

FARM and GARDEN NEWS

Brannan Says Potato Acreage Goals Not Effective In Curing Down Trend

"Acreage goals for potatoes are not a positive and effective way of securing downward adjustments in production. When they are not backed by marketing quotas—and they cannot be under existing legislation—they become largely voluntary."

In these words, Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan recently called the attention of mem-

bers of the senate committee on agriculture and forestry to the current potato situation—a situation which will require the Department of Agriculture to purchase and arrange for disposal of around 65 to 70 million bushels of "surplus" potatoes from the 1949 crop in order to meet mandatory price support commitments to farmers. The secretary estimated the cost

WHEAT UNDER LOAN

PORTLAND.—(P)—Oregon farmers have placed 2,500,000 bushels of wheat under the government's loan program, the Department of Agriculture reports. Wheat under the purchase agreement totals 338,000 bushels.

of the operation at between 80 and 100 million dollars depending on the policy which is followed in disposing of the surplus stocks acquired from now on.

As a result of exceptionally favorable growing conditions—particularly in the late production areas—the 1949 potato crop is now estimated at 402 million bushels—52 million bushels above the production target of 350 million bushels upon which the 1949 acreage goals were based.

Inadequate Mechanism

"This situation again points up the fact that we do not have an adequate mechanism to help farmers bring their production in line with the demand," said the secretary. "The only medium available to us under the existing legislation is to reduce price support. We did this, taking full advantage of the provisions of the law by dropping the support of 1949 potatoes to 60 percent of parity—the bottom of the permissive range."

Brannan stressed the fact that under the agricultural act of 1949, "the only effective mechanism which we are authorized to use in support prices is the purchase and withdrawal from the market of enough of the potato supply to maintain market prices at the predetermined support level."

Nullifies Allotments

He explained that this tends to nullify the effectiveness of acreage allotments because, with the whole market supported, the producer market at the support price, even who plants beyond his acreage.

"He can simply sell in the open market and suffer no real penalty, if he is ineligible to sell directly to the government under price support operations," said the Secretary.

Total potato plantings in 1949 were in line with the national goal, the secretary stated. Although most farmers went along with their allotments, he pointed out that there were some increased plantings in high production areas and some decreases in the lower producing regions.



APPEAL BEARS FRUIT—David Lee Campbell, 2½-year-old victim of kidney disease, is slightly amazed at the number of watermelons he has received since his appeal for the out-of-season fruit. They were flown to his Kilgore, Tex., home from Panama.

Ninety Percent Of Parity Price Made For Wool

To provide the incentive for increased production of shorn wool, as required by law, the maximum level of price support—90 percent of the parity price—has been established for 1950 wool production.

E. Harvey Miller, chairman of the Oregon State PMA committee, pointed out that legislation requires that the price of wool be supported within the range of 60 and 90 percent of parity at the level needed to encourage an annual production of about 360 million pounds of shorn wool. Shorn wool production in 1948 totaled 234 million pounds, and 1949 production is estimated at 216 million pounds. Production in 1950 is not expected to be much different from that of 1949.

Prices of shorn and pulled wool will be supported through purchase, and wool acquired will be disposed of through commercial channels. Purchase prices will follow the 1949, rather than an earlier, average market price relationship between grades.

To encourage maximum sale of wool in trade channels, producers will have the opportunity to decide after appraisal whether or not they want to sell their wool to the Department of Agriculture or in trade channels. Formerly, producers could not withdraw wool from the program once it was tendered. The department will assume no responsibility for wool until after the title has passed to the department.

LOS ANGELES.—(P)—Get out of public life, is the Los Angeles Church Federation's advice to Irvin Bergman and Roberto Rossellini.

Group Tells Bergman To Leave Public Life

Directors of the federation, including Hollywood churches, spoke out sharply in a resolution. Sense of human decency and Christian ethics insists that the central figures in the recent adulterous interlude and other persons involved in comparable situations should retire from public life.

They also appealed to "persons dedicated to human decency" to refuse to patronize the Bergman-Rossellini film "Stromboli."

ALLOTMENT ANSWER?

DES MOINES.—(P)—Orval Dahms thinks he has the answer to the corn acreage allotment program—purebred cattle. On his farm of 320 acres Dahms raises only 35 to 40 acres of corn each year. All of the rest of his land is used for pasture and hay.

Dahms feeds all of the corn he raises. He never has participated in the government support price programs. He is not affected by the acreage reductions which corn farmers will have to make if they wish to participate in the support program.

