

SHEEP, LAMB FEEDING TOPIC

United States Department of Agriculture Gives Authentic Estimate of Conditions.

Developments to October 1, indicate that there will be at least as many sheep and lambs fed in the corn belt and western irrigated regions this fall and winter as were fed last year, according to a statement issued today by the United States Department of Agriculture. This estimate is based upon comparative shipments of feeder sheep and lambs into the leading corn belt feeding state and upon reports of special investigations made by representatives of the department in the western feeding areas.

During the months of July, August and September, shipments of feeder and feeder sheep and lambs from the twelve markets which made shipments of such stock were made increased from 320,000 head in 1922 to 1,145,000 in 1923, an increase of 358,000 head or 38.2 percent. From the same markets such shipments during the corresponding period in 1921 were 812,000, in 1920, 1,570,000 and in 1919, 2,586,000 head. For these same markets, shipments of feeder sheep and feeders during these three months equated 32.2 per cent of total receipts in 1923, compared with only 26.6 percent in 1922 and 23.9 per cent in 1921.

Shipments of stockers and feeders into the eight principal corn belt feeding states from these twelve markets during three months increased from 690,000 in 1922 to 910,000 in 1923, an increase of 220,000 head or 32 per cent. These figures show the increased movement to date into the corn belt. Whether this increase can continue the rest of the season depends upon the market supply of western sheep and lambs during the next few months and percentage of feeders in this supply.

In the western feeding areas the present indications are that the sheep fed will not exceed the total of last year. While there is a large supply of feeding stuffs in these sections, especially of best topsoil, and corn, prices of these and alfalfa hay suitable for lamb feeding promise to be as high or higher than last year and this situation in conjunction with the higher prices of feeding lambs is leading to restricted operations somewhat, especially on the part of commercial feeders.

Oregon lambs have very largely moved out of the state, largely to Idaho and Colorado feeding points. Indications are that less than 10,000 lambs will be fed along the line of the Union Pacific System in Oregon. Possibly 20,000 to 25,000 lambs will be fed in the western and southern parts of the state all of which will be shipped to coast markets. A few thousand old ewes will also be fed, largely for coast markets.

In northern Colorado feeding will probably equal in volume that of last year, but with an earlier movement both in and out. Feeding lambs are costing from 11c to 12 1/2 cents delivered and are already moving into feeding areas in considerable volume. A large corn crop was raised in this section this year and many lambs are being turned into these fields, which is a comparatively new method of feeding in this area. In the Arkansas valley probably fewer lambs will be fed than last year. In Utah feeders would probably operate as heavily as last year if feeding lambs were not so high, but up to October 1, only around two-thirds as many had been contracted for as a year ago.

In spite of large supply of grain and forage in Idaho, there is considerable hesitancy in making feeding plans due to the prevailing high price of feeders. Many growers prefer to ship their lambs at present favorable prices rather than feed and take chances of the future market. The amount of lamb feeding will be largely influenced by market prices of feeding lambs during the next two months. There promises to be a good many old ewes fed in small lots by the smaller ranches.

In the Scotts Bluff, Nebraska, section probably fewer lambs will be fed than last year unless there is a decline in feeder lamb prices.

Around Billings, Montana, there will be an increase in feeding of sheep, principally old ewes but not of lambs as the attractive prices for feeding lambs are drawing the supplies of the latter from the state.

Reports from Arizona, New Mexico and West Texas indicate that the available supplies of southern feeders lambs have been contracted and that this number is smaller than last year in the two first named states and larger in the latter area. Most of those will go to Colorado and Nebraska feed lots.

While the sheep industry in the west is tending to expand and its improved financial situation makes this possible, the indications are that this year's lamb crop will be rather closely marketed and that the large lamb crop of last spring will result in a supply of western lambs somewhat larger than last year. If the number fed in the western areas is no larger than that of last year the market shipments will be larger than those of a year ago. The market movement to date supports this assumption. The demand for feeding lambs from the corn belt continues insistent and this may be sufficient to take this increased supply at around the prevailing price levels. If, however, an increased supply brings about lower market prices for feeders these resulting lower prices will probably tend to increase western feeding operations.

QUIET WEEK IN PROMISE

PROMISE (Special)—David and Fran Garrett, who have been working near Vincent returned home Saturday.

Mrs. Lee Smith who has recently moved to Bishop accompanied by Mrs. Isaac, also of Bishop, came home Saturday to gather some fruit. They returned to Bishop Sunday.

