

Inside the Markets

These reports, compiled from official government sources by the editors are summaries of market conditions for the past week and are not intended to be quotations on the current market.

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Grass Seeds

CORVALLIS—The Government held less of most kinds of seeds on July 1 this year than a year ago. For some items, though, stocks were larger.

Stocks were smaller on July 1 this year as compared to last for alfalfa and red, alsike, ladino and crimson clover, hairy vetch, perennial ryegrass, bentgrass, redtop, and timothy seed.

Larger holdings on July 1 were reported for white Dutch clover, Austrian winter peas, lupine, Kentucky bluegrass, Chewings fescue, tall fescue, creeping red fescue, and common ryegrass seeds.

No one statement will cover the seed crop prospects in Canada this year. There is a lot of difference between the areas and the kinds of seeds.

The acreage of alfalfa for seed is expected to be larger in Alberta Province this year. Alberta is the leading province for alfalfa seed production. At this time the seed set does not look to be heavy, but favorable weather in August could improve prospects. It would appear now

that the crop will be larger in Canada than the small crop last year.

Dry weather in the main red clover seed areas of Canada has hurt the crop. A serious shortage of pasture may force farmers to use their clover fields for pasture rather than seed. Here again the crop likely will be larger than last year, but below average.

A smaller crop of alsike clover seed is expected in Canada this year because of a smaller acreage and lower yields. The stand is short because of dry weather in June.

Forest Products

CORVALLIS—Log prices were firm in western Oregon last week, with a few scattered raises.

For the second year in a row, we may not have a summer price dip this year. Normally, log prices start to soften any time from May to August, depending on the weather, and reach their low point in late fall or early winter. Last year the strike held lumber prices high and slowed

the building of winter cold-decks. Weather is accomplishing the same thing this year. First rain held back logging. Now loggers are threatened by low humidity. Meanwhile, demand for lumber remained strong and prices are still good.

Long No. 2 second-growth Douglas fir sawlogs ranged from \$40 to \$60 a thousand board feet, mostly \$48 to \$50. No. 3's were \$5 to \$10 below No. 2 prices. Long camp-run logs were mostly \$42.50 to \$45 in the central Valley and up to \$50 to \$55 at the north and south ends of the Valley. Logs less than 24 feet long were discounted \$2 to \$5 a thousand. Eight-foot "gang" logs were mostly \$17 to \$20 a cord, or \$37 to \$40 a thousand. In the Eugene area, eight-foot logs were \$20 a cord or \$44 to \$48 a thousand. No. 3's were \$30 to \$45. Peelers sold over a \$15 range up to top prices of \$80, \$90, and \$105 a thousand. All the above prices were quoted for truck scale at interior mills. Prices on water scale at river dumps ranged up to \$10 a thousand higher.

In Douglas county, long camp-run logs ranged from \$40 to \$50 a thousand, mostly \$48 to \$50. No. 2 second-growth brought \$35 to \$45, with select peelables up to \$55. No. 2 old-growth ranged from \$45 to \$57.50. No. 3's were \$30 to \$40. Eight-foot logs were \$15 to 17 a cord. Sixteen-foot cordwood was \$1 less. Peelers sold over a \$10 range up to top

Pickers Needed In Bean Fields

About 3,500 bean pickers are needed in Western Oregon at once and the shortage may grow even more acute over the next three weeks, according to reports received today from local offices of the State Employment Service. Family groups are specially in demand and temporary quarters are available in most places.

Hillsboro, McMinnville, Corvallis, Eugene, Grants Pass, Albany, Lebanon, Portland and Salem are among the areas where pickers are in demand, while Medford and possible others expect shortages to develop by the end of August. The peak harvest in Southern Oregon may last into October, it was said.

With the grain harvest rapidly approaching a peak, Eastern Oregon points report available labor in good supply at present. Apricot picking around The Dalles is almost complete and late harvests of potatoes, sugar beets and other crops will not start for some time.

prices of \$75, \$85, and \$100 a thousand.

Poles and Piling
Forty-five-foot barkie poles delivered at Willamette Valley yards brought 17 to 23 cents a lineal foot, depending on diameters. Demand was good. At Coos Bay, 35 to 75-foot peeled poles ranged from 18 to 32 cents a foot.

have here. Michael expects to farm in a drouthy portion of New Zealand's south island.

