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FARM FACTS

Market Stronger For West Coast Eggs, Reports OSC

The U. S. average price of eggs received by farmers is high for this season of the year, according to the weekly egg and poultry review prepared by the OSC extension service from USDA reports and other data. In fact the mid-June price as reported by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics is the highest on record. However, the average price is still 5 per cent below parity as figured by the present formula. This indicates that farm costs are also still high compared to the price received by farmers for eggs. Farm costs, however, have dropped about 2 1/2 per cent during the past year. Therefore with egg prices slightly higher than a year ago the purchasing power of farmers from the sale of eggs is above last year at this time. Farmers could buy about 3 per cent more commodities from the sale of eggs at mid-June than they could a year earlier.

This is not so true with other poultry commodities. The increased purchasing power from the sale of eggs was quickly lost in making up the deficit from the sale of live poultry. The producers exchange value of receipts from live poultry on mid-June was 13 per cent less than a year earlier. Live poultry prices at mid-June were the lowest for the month of June since 1944.

Live turkey prices have also dropped. The peak U. S. price was reached last December at 51.6 cents a pound as the average price received by farmers. Turkey prices have declined every month since then. The price at mid-June was 33.4 cents a pound.

Egg Prices Strengthening

The egg producer's position has been further improved since mid-June. This is especially the case on the west coast, where egg prices have strengthened for all grades. The midwest and eastern situation has not been so favorable. Advances have been highest on top grade eggs in the large sizes. At Portland last week grade A large eggs to retailers were quoted at 61 cents a dozen. This is 6 cents above the mid-June price. Medium eggs have just advanced 1 cent a dozen at Portland since June 15.

Wholesale egg prices have also

stepped up since mid-June. At San Francisco grade A large and medium eggs have advanced 4 to 5 cents a dozen. Small eggs only 1 cent. Grade A large eggs today were 56 to 56 1/2 cents a dozen. At New York egg prices strengthened today and this makes the wholesale price of grade A large eggs 49 to 54 1/2 cents. This is unchanged to 1 cent higher than mid-June.

Production Dropping

Egg receipts have been declining steadily at midwest and eastern assembling plants and markets since the peak was reached in the second week of April. Egg receipts reached their peak at west coast markets during the second week in May. Since then production has dropped off. However recent egg receipts at both eastern and western markets are running from 15 to 18 per cent above a year ago.

Cold storage eggs are still increasing for the nation as a whole. However the into storage movement is taking place in the midwest and east. Egg cold storage holdings have been decreasing on the west coast since the peak holdings were reached during the week of June 13.

Live poultry prices to producers on the west coast have had mixed trends since mid-June. The Portland prices have advanced 1 to 2 cents on fryers and roasters. While the prices at San Francisco have declined on young stock around 4 to 5 cents a pound. Fryers and roasters at Portland today range from 31 to 33 cents. At San Francisco the price range is 35 to 39 cents. Fowl classes at Portland, have held mostly unchanged since mid-June for leg-horns, but colored fowl are down 2 cents a pound. All fowl classes have dropped 1 to 2 cents at San Francisco since mid-June, and drops have ranged from 2 to 4 cents on fowl classes at Seattle. Colored fowl at Portland today were 25 cents a pound. At Seattle the price was 25 to 26 cents, and San Francisco 34 to 35 cents.

Cherryvillers Have as Guests, Californians

CERRYVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. Carl Neels have visiting them this week, their daughter, Miss Orvia Neels from Los Angeles, California. Mr. and Mrs. Neels entertained last Monday night with a party in her honor.

Aphis Noticed On Potato Plots; Dusting Advised

Aphis are again invading local potato fields.

Dr. Sam Crumb, of Oregon State College, was in the county on July 6 and 7 and he reports the finding of the peach aphis on the Multnomah County Farm potato plots. The early control of these aphis can greatly reduce the amount of spread of many virus diseases.

Recommendations for control of aphis is a DDT dust to which has been added about 1 per cent of nicotine sulphate or TEPP (tetraethylpyrophosphate).

Two early applications will give fairly good control of the aphis. These first two applications should be given about one week apart followed with two applications spaced two weeks apart. Early applications will pay big dividends, advises Del Purnell, county extension agent.

Motor Accidents Greatest Cause of Farm Fatalities

More farm residents are killed by accidents involving motor vehicles than in any other type of accident, according to a report by the traffic and transportation commission from the National Safety council.

In a special survey conducted by the national safety group, it was discovered that 72 per cent of the accidents involved one or more unsafe acts. The elimination of these unsafe acts will be the goal of safety groups during a concentrated national drive July 24-30, the week designated by President Truman as national farm safety week.