Mrs. Vesper Henderson spent Saturday night with her mother, Mrs. Jim Taylor, who is sick.

Misses Alice and Doris Footberg, who are attending High School at Wallawa, spent the week end with their mother Mrs. J. K. Carper.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hammock and George Downing of the Bowmansville camp were at William Carper's for fruit Sunday.

Ethel and Lillian Carper spent Sunday night with their cousins Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bennett.

Andrew Freshman finished filling his silo Saturday.

Marshall Freshman and family, who are working at Bishop, spent the week-end at the home of his brother, Andrew Freshman and family.

Louis Nowby and Theodore Carper motored to Wallawa and back Sunday.

David Garrett and Harry McDonald spent Sunday afternoon with C. P. Carper's boys.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. McDonald and son Alvin visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Carper, Sunday.

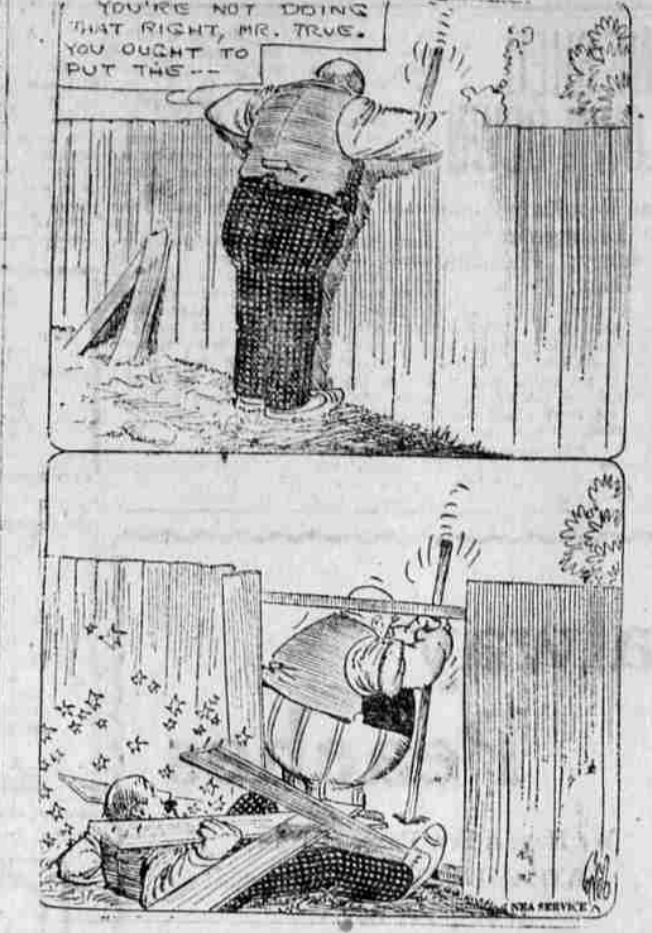
One Swearington and family and Mrs. Truman Poulson and daughter visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hescock. Mrs. Poulson spent Sunday night with her mother Mrs. One Swearington.

Alfred Carper and family visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bennett of Sunnyside.

Lella, the six-months-old daughter of C. P. Carper, is suffering considerably from whooping cough.

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

By Congo



Portland Boys Paroled. EUGENE, Or. — Clarence Parker and James Whitney, Portland boys, 17 and 15 years old, respectively, who were arrested a few days ago on a charge of burglary in the Eugene gun store, and admitted their guilt, were paroled yesterday by Judge Barnard to their parents.

The parents of the boys had come from Portland to plead for them, stating that they were moving away from that city so they would have better environment. One family is going to Pendleton and the other to California. It was stated.

ELECTION OF FORD WOULD SPOIL GOOD MAN, SAYS EDISON

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Thomas A. Edison, electrical wizard, in one of the first interviews he has ever granted newspaper men spoke Wednesday of the presidential possibilities of his friend, Henry Ford and declared that it would "spoil a good man" if the nation sent Ford to the White House.

Mr. Edison expressed the opinion that the automobile manufacturer was more valuable to the nation as a private citizen, and then turned to the protraction made recently by Charles P. Steinmetz, inventor, connected with the General Electric company, that electricity eventually would reduce the working day to four hours. With this opinion Mr. Edison agreed.

Mr. Edison, however, was not sure that the four-hour day would be a good thing for the nation. He expressed fear that too large a leisure class would be created and that this would have a bad effect, particularly on the young.

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