

Fall Crop Outlook Fair to Poor, Say OSC Economists

The price outlook for Oregon's fall-planted crops ranges from fair to poor, extension economists at Oregon State college say in their latest "Situation and Outlook" circular.

Needs for more forage are putting hay, silage and pasture in a favorable spot price-wise. More of these crops will be required if larger amounts of surplus grains are to move to market through cattle and sheep. Even hogs require some forage.

Wheat is hard to beat as a cash crop even at lower supports, so long as growers comply with the acreage control program. Prices are likely to be at least 25 cents lower next year.

Wheat Crop High

With average weather, the nation's wheat crop next year would again come close to 500 million bushels. In the Northwest, where the build-up in wheat stocks has

been much faster than in the country as a whole, the price of wheat next fall is likely to be about the same as the price of corn shipped in from the Midwest.

Prices of barley and oats are likely to be no higher next year than this year. Unless supports are again provided, prices would likely drop rather sharply.

According to the OSC economist, large supplies of most seeds are still around, but government stocks—except for fall fescue—are not the problem they were a year ago. Growers and dealers are holding the surpluses instead of the government. Considerable old seed probably will still be around next summer to interfere with marketing of crops raised in 1956. Crimson clover, with seed supplies the smallest in many years, seems to be an important exception.

Prices Static

Current favorable hairy vetch prices will tend to keep prices next year at or below this year's level. The same holds true for Austrian winter peas.

Supplies of common and perennial ryegrass seed this year are at record highs and point to even larger carryovers by next harvest. A sharp cutback in acreage seems called for if lower prices are to be avoided.

Use of tall—Alta—fescue failed to increase last year and the government still holds large stocks. Until these stocks are used or exported, prices are likely to be discouraging, say the economists.

The circular includes several suggested opportunities for crop adjustments that may help farmers in Oregon maintain income.

Copies are available from county extension offices and OSC.

October Ideas for Meal Planners



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As we sweep away the last of summer's leaves, our lives settle down to more regular patterns. In one of your patterns of activity—meal planning—I hope to become a regular help.



Nutrition is Overweight

Did you know that a nutritious diet is not a fattening diet? For example, wheat foods in a well-balanced diet are not fattening. It is simply overeating that causes overweight.

Did you know that to get into a dress one size smaller requires losing from ten to fifteen pounds?

Did you know that the finest cake and pastry flours and mixes are made from "soft wheat" varieties grown in Oregon?



October is DOUGHNUT TIME!

Doughnuts are on display at neighborhood grocery stores and bakeries. Halloween, you know! If you like to make your own—

Here is a basic DOUGHNUT RECIPE

Beat 4 egg yolks or 2 whole eggs until light. Add 1 cup sugar, 2 T. melted butter, 1/4 cup milk. Sift together: 3/4 cups sifted all-purpose flour or 4 cups pastry flour, 4 t. baking powder, 1 t. salt, 1/4 t. nutmeg, 1/4 t. cinnamon. Add dry ingredients to liquid and mix together until well blended. Chill dough. Roll to 1/2 inch thickness. Cut with floured cutter. Fry in heated fat—375°. Slide doughnuts from spatula into hot fat. Fry on each side until golden brown. Remove, drain on absorbent paper.

SPECIAL TRICKS FOR DOUGHNUT TREATS:

Drench warm doughnuts in granulated or powdered sugar, add cinnamon or chopped nuts, too. If you like try adding 3 tablespoons grated orange rind and substitute orange juice for the liquid. While warm, dip these in powdered sugar. Add maple flavoring and chopped nuts, serve warm with scoop of vanilla or maple nut ice cream. Last? Drop spoonfuls into hot fat and have drop doughnuts.

Did you know that there are 14,000 farmers in Oregon whose principal crop is wheat? And wheat is the largest agricultural crop grown in Oregon.

