesh feels soft, the bird is ready for carving.

A common turkey cooking error, the specialist points out, is cooking the fowl breast up. This method causes the juices to filter down out of the white meat causing this favorite portion of the bird to become dry and without flavor.

Slow cooking gives more servings, juicier meat and more even browning.

A turkey that weighs from 12 to 15 pounds when ready to stuff, for example, will roast in 5 or 6 hours in an oven at about 300 degrees Fahrenheit.

How much stuffing will you need? A common rule is one cup per pound of ready-to-roast turkey.

Too much water at blooming time may cause the sweet pea buds to fall. Withhold water.

Medford Man Is Held In Death Of Hunter

ENTERPRISE, Ore.—(AP)—Allen C. Gebhart, Medford, is being held in the Wallowa county jail accused of manslaughter following the elk-hunting death of Reed Ware, 32, Lostine. Bond was set at \$5000 for Gebhart, who admitted firing a shot in the isolated Grand Ronde river country Friday where Wade was shot fatally.

District Attorney Keith Wilson said Gebhart would appear before the Wallowa county grand jury, probably next month.

New Type Plow Designed To Stop Soil Erosion

LUBBOCK, Tex.—(AP)—Ploughs that work only underneath the surface are advocated to stop soil erosion by Dr. A.W. Young, head of the plant industry department of Texas Technological College.

These plows have chisel noses and underground blades to cut the subsoil on each side. They leave in place the stubble of previous crops. Every bit of stubble or any other crop residue left with its roots in a field, says Dr. Young, is both a natural wind break and a water dam.

The stubble binds the top soil from blowing away as dust, and from eroding in water. The stubble also furnishes little pipes down which rain water penetrates into the soil, instead of mostly running off on the surface. As the stubble decomposes, it furnishes a sort of binding cement to hold soil particles more firmly in place.

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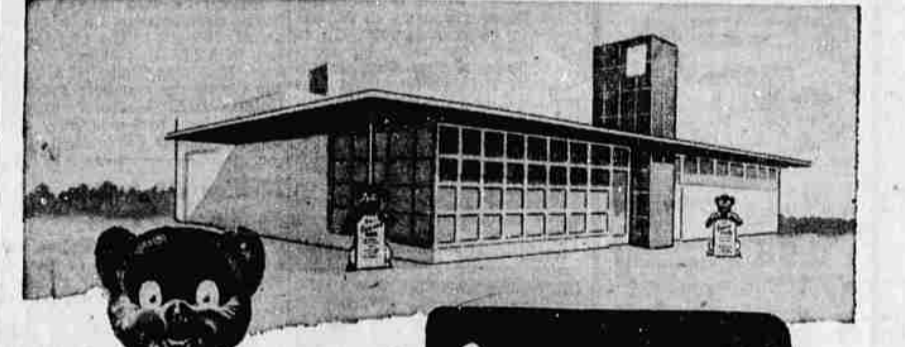
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