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## Next Year's Wheat Harvest Gets Off To Favorable Start

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Next year's vital wheat crop—for which the government has set a goal of about 1,150,000,000 bushels—is getting off to a favorable start in most sections of the country.

This outlook was reported by the agriculture department in a crop survey yesterday which said aggregate crop reduction this year will be the third largest of record despite declines in some crops during October.

Only in 1948 and 1949 was production larger.

The department said that by the end of October, winter wheat seeding was nearly completed in most areas, although wet weather in eastern parts of Washington and Oregon and in Minnesota, and dry weather in parts of the Atlantic states, the South and Southwest had retarded operations.

## DDT Specialist On Hort Society Meeting At OSC

What danger is there to humans from DDT?

That's a question to be discussed by Dr. J. Monte Johnston, Wenatchee, Wash., at the Oregon State horticultural society meeting Nov. 29 and 30 on the Oregon State college campus.

A. U. S. public health service toxicology laboratory, physician, Dr. Johnston will report work that has been underway in which organic phosphates and DDT, a widely used insecticide, have been studied.

The appearance of Dr. Johnston at the society's sixty-sixth annual meeting has been announced by the program committee headed by Paul Skinner, Medford. Sessions both days will get underway at 9 a. m. and will be held in the OSC campus Memorial Union building.

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## Lower Profits Predicted In State Poultry Industry

PORTLAND — (AP) — Increased production, higher costs and lower profits—that is the forecast for the Oregon poultry industry next year.

Speaking at a meeting of the Oregon Baby Chick Association, Noel Bennion, Oregon State college poultry specialist, said Oregon chick production will total 15,000,000 next year—44 percent above this year.

Prices for chicks will be up about five percent, he said.

Egg production will be up three to five percent and egg prices might dip a little, Harry R. Roh, general manager of the Pacific Co-operative Poultry Producers, reported.

## New Feed, Grunts Make Bigger Pigs

ST. PAUL, Minn. — (AP) — America's little pigs may be hastened to market with a new synthetic milk and summoned to meals with phonograph records of sows grunts.

Herbert G. Luther, research scientist with Chas. Pfizer & Co., Brooklyn, N. Y., said that piglets fed the new concoction weighed 10 to 35 pounds more than normally-suckled ones in an eight-week nutrition symposium at the University of Minnesota.

## Crop Under Snow In Saskatchewan

EDMONTON — (AP) — More than \$450,000,000 worth of wheat, oats and barley is estimated to be lying under snow in Alberta and Saskatchewan, waiting until spring to be harvested.

Most of it eventually will be salvaged, but its value after a winter in the open is a question mark.

For a second straight year a late growing season and early winter snow have combined with marketing and transportation problems to frustrate the farmer's hopes for a big crop of top-quality grain, safely harvested and sold before winter.

The farmers are without the cash they customarily receive in the fall when they delivered their grain to the elevators. Those with threshed grain are unable to get rid of it because most elevators are clogged.

Farm organizations are clamoring for financial advances from the federal government to see the farmers through the winter. Busi-

## Turkey Industry Delays Plans For Paratyphoid Test

It appears impractical to start a turkey paratyphoid testing program at this time.

That was the conclusion reached recently by directors of the Oregon Turkey Improvement Association, representatives of the state department of agriculture, Oregon State college and the turkey industry. Although the disease is increasing, it was decided to postpone plans for a testing program until a more accurate test is developed.

Paratyphoid, transmitted much the same as pullorum, may also be spread by rats, mice, birds and other animals, says Noel Bennion, Oregon State college extension poultry specialist.

An experimental basis testing program is underway in California, but growers have found costs comparatively high. It is costing 9 cents per bird in addition to the pullorum test, and results have not been entirely accurate, Bennion reports.

Oregon growers are being urged to bring or send sick or thin, unthrifty birds to the poultry disease laboratory at the college for diagnosis in cases where paratyphoid is suspected. Where the disease is found, flocks should be eliminated as breeders.

Control of the disease is a "must," Bennion asserts, if Oregon is to hold down mortality rates and maintain its position in the hatching egg export business. He emphasizes the need for rodent control programs in areas where breeding flocks are raised.

## Hop Crop Climbs To Record Mark

PORTLAND — (AP) — The hop crop this year reached a record high of 83,019,590 pounds, the hop control board reports.

The board said that 26.3 percent of the crop would be held off the market under the federal marketing and agreement which governs the industry.

Growers from Oregon, Washington and California decided to seek amendment of the marketing agreement.

A change in the so-called diversion privilege is to be sought, requiring a grower to harvest his entire salable hop allotment. As the agreement now stands growers may sell their allotment certificates to other growers and hold their crop, or part of it, off the market.