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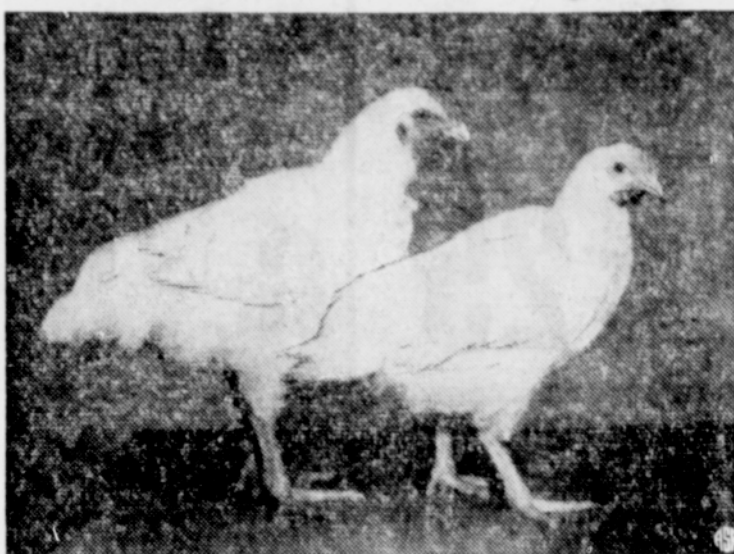
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Coccidiosis Retards Weight



Recent drug developments have made it possible for the nation's poultrymen to reduce disease losses an estimated \$112 million annually from coccidiosis alone, and a big share of this saving has come from birds that weigh more when ready for the market.

The loss from coccidiosis to poultrymen is measured in the value of birds killed by severe outbreaks of the disease; in stunted birds that grow slowly; in fewer good pullets for the laying house; and in extra feed used because of lowered feed conversion.

A new development in the anticoccidial field will probably see more poultry feeds than ever before containing drugs to overcome this costly parasitic disease.

The American Cyanamid Company has announced a more effective blend of its Megalox nitrophenide, which first appeared in 1949 and is the most widely used anticoccidial today.

Both broilers in the photo are ten weeks old. Each was raised under the same conditions, except that the one on the left received Megalox nitrophenide in its feed, the other did not. The drain of the always-present disease of coccidiosis caused the broiler on the right to weigh less—3 lbs., 8 oz.—than the treated bird, which weighed 4 lbs., 6 oz. Both are male birds.

The cost of treating birds with the new preparation is low, Cyanamid spokesman says. The new Megalox blend, like its predecessor, can be fed continuously to a flock of broilers to prevent the parasitic disease from birth to market weight at a cost of only about one cent per bird.

The penny invested invariably comes back many times over, trials show. On the average, the additional profit traceable to the use of a cent's worth of the anticoccidial may run as high as 9.5 cents to 14 cents per bird, figured on a 25 cent market.

phone engineer."

Miss Hattie Mae Rhonemus and Jack Gorton, Lane county extension agents, are available for discussion of 4-H Club activities and functions at PTA meetings, Grange, church or other community gatherings.

Bee Conditions Said Improved

Oregon bees are in much better condition for winter than they were at this time last year. This word comes from A. Burr Black, apary supervisor with the department of agriculture, as the 1955 inspection closes.

Tabulation of inspection reports is incomplete, but apparently will show a decrease in foulbrood over last year, and about a 15 percent decrease in bee colonies in Oregon. Several things account for the decline in bee population: low stores of honey last year; the slow and cold spring which caused bee losses; lack of bee replacement due to short supply of honey last year and consequent lowered financial returns to beekeepers.

Beekeepers are in better position economically this fall, as the wholesale price of honey is up from 1 to 1 1/2 cents and carryover of honey is small, both in Oregon and nationally.

These first figures, which are subject to revision by the bureau of census, show farms in the three counties had more telephones, more home freezers, more grain combines, more motor trucks and more tractors. Each county reported more milking machines, but only one had more corn pickers.

Northwest Nut Growers Increase Filbert Prices

Northwest nut growers announced October 1 a price increase on Barcelona and Brixnut filberts. Jumbo size was increased 2 cents, large 1 cent and medium 1/2 cent. Opening prices established September 26 were 2 cents a pound above last season.

"The market on all tree nuts is strong", Mr. John E. Trunk, manager, said in announcing the price increase, "and we are taking advantage of this opportunity to obtain more money for our growers' crops. Northwest nut growers feel we can make this a banner year for the Oregon and Washington filbert industry."

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One Measurement Only to Be Free To Farmer-Miller

For the crops under acreage allotments only one measurement will be made free to determine compliance with the farm acreage allotment for 1956, advises E. Harvey Miller, Chairman of the Oregon ASC State Committee. If additional measurements are needed, they will be made only at the request of the farmer and at his expense. The only exception will be where there is a dispute over the acreage involved and it develops that the original measurement was in error.

