

Oregon Growers Asked to Boost Meat Chickens

Oregon poultrymen have been asked by the War Food administration to join in the national campaign to increase production of meat chickens as a means of helping to relieve the present meat shortage, according to N. L. Bennion, extension poultryman at Oregon State College.

The nation needs more meat chickens as quickly as possible and the WFA is urging chicken raisers to grow one or two extra broods of chicks starting right away, or to greatly increase the size of broods already in prospect.

As an incentive, the OPA has increased the ceiling price of broilers, fryers, and roasters 1.1 cents per pound in Oregon from July 1, 1945, to December 31, 1945, though Bennion says the increase is not

enough to create a large scale expansion with present food prices. The national average increase is about 1 1/2 cents a pound.

Bennion points out that this is a temporary request for meat chickens and that established producers who already have equipment should be the ones to increase their broods. He cautions newcomers against getting into the business on the basis of the present demand.

"Producers should bear in mind that they have asked for an increase in chickens for meat, and not an increase in chickens for egg production," Bennion adds. "While there is a shortage of eggs at present, the situation may be changed a year from now. Established producers should raise sufficient pullets to make normal replacements and to keep their laying houses filled to capacity. That's a sound procedure regardless of the outlook."

Leghorn cockerels can be obtained at a low cost and make good broilers and economical gains up to about two pounds, Bennion points out in explaining that demand may exceed the supply of the most popular breeds of meat chickens such as New Hampshires, Rhode Island Reds, Plymouth Rocks or crossbreeds.

The most economical weight to sell Leghorns is from 1 1/2 to 2 pounds and for the popular meat breeds from 3 to 4 pounds, he says. On the average 3 to 3 1/2 pounds of food (two-thirds mash and one-third grains) will be required to produce a pound of gain in Leghorns up to 2 pounds and about the same amount in the heavier breeds up to 3 or 4 pounds.

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM AT LONDON 4-H CLUB

London 4-H clubs held their annual achievement program on Friday evening at the school gym, with members of the cookery, homemaking and camp cookery clubs led by Mrs. Jeanne Morton and Mrs. Margaret Ritter, exhibiting their club work. A short program was presented with pledges to the American and 4-H flags, club songs and an impressive candlelighting ceremony. Annual reports of work accomplished during the year were given by club presidents: Dona Drusette, Marie Clark, Berta Mae Newton and Gary Funk. Thirty-two club members received exhibitor's ribbons and defense stamp books with one stamp for having completed their work and making an exhibit.

Presentation of certificates of achievement was presented to club presidents of last year and club charters to this year's presidents by E. A. Danielson, county club agent. Mr. Danielson talked on club work to the group and showed a colored movie of South America.

A pie walk was sponsored by London 4-H Mothers club and coffee was served to over 50 parents and friends who attended the program.

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Nation's First Alcohol Plant Ready for Operation July 1st

Construction of one of the world's largest, and America's first, commercial plant for the production of ethyl alcohol from sawdust and waste wood by the Scholler-Tornesch method, has reached a point where it is confidently expected that it will be in operation by July 1st.

The \$2,250,000 project occupies a 14-acre site at Springfield. It is the property of the Willamette Valley Wood Chemical Company of Eugene, which was formed by local lumbermen, themselves producers of large quantities of sawdust, the essential raw material. Financing was arranged through the Defense Plant Corporation.

An initial, daily consumption of 200 tons of sawdust with a corresponding output of 10,000 to 12,500 gallons of ethyl alcohol is planned, according to Charles Snellstrom, president of the company. The plant is designed to increase that output greatly and ample supplies of raw material are available to permit rapid expansion.

Production on commercial scale of ethyl alcohol, lignin, and other derivatives through the acid hydrolyzation of wood is new to the United States, but it is a well established industry in Germany and one on which much of the German war economy has been founded. The German processes and patents are also being used by Italy and Japan.

Industrial alcohol in the United States has been derived in the past largely from blackstrap molasses brought here in tankers from the Caribbean. The requirements for industrial alcohol, multiplied by war, strained the capacity of the established facilities. At the same time the lumber industry was producing vast quantities of potential raw material for alcohol-sawdust, which has little or no commercial value in itself.

COOS COUNTY COAL IN DEMAND

Coal from Coos county is wanted by numerous localities, since they have been hearing of the fine quality that is being taken from the Coast Fuel corporation new mine at Southport.

The interest resulted in the forwarding of two carloads this week to the army camp White at Medford, according to a statement by T. O. Toon, president of the mining company.

Mr. Toon is looking forward to some very busy times when the mine opens officially on April 21 and already coal is being used at the North Bend auxiliary naval base, and at the Roseburg veterans' hospital.

The Coast Fuel corporation is partly accountable to Senators Cordon and More as well as to Congressman Harris Ellsworth for obtaining the existing contracts. The shipment to Camp White constituted from 70 to 80 tons.

—Coos Bay Harbor

Farm Selection

The most important things to consider in selecting a farm are climate, soil, topography, markets, condition and adequacy of building and improvements, availability of good roads and other public services, and whether the farm will support enough business to enable a family to make a good living.

General Petroleum Steps up Output of 100 Octane Gas for War

Net earnings of \$62,300,000 in 1944 were made by the Socony-Vacuum Oil Company, according to information released today by S. J. Dickey, president of the General Petroleum Corporation, Socony's West Coast affiliate. The report, made by B. Brewster Jennings, Socony-Vacuum President, also included the first word on the effect of the European war on the company's operations in that part of the world.