The report made these predictions for the next 12 months, basing them on information from past records:

One of every 17 farm residents will suffer a disabling injury as the result of accidents.

Total cost of accidents affecting farm people, including fire, motor vehicle and property damage—will be approximately one billion dollars, or about \$35 per farm resident.

Accidental death will occur in one out of every 350 farm families, and accidents, on the average, will kill 51 farm residents every day in the year.

Motor vehicle deaths to farm residents increased from 5500 in 1945 to 7300 in 1946 and the same in 1947.

Fertilize Through Irrigation Lines

Here is an easy way to apply fertilizer to your growing crops to snap them out of a slump or to boost slow growing vegetable crops if you have a sprinkler irrigation system, says County Agent Del Purnell.

Ammonium sulphate, sodium nitrate and ammonium nitrate can be applied directly through the irrigation system if these materials are in a soluble form. Irrigated pastures can be given that extra boost to carry them over this dry summer period in the same manner.

Here is how it is done: Dissolve the fertilizer material in a barrel of water then connect this to the suction side of the irrigation pump through a hose connection. Run this liquid material out through the sprinkler system. Then disconnect and continue the irrigation.

The fertilizer application should be made at the starting of the irrigation and then continue the irrigation to wash the material off the plants and into the soil. This will prevent any burning of the plants.

To get from 20 to 40 pounds of available nitrogen per acre applied to the growing crop, you need about 200 pounds of ammonium nitrate. This will give about 40 pounds of available nitrogen per acre.

Agent Gives Aid In Scotch Bloom Spray Eradication

By Clive Cook

Clackamas County Farm Agent

The spraying of Scotch broom with either 2,4-D or 2,4,5-T at the rate of 3 to 4 pounds of parent acid per acre is giving excellent results. The 3 to 4 pounds of either the 2,4-D or 2,4,5-T mixed in enough water to thoroughly wet the plants covering an acre of ground applied with high pressure in early July has given excellent results.

The ester form of either the 2,4-D or 2,4,5-T is preferred. If there are other susceptible crops close by it probably would be advisable to switch to the amine salt type since the amine salt does not drift as badly as the ester. They will all drift with even a small amount of wind.

Since 2,4-D is cheaper than 2,4,5-T it seems advisable to use 2,4-D.

The cooperation and desire of the farmers to eradicate tansy ragwort throughout the county has been nearly one hundred per cent this spring and summer. It is not anticipated that any plants will be left to scatter seed. The weed inspector is making an effort to cover the entire county and see that all tansy ragwort plants are destroyed. Some of the other counties which do not have weed control areas set up for the eradication of tansy ragwort are now planning to get them in operation this winter.

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Friday, July 15—Teenage dance

Monday, July 18—IOOF meeting

Tuesday, July 19—Teenage meeting

Wednesday, July 20—Chamber of Commerce meeting — Rainbow Girls meet

Thursday, July 21—Kiwanis meets Rebekah Officer Installation

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Agents Say to Try Some Trichlorophenoxyacetic

The weed spray Trichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4,5-T) is proving effective in the killing of the trailing type of berry plants such as Himalaya and evergreens. Four pounds of parent acid of 2,4,5-T in enough water to thoroughly wet the plants on an acre is giving very good kills if applied during the active growing season of the plants. A simpler way to determine the amount would be to mix two pounds of parent acid in 100 gallons of water and thoroughly cover the plants being sprayed.

One would expect a 90 to 95 per cent kill from the first application and a follow up spray should finish.

Spraying with 2,4,5-T is not advisable on windy days since it drifts badly with even a breath of wind and would do considerable damage to crops susceptible to 2,4,5-T.

The principal difference in the chemical structure of 2,4,5-Trichlorophenoxyacetic acid and 2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid, as indicated by their names, is that 2,4,5-T has three chlorine atoms while 2,4-D has two chlorine atoms. Spray 2,4,5-T like 2,4-D is a self-translocated chemical.

The chemical manufacturing of 2,4,5-T is more expensive than is 2,4-D. Therefore, the material likely will always be more expensive and will probably not replace 2,4-D where 2,4-D is effective.

Methoxychlor Advised For Horn Fly Control

Methoxychlor will control horn flies on dairy cattle. Control is desirable from the standpoint of animal comfort and economical production.

DDT is no longer recommended for use on dairy animals because of the possibility of milk contamination. Methoxychlor is a close relative of DDT but has been proven less toxic to humans.

Four pounds of the methoxychlor 50% wettable powder added to water will make 50 gallons of spray. Or, 1 1/4 ounces can be added to a gallon of water. Two quarts of liquid are required per animal.

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