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Notes by the Wayside

Why Do Housewives Blame Farmers For High Prices, Agent Inquires

By John J. Inskeep, County Farm Agent

We can't buy very much meat over the counter either, but we have often wondered why, when prices of the many goods and services which contribute to the families' daily cost of living are considered, the housewife is so often inclined to single out the farm producer upon which to vent her ire. For example, meat and eggs have gone up about 174% while cost of shirts has trebled and the same is true of practically all clothing and, well, what hasn't it been true of? It seems to us, sometimes, that other folks have the idea that high prices for everything else are essential to prosperity but that high farm prices are an abomination.



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Labor and manufacturers determine the prices they are to obtain before production starts, at least this is the general idea if they are to end the years operation in the black. The tendency of labor and manufacturers is to limit production rather than to reduce wages or prices. This is just another way of saying that wages of labor and prices of manufactured goods are relatively inflexible, while farm prices are extremely flexible. The American farmer, on the other hand, even during drought and production control years, reduced his production only twelve percent, while production of manufactured goods dropped sixty-six percent or thereabouts.

Farm Prices Drop

Farm prices dropped sixty percent or thereabouts, while manufactured prices dropped less than twenty percent. We are not saying these things in a critical manner, but underlying philosophies and policies of production and pricing of manufactured goods and farm products sometimes do not fit in too well into the economy as a whole, or so it seems to us.

Anyway, we have lots of money in the country and a short supply of meat, milk, eggs, and other farm products. Reason for these shortages cannot be traced to farmers themselves. Neither are the farmers responsible for present prices. This high price situation would not be so bad if everyone's income had been increased more or less in proportion. We know of some, who have about half the buying power they had a few years ago. Their savings have been devalued forty percent or more. Others have money enough to wait in line for high priced dinners and have a merry go at the slot machines and such in the meantime. We write this article not in a critical or vindictive mood, but with the hope that explanation of some of the economic factors underlying farm production and pricing may help housewives who read this column to clarify their thinking a bit. Please lady, do a little looking around before blaming the farmer for all your budgetary troubles.

Wealth from Soil

And now we have our feet wet by jumping into the controversy over farm prices, which is now raging, we would like to call one fact to public attention, (that is if ye editor doesn't throw the whole business out). It is this, over ninety percent of the primary wealth in Oregon comes from the soil in forms of agricultural or timber products, with division about equal. It would seem important from a standpoint of public policy, therefore, that we maintain farm prices high enough to keep agriculture in a prosperous condition. We can't have anything like full employment in this state at least, with low farm prices and high prices for everything else. In case you don't believe it just watch what happens here in case agricultural prices go into a tail spin, which they could easily do.

Recommendations for Fall

We are not yet ready to make complete recommendations for application of commercial fertilizers to plantings of tree fruits and berries. But here are fall recommendations for trial, in light of what we have learned this summer, still remembering that we believe that a very substantial portion of fertilizers used on strawberries, in particular, has been wasted because of incorrect

formulas, timing and methods of application.

We suggest placing super phosphate, or better yet, treble phosphate in bands under ground. Rate of application: treble phosphate 600 to 800 pounds per acre or super phosphate 1500 pounds per acre. These are applications which should be sufficient for a three or four year period.

We don't know exactly how far from the row of plants or trees to place phosphate or how deep. We do know that these fertilizer bands should be deep enough to avoid disturbing with subsequent cultivation. Our suggestions for trial are these—strawberries, three or four inches to the side and three to four inches in the ground using tractor side dressing attachments. Cane fruits, two to four feet from the row and four to five inches underground. Use plow or some other implement to make a furrow at desired distance from a row and at desired depth. Phosphate may have to be applied by hand. The narrower the band in the bottom of the furrow the better.

Tree fruit applications should be about the same as for cane fruits except that furrows should be made, we think, beyond the limit spread. Some roots will be broken regardless and less damage is likely to result than when the furrow is made close to the tree trunk. Nitrogen and potash applications may be made at the surface of the ground in the spring. We believe that most of the nitrogen and potash used on fruit trees and berries in the fall are wasted.

We have talked some of these recommendations over with quite a few growers, among them, W. H. Tillman of Canby, who says he expects to try the intensive phosphate treatment on a few rows in his filbert orchard this fall.

Toadflax Weed Identified

Charlie Willbank from Canby called last week with a weed for identification. It was wild snapdragon, better known as toadflax. Toadflax grows to a height of from two to three feet, has narrow leaves which come out directly from the stem, length, two to three inches. The flowers are pale yellow with deep yellow centers resembling miniature tame snapdragons. Toadflax is not so bad as many others but does spread from both seeds and underground rootstalks. Continued cultivation or 2, 4-D should control it. Charlie reports that his supply started in an old rock quarry from where plants spread to his grain and strawberry fields.

Sandy Pasture Praised

We have had the opportunity of seeing many a good pasture during the past ten years but Grady Bollinger's Alta pasture and white clover pasture which we inspected last week is one of the best of the lot. Grady and his good wife, reside about three miles east of Sandy on the old Cherryville road. His land is composed of shot phase Cascade Silt Loam, that loose shot soil found above Sandy which was formerly considered not too fertile and which presents a problem when a solid seed bed is desired.

