

U. S. Food Outlook Shows Plenty for Home Use

Despite current shortages of food in war-torn nations overseas and huge exports of wheat and other foods from this country, late data indicates the overall prospect is far from serious for United States consumers, says L. R. Breithaupt, OSC extension agricultural economist. Furthermore, the national food cost probably will not exceed very much if any 20 percent of the national income.

The preliminary estimates on production and distribution of United States foods for 1946 indicate that the total for civilians, for military forces, and for export purposes is not likely to be greatly different than in 1945. Civilians will have more of some foods and less of others, but the total may exceed any previous year—possibly 3 percent in food energy above the 1935-1939 average, per capita. If the present drive for more home gardens is successful, the situation will be helped further.

Sugar and butter are most prominent among the foods that will be rather short throughout 1946. The per capita supply of meats may be nearly one-fifth larger than 1935-1939 although consumers probably would like more at present prices.

The total of dairy products per capita is expected to be about the same as 1935-1939, with substantial increases in fluid milk and cream, canned milk, and cheese more than offsetting a reduction in butter per capita amounting to about one-third below prewar. Civilian consumption of eggs per capita is expected to be one-fifth above 1935-1939, chicken meat one-third more and turkey around three-fourths greater.

Nutritionists estimate that the national diet in 1946 will contain 3 percent less carbohydrate than the 1935-1939 average per capita, but more of all other principal nutrients. The indicated increase ranges from 10 percent more fat up to 47 percent more thiamine and niacin—two of the B complex vitamins. Variations from the national averages will occur in the various sections of the country and between consumers according to their knowledge of food values and their purchasing power.

In 1944, the national income was nearly 161 billion dollars and expenditures for food slightly over 30 billions. Thus it required 19 percent of food. That compares with 29 percent in 1929, the first year that records are available on national expenditures for food. Consumers with low incomes spend a larger part of their income for food than those with larger incomes, but less per capita, especially for the higher quality foods.

GREWELLE YELL LEADER
OREGON STATE COLLEGE
Corvallis—Former high school yell leader of this city, Bob Grewelle, freshman in business and industry, has recently been chosen yell leader at the college. Grewelle climaxed three years of navy life with three months in the NROTC program here before his discharge in December. He attended Washington State college before entering the navy.

A Kappa Sig pledge, Grewelle hopes to graduate from OSC and carry on graduate work at Northwestern university.

Yellowstone park, our first National park, was established in 1872. No other lands were declared National parks until 1890.

Oregon Chairman Named for Chicken Breeding Program

Appointment of Noel Bennion, Oregon State College, extension poultryman, as state chairman of the Chicken-of-Tomorrow Committee opens the way for Oregon poultrymen to compete with breeders from other states in the nationwide effort to produce better meat-type chickens.



Bennion

Goal of the three-year breeding program is to develop a chicken that will yield at least ten percent more meat in relation to bone structure, said D. D. Slade, Lexington, Ky., chairman of the national committee, in announcing Bennion's appointment. The breeder who produces the best example of a meatier bird will receive a \$5,000 cash award from A & P Food Stores, whose officials initiated the program. Other awards will total \$3,000.

Objective of both the Oregon and national committees is to stimulate production of chickens that will grow more economically, Slade pointed out, and which will have a greater percentage of meat to bone, larger proportion of white to dark meat and a broader breast. The national committee is made up of representatives of all major poultry associations and the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

"The contest is open to every poultryman," Slade continued, "but it will require more than just the selection of an outstanding bird and sending it in to be judged. Each breeder must start with from 50 to 300 baby chicks of known origin and develop a strain or type of chicken that can be reproduced in commercial quantities. Only by such a program of development can poultrymen assure the nation's consumers that chickens of the future will be the source of superior meat."

SIZE OF CHICKEN FLOCK DEPENDS ON OBJECTIVE

Anyone contemplating raising chickens will do well to decide at the outset whether he wants to operate a commercial business, a sideline enterprise, or a small family flock—then proceed accordingly with the most efficient numbers, says Noel N. Bennion, extension poultryman at O. S. C.