Freeze Hurts Production Of Some Citrus Fruits

WASHINGTON.—(P)—The Department of Agriculture says early January freezing weather in California and Arizona had reduced prospective orange production by about 6 million boxes and lemon production by 1 million boxes.

The department trimmed its January production estimates by that much.

It said that total orange production for all growing areas—Louisiana, California, Florida, Texas and Arizona—will be about 100,000,000 boxes, compared with last year's 99,620,000 boxes.

Grapefruit production is estimated at 36,770,000 boxes compared with 45,520,000 for the previous crop, a reduction of about 19 percent.

Angel Falls, in Venezuela, is the world's highest waterfall.

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Kidnaping, Robbing Car Driver Draws Five Years

PORTLAND.—(P)—A young man who last fall forced an insurance man to drive him to Salem, Friday drew a five-year sentence there, in the penitentiary.

The youth, Gordon S. Beck, 19, pleaded guilty to assault and armed robbery for the Oct. 5 affair. He forced R. M. Dooley, at gunpoint, to drive him to Salem and there he left Dooley after robbing him of \$2. Beck was arrested driving back to Portland when he became involved in a traffic accident.

High Production Needed In Poultry

High production is essential if a profit is to be shown by poultrymen during a period such as this when feed costs are high and eggs are comparatively low priced, according to Noel Bennion, OSC extension poultry specialist.

Bennion suggests the following tips on how to maintain egg production:

1. Cull non-laying birds. 2. Provide a 13-hour day by use of artificial light to stimulate egg production. 3. Give a supplemental feeding at noon consisting of what moist mash or pellets the birds will clean up in 20 or 30 minutes.

With 100 pounds of feed, 50 percent mash and 50 percent grains, costing \$4.50 per hundred weight, the specialist says feed cost per dozen eggs when 10 percent of birds are producing will amount to \$1.35 per dozen. At 30 percent production, feed costs amount to 45 cents a dozen. At 50 percent production, feed charges will amount to 27 cents per dozen and at 70 percent production, they will be 19 cents per dozen.

Obviously, the specialist concluded, it is most profitable to hold the laying flocks at a high rate of lay.

ABE LINCOLN PAID

WASHINGTON.—(P)—President Truman signed a bill Friday awarding \$865 in back pay to Abe Lincoln.

The Lincoln in question is a Bureau of Indian Affairs employe at Fort Defiance, Ariz. His wife, Elena B. Lincoln, got \$548.33.

The amounts represented funds withheld from their pay for quarters that weren't furnished by the government.

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The Turkey Outlook As We See It.

It may be suicide to even make a guess on the 1950 outlook. But we have often crawled out on a little limb, and either through good luck or good judgment have escaped with no more than minor hurts.

To start out, let's gaze at the cold storage figures. Present stocks, (Feb. 1, 1950), of 136 million lbs. represent about 16% of the entire production in 1949. That is supposed to be bad. It is more than double last year's 55 million lbs., but only 39 million lbs. above the 5-year average. And about the same as on Feb. 1, 1946, and less than the 140 million in 1947.

A year ago tom turks were priced around 55c to retailers. This year it is about 36-38c. At this price, storage turks should move into consumption freely. It must be remembered that we never run out of storage turks.

It therefore won't be necessary to eat every pound of turkey in storage before next year's crop comes onto the market. The lowest cold storage stocks in the past five years was 20 million lbs. Sept. 1, 1949, the year of lowest production for several years.

So much for storage. The 1950 crop is now estimated to be about 1% above that of last year's big crop, according to the "Intentions Report" by the U. S. D. A. Some close observers feel that this figure will be reduced by the present storage outlook, and that the crop may well be considerably below last year. Even if not, at the present prices, the nation will consume much more than last year.

Eggs and poultry are likely to be considerably below last year. In fact, we hear reports that eggs are now backing up in some localities. This could mean that some eggs will go to bakeries, and the crop will be reduced to that extent. In any event, cheaper eggs and poultry won't necessarily mean more turkeys. If you don't want them, you won't change your mind just because somebody gets stuck with some eggs.

But if you do want them, and can save some money on poultry, it will make the whole picture for 1950 look purtier. After all, an 80c poult takes 4c a pound out of your selling price. So a few cents saved there will add just that much to your share of the turkey swag next fall.

Your principal cost item, after poult cost is feed cost. As it looks from here, that item will be even smaller than last year. Uncle Sam's new way of figuring "parity" will lower the support price of wheat. Maybe you could help by writing our boys in Congress too.