"It needs lime," says Grady, "and phosphate." "I establish my pastures by starting with two tons or so of limestone per acre and use annual applications of nitrogen and phosphate fertilizers." We consider Grady Bollinger

somewhat of a pasture authority for the Sandy region. His expertise is emphasized by looking over some of the recent plantings he has assisted his neighbors in establishing. We stood in his excellent six-year old field which as he said, "Seems to produce more abundantly each year," and agreed that white or even ladino clover should be included with Alta and sub in all of these hill pastures. His own field presents abundant evidence of white clover's effectiveness for late summer grazing.

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Walter Hardy, Molalla.

Potato Price Plan Revised

Price support plans for the 1948 crop of potatoes have been revised in accordance with recent legislation. E. Harvey Miller, chairman of the Oregon State PMA, has announced. The principal change from earlier plans is to continue the support for 1948-crop potatoes at 90 percent of parity through the entire marketing season, and to make support methods other than loans available.

In all areas having late potatoes, price support operations will continue until about April 30, 1949, since the late-crop marketing season in general ends in most states before final sales are made. The exact date will be set for each state according to prevailing conditions.

Price support operations will include purchase, diversion, and export operations, as well as loans. Participation in the loan program will be wholly voluntary and will not affect a grower's eligibility for other price support, Mr. Miller said.

In Oregon a basic price support prices per 100 pounds for U. S. No. 1 grade potatoes packed in new burlap or cotton bags and loaded f.o.b. through carrier in carlots or trucklots at country shipping points range from \$2.60 for August to \$3.35 for March 1949. For size B's and No. 2 grade, basic support prices are 50 per cent less than No. 1's.

Draft Board Members Named

(Continued from page 1) pointed by Governor John H. Hall, who first asked county commissioners to recommend citizens for the voluntary positions. The appointments were then confirmed by President Truman.

Appeal Board Named
Still in process of selection are members of a medical advisory board to the state director, government appeal agents, associate appeal agents and a medical adviser for each local board.

Five Portlanders were named to the state appeal board. They are: James S. Gay, William S. Dirker, H. D. Detlof, Dr. Gordon V. Pettey and Fred A. Thompson. All local boards have three members and some have four or five.

Buying Agreement On Flax Available

Clackamas County farmers will be able to obtain purchase agreements, as well as loans, as a means of price support on their 1948 flaxseed crop. Applications for either loans or agreements may be filed at the County Agricultural Conservation Office located on the Super Highway at Gladstone.

Agreements at the loan rate—\$6 per bushel for U. S. No. 1 grade, Minneapolis basis or \$5.81 Clackamas County basis—will be available to producers in Oregon from harvest through December 31, 1948.

Under purchase agreements, producers may sell their flaxseed at support prices to the Commodity Credit Corporation within the 30 days following the maturity date of the loans. Loans mature in Oregon on demand, but not later than April 30, 1949.

Pheasant Releases Nearly Completed

The liberation of ringneck pheasants is now nearing completion, according to John McKean, chief of the upland game for the Oregon State Game Commission.

Slightly more than 42,000 birds have been liberated from the four game farms and the seven field rearing projects operated by the Commission. The work is continuing and there are still more than 10,000 birds to be turned out.

Liberation sites for the birds are chosen by the district agents of the Commission and are chosen with special attention to available feed, cover and water for the newly-released birds.

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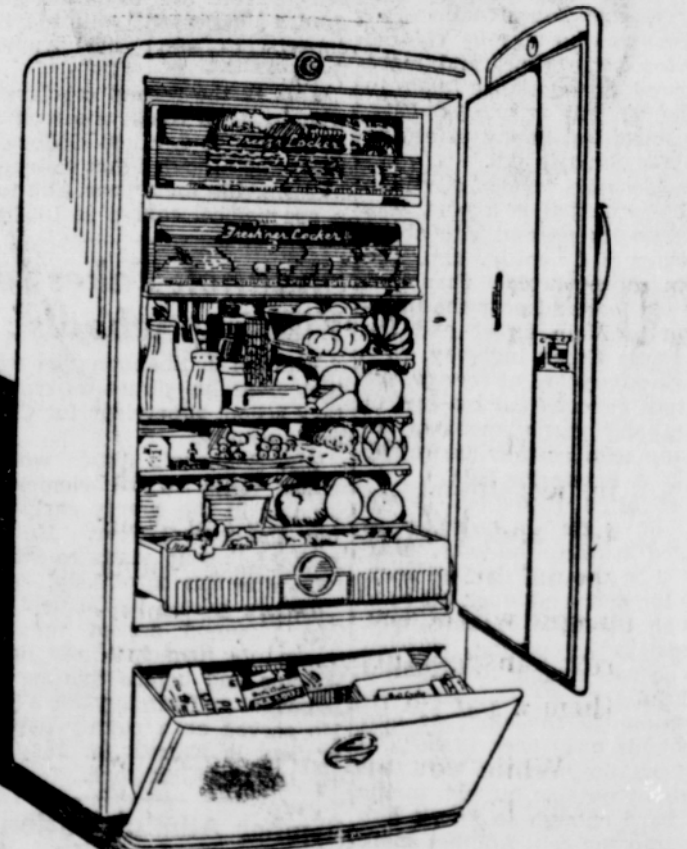
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