Long study of this matter under Oregon conditions has shown that a farm depending on poultry for its major income will need a flock of at least 2000 laying hens, Bennion points out. One man and his family can usually care for such a flock.

The most favorable sized flock for a sideline is about 500 birds. Such a unit will justify good feed, care and equipment; will need a house that can be divided to isolate pullets from old hens, and will produce enough eggs to be marketed in case lots twice a week, which is desirable to maintain quality.

For the family that just wants poultry meat and eggs for home consumption, 25 laying hens are enough if the entire flock is replaced each year with pullets, Bennion says.

Protect Buttons
Remove large ornamental buttons and buckles before a garment is washed. As a rule, the buttons are plastic or painted and do not wash well. If the buttons have metal shanks, fasten to garment with tiny safety pin to save time—sewing on isn't necessary. Buttons without metal shanks are more likely to be the kind that stand washing, but if they are large and not too numerous, it's worthwhile to remove them.

3-A Committeemen And Growers With Practice Program

With \$2,800,000 available for improving Oregon's agricultural resources this year, AAA committeemen are helping farmers and ranchers plan an all-out attack on erosion and depletion with the assistance of the 1946 agricultural conservation program.

The conservation work for each plan, the basis for participation, will be charted on a farm in the program, according to E. H. Miller, chairman of the state AAA committee.

At community meetings, county offices, and in individual visits with committeemen, operators will show on the farm plans the practices for which they want assistance during the year. May 1 is the final date for filing a plan for participation in the program.

County committees will review each farm plan and determine amount of assistance to be given the operator. In addition to cost-sharing payments, this assistance can be in the form of conservation materials or technical aid needed to plan and carry out the practices. In fixing this amount, committees will consider the size of each farm's conservation job in relation to the funds available for conservation work of all farms in the county. Payments will average 50 percent of the cost of performing the practice.

Citing the need for building

back fertility lost in heavy wartime production, Miller called on every farmer to perform all of the conservation practices he can carry "on his own," and then add a few extra practices with the assistance of the program. Committeemen taking farm plans will have full information on the practices offered, and also will be prepared to discuss production goals, price support programs and crop insurance.

MOSBY CREEK

The Mosby Creek Extension club met for all day Thursday at the home of Mrs. Mary Snauer with Miss Nellie Lyle in charge. The subject of the meeting was "Making Bedrooms More Livable."

Mrs. Rosa McGuire of Cottage Grove spent several days this week visiting her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Berta McGuire of Walden.

Paul Anderson has been visiting friends in Newberg and Corvallis this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Duerst have received word from their son Everett that he received his discharge from the navy on March 4 in Florida and he and Mrs. Duerst are driving to Cottage Grove, but are stopping to visit relatives in Oklahoma and California.

Those from here attending the party Saturday evening at the Hutchison home near Cottage Grove were Roy and Betty Duerst, Dean Lebow and Sara and Janet Jenkins.

Dinner guests Sunday at the Lester Rarrick home were Mr. and Mrs. Grant Dulley and two

sons of Knox Hill. Mrs. Sadie Simpson of Ashland is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Spears, this week. Billie Foster of Ashland visited Sunday at the home of his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. George Alteman of Walden.

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And if there is a "let-down feeling" after the initial joy . . . stop and think how he's feeling. Sure, he's glad to be home. Wasn't that one of the things he was fighting for? But the future . . . what about that?

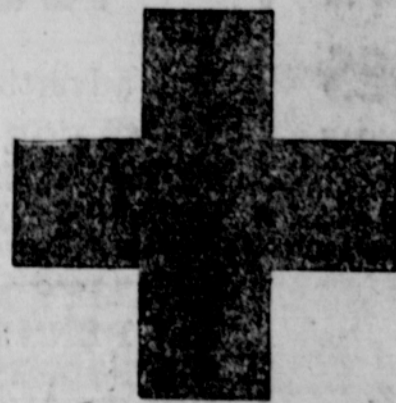
Remember your Red Cross was with him . . . on Leyte, at Iwo Jima, in Anzio . . . or was it Normandy? Wherever he was, the Red Cross was at his side when he needed it most.

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