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will help you raise a bigger percent of the poult you start, and raise them better.

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Dairy Feeds.

We don't know just which of our dairy feeds is the best. Guess it just depends on what you want and expect. Of course, O. K. Chop is the cheapest, and it is a pretty good bait, if you don't need too much milk.

Then there is the new one, UMPQUA DAIRY RATION, which has the rolled grains, beet pulp, etc., and which the cows can lap up without too much slobbering. It is a 16% protein mix, about like the old reliable MILKMAKER. Some of the biggest dairies in the county are using this one.

And our old-timer, UMPQUA MILKMAKER. We have changed this to a 20% ration, for the benefit of those dairymen who wish the very highest in milk production. We think this much superior too, if you are feeding grain hay, while you may do quite as well with the lower priced UMPQUA DAIRY RATION if you feed alfalfa or have a good legume pasture.

They are all good feeds, and will give you the variety you want in making your choice. We'll be glad to show you the formula on all our feeds, if you care to see them. We bet nobody else would do that!

The gal had received a brassiere for a birthday gift. "Golly, I wish they had sent the money. I'm flat busted."

Some Surprising Figures.

Many turkey growers lost money in 1949. Many others just about broke even. Even those who broke even may have had a profit, because turkeys definitely improve the fertility of the land on which they are raised. A profit that rarely shows up in your income tax report.

Nearly every turkey grower who fed UMPQUA TURKEY FEEDS made a nice margin over production costs. We want to give you the figures furnished us by one well known Douglas County producer, George Thomas.

George started just about 2000 poult. He had a very low mortality, though more than 100 birds could never be accounted for. They didn't die a natural death, and didn't die any other kind of death on George's farm. So it made some difference in the books of these figures, and not to our benefit either.

Of the 2000 poult started, 1746 were sold, used on th. farm, or kept for breeders, leaving 254 which either died or somebody snatched.

And, as we said, the mortality itself was very low.

Feed bought or raised 217,500 lbs. Turkeys matured 38,610 lbs., (luscious, sold, kept for breeders). Feed per pound DRESSED WEIGHT 5.63 lbs. (including unknown number which disappeared mysteriously.) Feed cost per pound feed 3.89c per lb. Average cost per lb. dressed turkey 21.9c. Average weight, hens 15.5 lbs., toms 26.7 lbs. at 7 months. So if you are a turkey grower, you know you have as good a chance in 1950 as in 1949. Cheaper poult, cheaper feed, and a chance for a better price for your turkeys next fall.

But whatever you do, if you raise turkeys in 1950, see the Douglas Flour Mill, and let us tell you why you will have a better chance of making money on 1950 turkeys on UMPQUA TURKEY FEEDS. Perhaps you didn't know it, but the Douglas Flour Mill made the first commercial turkey feeds manufactured on the Pacific Coast. And we have always kept UMPQUA TURKEY FEEDS on a par or above any other turkey feeds on the Coast. 1950 UMPQUA FEEDS will be better than ever with the new A. P. F., Megasil and our higher vitamin fortification.

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On That Bum Feed

Hans Schattner of Brockway has 88 R. I. Red hens. Not surprising. But it is surprising to know they have averaged 72 eggs a day since last fall; right through the coldest January weather. (That's 82% production according to our figures.) By the way, Hans has them mated, and could furnish a few hatching eggs.

Rev Strong took home 500 pullets from Carr's Hatchery, and when we saw them at two weeks, he still had all but 5.

Grant Phillips, Umpqua Produce & Hatchery reports over 300 Cornish Game Cross chicks per case. The Mamas were eating UMPQUA BREEDER'S MASH. We haven't heard of the C. G. Cross ever hatching like that!

Our Recipe Of The Week

Fricassee Chicken

Cut chicken in pieces, as for pan frying. Rub with salt and pepper. Brown in hot fat. Add 2 cups water, cover, and simmer slowly until chicken is tender.

Remove chicken and thicken broth with a little flour. (Should be UMPQUA CHIEF FLOUR.) Cook until smooth and serve with chicken. (Desired, bay leaf and celery seed may be added for variety in flavor.) (Submitted by Rosemary Bashford.) Come on ladies, and send us your favorite recipe. Some of you have promised. How about next week?

He: "I'll bet I know what you're thinking about." She: "Maybe so, but you sure don't act like it!"

Baker County Now Free Of Tubercular Cattle

SALEM.—(P)—With Baker county now qualified for the list of counties free from tuberculosis of cattle, 29 counties now have this rating, the state agriculture department says.

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