1944 earnings of the company were equivalent of \$2.00 per share as compared with \$1.15 per share in 1943. The company paid out, accrued or collected a total of \$142,100,000 in taxes, including \$60,900,000 in gasoline taxes collected in various states.

Highlighting Socony-Vacuum's high-speed war program, according to Mr. Jennings, is the company's vastly increased production of 100 Octane gasoline. Each day now the Socony-Vacuum's production of this vital aviation fuel exceeds the total daily output of the entire petroleum industry in December 1941.

Socony-Vacuum's crude oil production within the United States averaged 168,600 barrels per day, nine per cent higher than in 1943. Crude oil processed in the company's refineries averaged 374,000 barrels per day, an increase of 11 per cent over 1943.

Latham

At the meeting of the Hebron Grange April 7th the third and fourth degrees were conferred upon Mr. and Mrs. Leon Godard, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Godard and Mrs. W. R. LaLonde. Mabel Kennedy was favorably voted on for membership. Clare Chapman gave a comprehensive report for the agricultural committee. Marketing report was given by O. M. Patton.

The president of the Jolly Workers club, Mrs. Roy Geer, spoke for the club about the hall. John Lamb reported on behalf of the Grange committee on the same question. A committee composed of Mrs. Roy Means, Mrs. Mads Overgaard and Hugh Trunnell were appointed to meet with a committee from the Ladies club to make out a new insurance policy on the hall.

The grange voted to cooperate with the Latham school club in providing prizes for the rodent control program which is underway. It was voted to invite a state speaker on rural fire protection.

A short program consisting of a song by all; duet, "A Song of Peace," by Mrs. Mads Overgaard and Esther Trunnell; readings by Mrs. W. R. LaLonde and Mrs. Fred Harris.

On the 7th War Loan committee Mrs. O. A. Nichols, Mrs. Clare Chapman and Mrs. C. C. Gilham were appointed.

The need for the United National clothing collection was stressed by the lecturer, Mrs. Fred Harris. Marvin Harris is in the advanced infantry at Camp Howse.

Forrest Harris writes from Yuma, Arizona where he is in gunners school.

Mrs. Lottie Courtney of Vancouver, Washington, accompanied by Mrs. Mabel Kiben of Portland, brought Mrs. Courtney's mother, Mrs. Molly Kine, to visit her sister, Mrs. Murray Trunnell. Mrs. Kine is improving nicely.

The Floyd Chaffee family moved Monday to Dorena where they purchased a part of the Thrasher place.

Mrs. Gussie Johnson of Coquille arrived Monday to visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Hugh Harris.

The Latham school club met Thursday evening with a good attendance. It was voted to give prizes for rodent control pupils at the end of school as well as a certain amount per tail for those caught during the summer months. There are also prizes offered in the county in addition to local prizes. The next meeting of the club will be May 3.

The committee on insurance from the Hebron Ladies club (Jolly Workers) and one from the grange met at the O. A. Nichols home Monday evening and had a new policy made out to insure the community hall for three years.

At the regular meeting of the Jolly Workers club held April 4, a plant exchange was held. Red Cross work was turned in and new material given out. The next meeting will be May 2.

When you tell a girl nowadays she has a wooden expression, you can safely get away with it, for face powder is now made from wood flour.

The times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent. Acts 17: 30.

I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance. Luke 15: 7.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1: 9.

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More Sheep Less Cattle for West

WASHINGTON, — Western stockmen have been asked to put patriotism before profit and raise more sheep, less cattle.

The agriculture department has set its goals for an increase of about a million head of sheep and a decrease of about 5,000,000 head of cattle.

Western congressmen think the cattle decrease probably will be achieved, but they're doubtful the downward trend in sheep numbers can be reversed. There are too many things to discourage the sheepmen, they say.

The program calls for reduction of cattle numbers in every western state except California and a sheep increase everywhere except in Idaho and New Mexico. No change is suggested in Idaho. In New Mexico the Indian Bureau already has expressed concern over the increase of sheep on the Navajo reservation.

The agriculture department had one word of comfort to the stockmen. Apparently there will be an adequate supply of protein feed for next winter. The supply has been pretty short—or at least unevenly distributed—during the last few years.

Cedars

Mr. and Mrs. Nate Compton were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Cone Sunday.

Laura Anderson, Seattle, Grace Handlin, Bernadine Drytt, Nick Holliday, Carl Holliday of Yakima, Washington, Paul Holliday, Myrtle Point, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Boucher and Shirley of Salem, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cheney of Eugene were out of town visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hemenway and attended the funeral of Guy Holliday.

Mr. and Mrs. Powell Yardrough and two children of Los Angeles were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Norris.

Mrs. Frankie Callison and Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Moon of Eugene visited Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hemenway.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Laubach went to Portland last Saturday. Mrs. Laubach was to go to the Good Samaritan hospital. The Cedar club met last Tuesday.

day for an all day meeting with Mrs. Odus Williams. The time was spent piecing quilts. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Bert Scott of Cottage Grove.

Mrs. Margaret Bolton went to Eugene Wednesday on business concerning the organizing of a Navy Mothers club in Cottage Grove.

Mrs. Nate Compton spent last Wednesday in Salem.

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