



FARM and GARDEN NEWS



Government To Give Away Potatoes To School Lunch Program, Agencies

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The government has announced it will give away some of the vast pile of potatoes it bought last year to keep the price up.

The Commodity Credit corporation tagged 1949 crop spuds as the first commodity to go on its "give away" program.

Not everybody can get them for free, however, and there's a transportation charge attached in some cases.

Only the school lunch program, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, public and private welfare agencies in this country, and private agencies doing relief work abroad, will benefit with "free spuds".

Policy Switched
For the school lunch, and some private institutions, this new "give away" program means they will have to start paying something to get potatoes "they once got without laying out a nickel."

That comes about this way:

For many years, the government has had a surplus crop disposal program. Congress appropriated money every year to operate it.

Under that program, potatoes have been delivered to the schools free, transportation paid.

Last year, Congress voted to change that and let the Commodity Credit corporation (CCC) give away directly surplus crops it had on hand which were liable to spoil. It directed that the surplus be made available to certain agencies free of charge at points of storage. So the school lunch now must pay transportation.

Officials said most of the potatoes available for donation are located in northeastern producing areas, particularly Maine. They declined to estimate how many potatoes will be available, but said the quantity is expected to be large enough to meet all demands.

The CCC paid an average of

Farmers Are Reminded Of Signup Deadline

Farmers in Douglas county who want government price protection for their barley, oats and wheat were reminded today that they have only a few days left in which to take out loans or purchase agreements. Jan. 31 is the closing date for making applications for loans and signing purchase agreements for these crops, according to J. F. Bonebrake, chairman of the county PMA committee.

County loan rates for these crops are: barley, \$1.16; oats, \$1.08; and wheat, \$1.93.

Bonebrake emphasized that adequate storage is essential in order to obtain the benefits of the price support programs. Commodities under loan must be sealed in approved storage facilities. Commodities protected agreements are the farmer's own responsibility, but any part later delivered to the government must meet certain grade standards in order to receive the support price.

about \$1.11 a bushel for the potatoes it bought under price support programs.

The corporation has more than \$3,500,000,000 invested in farm surpluses. The bulk of the money is tied up in products which can be stored for long periods—such as cotton and grains. They are not likely to be put on the gift list.

Products which might join potatoes on the free list include dried eggs, dried milk and possible cheese and butter.

Some Already Donated
About 2,800,000 bushels of 1949 crop potatoes already have been donated to the school lunch program and to public institutions.

An additional 15,000,000 bushels have gone into byproduct uses—such as flour, starch, glucose and livestock feed—under the surplus disposal funds.

In addition to "give aways," the new farm law permits the CCC to turn surpluses over to the nations board or other federal agencies for exchange for materials produced abroad.

Any such barter transactions are expected to bring the CCC some reimbursement—probably the value of the goods received in the exchange.



MARCH OF DIMES ON THE HOOF—This huge registered Hereford bull may not know it but he's helping in the fight against polio. He'll be auctioned off at the famed Red Bluff, Calif. Bull Sale Jan. 2, and 4, with all net proceeds going to the March of Dimes. Shown with Lost River Domino 17th is Mrs. Mabel Liskay of Klamath Falls, consignor of the top animal, and Roy Rakestraw, vice president for the March of Dimes in Klamath county.

Peach Spraying Time Limited

Time for applying sprays to control peach leaf curl is limited, according to J. Roland Parker, county extension agent. Sprays to be effective must go on before the peach buds begin to swell. Bud swelling time will depend upon weather conditions but usually occurs locally early in February.

Bordeaux 12-12-100 or Ferbam three pounds to one hundred gallons of water are recommended for the control of peach leaf curl in commercial orchards. For backyard gardeners and individuals with one or two trees, purified agricultural spray is suggested, using three fluid ounces to five gallons of water or two quarts to 100 gallons of water. Purified agricultural spray is a liquid and with water does not need agitation as is necessary with commercial spray mixtures.

Peach leaf curl spores are present on the buds now and once the buds begin to swell infection will take place. Thorough spraying to cover all buds, twigs and limbs is necessary for effective control and sprays must be applied before the buds begin to swell.

Spraying should be done in fair weather to permit the spray to dry on the buds, twigs and limbs of the tree. Two or three hours without rain is usually adequate time for the spray to dry. Spraying for peach leaf curl on misty or rainy days is not recommended.

Appearance Of Blooms Indicate Spring Sign

Lambs' tongues and birdseyes may not be peeking their heads through the cold ground yet, but



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Grasses, Legume Seeds' Harvests In 1949 Slump

Harvests of grasses and legume seeds in 1949 for the most part were disappointing. Compared with 1943-47 average, a few crops, such as alfalfa, lespedeza, orchard grass, ladino clover, alta fescue and Kentucky 31 fescue were larger. But other seed crops, such as red clover, timothy, red top, crested wheatgrass and sweet clover were much smaller than average and substantially below the needs of seed users.

The latest U. S. department of Agriculture production summary shows that the alfalfa seed crop was about 91,000,000 pounds compared with an average of 76,000,000 pounds. Lespedeza seed production was 194,000,000 pounds compared with an average of 155,600,000 pounds. The red clover seed crop was down to 61,000,000 pounds as compared with an average of 82,000,000 pounds. The production of some crops is increasing rapidly. Ladino clover seed production was 3,390,000 pounds, which is about four times the 1943-47 average. The production of Alta and Kentucky 31 fescue was 6,900,000 pounds, compared with the five-year average of 1,222,000 pounds. Blue lupine was over 53,000,000 pounds compared with a 22,690,000 pound average.