Chairman Miller emphasizes the point at this time because of the recent change in the program which puts the determination of compliance on a harvested, rather than a planted acreage. He explains that the farmer is advised if the first measurement reveals excess acreage and the date by which the excess acreage must be disposed of to avoid penalty. After the excess acreage has been disposed of it is up to the farmer to ask for a re-measurement and to pay the cost.

The instruction issued to all county ASC offices covering this point provides that "the acreage of any allotment crop may be adjusted to the allotment prior to specified dates if the operator elects to do so and pays the estimated cost of measuring the adjusted acreage to the county (ASC) office."

H. H. Myers, Chairman of the Lane County ASC Committee, in commenting on Mr. Miller's statement, wants the farmers of Lane County to know that the County Committee appreciates very much the fine cooperation of wheat growers during the past three years. Myers states that if the farmers continue to cooperate as well as they have, there will be no need to argue about who pays measuring costs in Lane County.

London Grange Plans Work Day

By Mrs. Gale Roby

LONDON GRANGE—A work day will be held Sunday, October 9, to tear down the grange building preparatory to building a new hall. About 20 members attended the October 7 meeting, when a potluck dinner was served. Potluck will also be served October 21, and guests are invited. Regular grange meeting will be at 8 p.m. The grange received \$100 for its fair booth in Eugene, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Martin and Mrs. Orville Hodges attended "Boxer Night" at Santa Clara Thursday.

It's better to get something in your eye and wink than to wink and get something in your eye.—Dick Stanzone.

Dorena Grange Elects Two

By Mrs. Walter N. Downes

DORENA GRANGE—At the regular meeting of Dorena grange, October 7, Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Deolittle were elected to membership.

A vote of thanks was extended the Blue Mountain Mothers club, for the use of their coffee-maker at the Lane County fair, to Magic Gas and Appliance Co. of Eugene for free gas, and to the Happy Circle club of Rat Creek for the use of a double sink at the fair.

The program for the October 21 meeting will be in charge of the steward, assistant steward, lady assistant steward and gate keeper.

Members are reminded that officers will be elected November 4. It is suggested candidates be contacted to see if they will accept office.

Serving committee for October 21 are: The Virgil Bassett and Stanley Bonkowski families, Virginia Barker and Fleeta Bonnichsen.

Ray Comstock is conducting square dance classes at the hall on the second and fourth Saturdays for grange members and guests. The next class will be on October 22.

Hebron Grange Sets Lecturer's Program

By Mrs. Gale Roby

Hebron grange will have a lecturer's program by the Home Economics club, in charge of Mrs. Jack Godard, at the October 15 meeting. Pie will be served by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Geer and Mrs. Nora Yearous. A musical program was directed by Marvin Miller at the October 1 meeting.

Soil Conservation Plans Will Stress District Programs

Oregon farmers can expect increased attention during the next two years to local problems on how soil conservation districts can best serve them, according to the Oregon state soil conservation committee.

The 1955 to 1957 biennium program issued recently from committee headquarters at Oregon State college proposes more advisory assistance in developing district programs. Increased farmer representation on the state committee is expected to further strengthen the program.

Randall G. Grim, Harrisburg farmer and committee chairman, says addition of two farmers to the committee—bringing the total to five—plus plans to hold more committee meetings "out in the state" will make it possible to work more closely with conservation district supervisors. Most

meetings in the past were held at OSC.

New farmer representatives are Jack Sather, Clatskanie, and William Cooper, Union. Lloyd Gift, Bonanza, vice chairman; Roy Forman, Antelope; and Grimes are other farmer members. Robert Baum, officed at OSC, is executive-secretary of the committee that includes two public members, F. E. Price, dean and director of agriculture at OSC, and J. R. Beck, assistant director, OSC extension service.

Oregon now has 50 soil conservation districts created under state law through petitions and referendum of landowners. The districts embrace 33,630,000 acres of land in 19 counties and contain 40,911 farms and ranches. Fourteen counties are completely covered by districts.

During the last biennium, seven new districts and seven additions to existing districts were created. New districts were in Malheur, Lane, Hood River, Linn, Douglas and Washington counties.

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