An alternative amendment, if the first is unacceptable, would limit the diversion privilege to 50

## Farmer Suggests Use Of Nitrate On Arid Tracts

SPOKANE — (AP) — An eastern Washington farmer suggested today the use of a nitrate fertilizer makes it possible to crop a relatively dry piece of land every year and get good results.

Most farmers have been skipping a year on such land to conserve moisture in the soil.

John MacGregor of Whitman county, Wash., the nation's biggest wheat-producing county, told the Washington-Idaho Wheat Growers' league of his experiments with ington State college agronomist, "annual cropping."

He said Harley Bacquet, a Washington farmer, suggested in 1947 that a deficiency of nitrogen in the soil and not the

## limited rainfall was the limiting factor in growing wheat.

MacGregor said he decided to check the theory and started annual cropping on 100 acres of his land in 1948 he added a nitrate fertilizer.

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## IT'S A HARD LIFE

To all you good friends who buy feed at the Douglas Flour Mill, and other places, it's pretty tough to find the prices up every time you come to town for a bag of feed. But after you pay the new hike, your worries are over.

For us at the Mill, it's just one headache after another. We not only have to keep prices as low as possible, but we have to do it in the face of higher costs. If we didn't value our friends and customers so much, there are days when we'd gladly lock the place up and go look for a job on O.P.S.

Here's what we run up against when we go out to replace the things we sold you last week: "Result of heavy export bookings... wheat was pushed up to \$2.44 1/2 (it was \$2.17 in July). "Mills sold out on millrun for Nov. and Dec. Small lots offered last week gobbled up quickly at \$64 per ton... (Last summer it was \$52). "Corn markets up sharply to \$83.50 per ton... Even at that high figure demand was keen... (We bought corn all summer at \$65).

"Oats continued to advance with Calif. buyers eagerly seeking supplies... Good oats sold as high as \$77 per ton... (Last Jan. oats was \$59.00). "Feed barley prices continued to rise, going above the \$70 level at the weekend... Remaining stocks in firm hands with no disposition to sell... Strength in barley market... heavy export sales... (Barley plentiful a year ago at \$59.) "December soybean meal quoted in very limited quantities at \$75... bulk Decatur... several processors reported they were sold out thru Jan... (We bought a lot last year at \$55 "bulk Decatur"). "Beans being held by farmers... oil market sick... meal will have to carry the ball... some talk about upward shift in ceiling price.

"Meatcrap firm at the ceiling... \$105 f.o.b. producing point... Fishmeal continued scarce... market \$2.35 per unit... ceiling price... f.o.b. Vancouver, B. C... (Fish a year ago was only \$1.95 per unit). "Cottonseed practically disappeared from the market... Calif. sellers booked thru March... Producers not taking orders, expecting new ceilings on meal... (We bought all last year at \$73 or less).

And so it goes. Even alfalfa meal dehydrated is selling in Calif. at \$75 per ton. Eastern feed manufacturers are buying

## ATOMIC FEEDING

Nearly every poultryman in Douglas is feeding poultry the old-fashioned way. Packing sacks on the back, and buckets on the arm. Pouring out feed into old fashioned hoppers and letting the birds waste it, in spite of its high cost.

When he could turn the job over to a "BIG DUTCHMAN" and spend the time fishing in summer and watching television in winter. The saving an automatic feeder gives you is not in time alone. Nor is time even the most important saving. An automatic will pay for itself several times over in the feed it saves. Birds also eat better, from the moving trough, thereby making better use of the feed.

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Prospective Boss: "Have you any references?"  
Applicant: "Yes, here's one. Says: 'To whom it may concern: Bill Smith worked for us one week, and we were satisfied.'"

Young man: "I'm contemplating matrimony. How much money will I need?"  
Old Timer: "More."

## THE BIG TURKEY SHOW

You have only a few days left to pick out your best birds for the show. Or let us help you pick them, if you wish. Paul Abeel, the hustling manager tells us he is getting entries from all over the country, and it looks like one of the biggest shows in years.

Be sure and look us up when you come out to the show. We will be there, as usual, and will try to make you comfortable and happy.

## BELIEVE IN SIGNS?

We aren't too superstitious, but once in a long time we see a sign we really believe in. And one you can believe in is the new sign we are having painted on the outside of the Mill telling you about our hardware dept. Have a look, as soon as it gets plastered on the wall.

And speaking of the hardware dept. At our house it was always impossible to get the ball games on our radio. But we got a little one at the Mill, and didn't miss a game the Portland Beavers played after that. If your radio won't reach out for distant stations, try one of these. They can't be beat.

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