Here in the State of Oregon, in percent of last year, the 1949 production of the principal seed crops estimated is as follows: Austrian peas, 139; hairy vetch, 99; common and Willamette vetch, 46; common ryegrass, 131; bentgrass, 73; chewings fescue, 53; creeping red fescue, 40; alta fescue, 74; ladino clover, 400; alfalfa, 244; red clover, 98; and alsike clover, 108.

months, the Post-Intelligencer has announced.

The shipment, described as the largest concentrated apple movement to England since before the war, will total between 450,000 and 475,000 boxes. Eighty percent of the apples will come from the Wenatchee and Yakima districts.

The article, quoting unnamed shippers, said the orders will move through Seattle and Portland during the next two months. Orders were placed with individual apple growers by the British Ministry of Food through the combined program of the U. S. export subsidy and Economic Cooperation administration.

WSC President Sets Address At Soil Meet

PULLMAN, Wash. —(AP)—Dr. Wilson Compton, president of Washington State college, has accepted an invitation to speak to the Portland chapter of the Soil Conservation Society of America. Dr. Compton will deliver an address on "President Truman's point four and world peace." The meeting is scheduled Jan. 19.

Deer Repellent Spray Developed

SAN FRANCISCO —(AP)—A new repellent spray that will keep deer from eating crops is being developed by the Fish and Game division. Game officials aren't saying yet just what it is, but it has been developed since complaints began coming in some years back about wild deer eating everything from brussels sprouts to fruit trees.

They aren't quite sure of it yet, but tests with the new spray show it has "deterred" deer from gobbling grape vines in the Napa valley.

The problem is much wider than this wine-rich valley. More planted land in the green parts of the state, plus a growing, unprotected deer population have combined to cause thousands of dollars in damage in many places.



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YOUR TAXES

Red is a pretty color, when it is a flower or a girl's dress or Paul Bunyan's shirt. But it doesn't look so good in a business firm's set of books. Every good business man shuns RED INK, because he knows he won't be in business long while he slings red ink.

Yet RED has been the predominant color in Federal Spending for the past 21 years. During those years the National Debt has let up that in great BIG LETTERS, THE NATIONAL DEBT

has increased from \$16,900,000,000 to \$252,700,000,000, or from \$139 to \$1,700 per person.

Yes, you, your wife, and every kid in the family owe on the NATIONAL DEBT alone, on an average, \$1,700. Enough to build a good home, or buy a good car, and enough left over for a six months vacation for each family.

For fiscal year 1951, according to the Federal Budget Director, (P. story, Key West, Fla., Dec. 9, while Pres. Truman was vacationing there) the prospects are (1) no balanced budget without NEW TAXES, (2) a federal bud-

get not in excess of \$45 billion, vs. \$43 billion in 1950; (3) can't wipe out the 1950 \$55 billion deficit without NEW TAXES.

In 12 non-war years, according to official data from annual reports of Secretary of Treasury, our NATIONAL DEBT increased more than \$57 billions. A multitude of spending proposals are confronting the Congress that can add expenses of another \$10 billions a year.

Here are the Treasury figures; (through courtesy of "OREGON BUSINESS & TAX RESEARCH):

Fiscal Year	Receipts	Expenditures	Surplus or DEFICIT
1929	\$ 4,033,260,225	\$ 3,298,859,486	\$ 734,390,739 Surplus
1930	4,177,941,702	3,440,268,884	737,672,818 Surplus
1931	3,189,638,632	3,651,515,712	461,877,080 DEFICIT
1932	2,005,725,437	4,741,015,145	2,735,289,708 DEFICIT
1933	2,079,696,742	4,681,348,827	2,601,652,085 DEFICIT
1934	3,115,554,050	6,745,185,992	3,629,631,942 DEFICIT
1935	3,800,476,202	6,591,519,302	2,791,052,100 DEFICIT
1936	4,115,956,615	8,540,505,845	4,424,549,230 DEFICIT
1937	5,028,840,237	7,806,260,951	2,777,420,714 DEFICIT
1938	5,854,661,227	7,031,277,825	1,176,616,598 DEFICIT
1939	5,164,823,626	9,026,981,666	3,862,158,040 DEFICIT
1940	5,387,124,670	9,305,143,830	3,918,019,060 DEFICIT
1941	7,607,211,852	13,766,484,211	6,159,272,359 DEFICIT
1942	12,799,061,621	34,289,304,353	21,490,242,732 DEFICIT
1943	22,281,642,709	79,702,073,074	57,420,430,365 DEFICIT
1944	44,148,926,968	95,572,319,510	51,423,392,542 DEFICIT
1945	46,456,554,580	100,397,470,705	53,940,916,125 DEFICIT
1946 (after war)	43,037,798,808	63,713,969,417	20,676,170,609 DEFICIT
1947	43,258,833,189	42,505,045,529	753,787,660 Surplus
1948 (A)	44,745,542,077	39,326,072,233	8,419,469,844 Surplus
1949 (A)	38,245,667,810	40,057,107,858	1,811,440,048 DEFICIT
1950 (B) Est.	38,000,000,000	43,500,000,000	5,500,000,000 DEFICIT

(A) Congress transferred \$3,000,000,000 of 1948 surplus to 1949. Such accounting shows surpluses of \$5,419,469,844 and \$1,188,559,952.

(B) Estimated by Pres. Truman, Nov. 2, 1949.

Would you charge today's groceries to your 10-year old kid, and have him pay them when he grows up? Or do you expect to pay your own way? Yet, even this fiscal year, we are charging

12% of our Federal Government cost to our sons and daughters. FOUR YEARS AFTER THE WAR IS OVER!! Could YOU keep going spending more than you earn for 21

years? If you can, for golly gee gosh sakes, let us know how you figure.

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