No fresh fruit is raised in Alberta, at least not in the portion Michael visited. He fairly drooled when he visited the W. H. Gilmore farm north of Damascus where he saw a Lambert cherry tree loaded with fruit. Very timidly he asked if he might have a few cherries. We first visited Mr. Gilmore on the back 40 where we recommended Cornell timothy and New Zealand white clover for late hay. On our return to the house Mrs. Gilmore presented Michael with a bucket of cherries which she had picked for that purpose.

On the Mas Fujimoto place east of Damascus Michael saw, for the first time, and ate his fill of blackcaps. Then came sun-ripened strawberries from the same place. Glenn Schaeffer, Boring, was picking a ton to the acre of Canby red raspberries. At least it was a ton to the acre of that one picking prior to

our visit. We reduced that figure considerably.

We then saw Everett Shibley's Hereford herd at Springfield, and Maurice Buxton's fine pasture, market lambs, and broad-breasted turkeys at Molalla.

"How do you like our country?" is the question most often asked of visitors. We did not ask this question of Michael but, on leaving he said, "You have here the finest balanced program of agriculture I have ever seen."

When last seen, our guest was headed happily south in his old jalopy, eating cherries. He sails for England August 30.

When we last saw Louie, our hunting and fishing partner from out Molalla way, he was in a jumpy mood (nothing unusual for Louie). This time he had it in for the careless members of the logging truck fraternity, those who drive from Estacada to Clackamas, in particular.

"Drat the careless ones," he

parked at Carver. The highway department has a 25 mile limit sign posted there because of a hazardous intersection. Well, one of those fellers was headed back to the woods empty. He was going so fast he couldn't stay on the road. A loose chain hanging out by centrifugal force and slapped a pickup parked off the highway. He finally got her stopped before he reached the next curve and proceeded merrily on his way. If anyone had been parked at the side of the road . . . !!!!

"And then again last week I was proceeding east just west of Barton when a loaded truck came around the turn so fast he couldn't keep on his side of the road either. Luckily I made the ditch in my light car. Thought the whole truck was going to roll over. I shuddered to think what would have happened had a load of berry pickers been there in place of my passenger car."



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About The Farm . . .

By John J. Inskeep, County Agent

Here are a few belated notes taken from a conversation with Arthur Heacock following a visit to the farm on which he was born in Ohio. Arthur Heacock is an old-timer from Damascus. For a living he farms. For fun he follows the hounds. His dogs have been responsible for the demise of many a wily coyote from the ridges of eastern Clackamas county. The late Charley Kruse was Arthur Heacock's hunting companion for many years.

But now let's listen to the story of his visit to Ohio.

"I left Ohio in 1900. All of the old trees from around father's farmstead were gone, but I found one of the grapevines. One of the old fields in which I worked as a boy has grown up to timber—hickory, oak, maple, and poplar.

"More farms are owned by city folks who look at farm ownership as a safety factor—a place of refuge in case of war or depression. However, a few of them live on their farms. These places are mostly rented out and some allow the buildings to depreciate rapidly.

"There were not china pheasants there when I was a boy. Now there are lots of them. There are too many people, too. Ohio allows no Sunday hunting.

"Most of the Ohio farmers do a good job of farming. Only one farm in ten is without a good field of alfalfa. We grew the first alfalfa in that community. Taxes are lower, much lower than taxes on land here. I have relatives who pay \$150 annually. A farm of like size must pay \$600 taxes here."

Chewings fescue is not the only grass seed crop attacked by "silver top," the new malady which has raised havoc with chewings fescue seed crops in Clackamas county this year. Extension agent Clive Cook has found extensive damage to quackgrass seed heads also.

During the past six months, officials of the Oregon experiment station soils laboratory have run a number of analyses for magnesium of soil samples submitted by Clackamas and other Willamette Valley counties. This service has been performed on request from the county extension offices for purposes of research on the part of the experiment station and observation by extension.

Of the 27 samples submitted from Clackamas county — one from the Clackamas river bottom was high. Three were adequate, five were medium, and eighteen were low. Soil conservationist Tom Jackson says that these analyses indicate a lower magnesium content here than in counties farther south.

We expect shortly to be provided with additional information on this subject. In the meantime, there is nothing to be alarmed over.

It is our occasional pleasure to entertain visitors from foreign lands who wish to study agriculture of Clackamas county. Our most recent visitor was Michael Hanna, Wellington, New Zealand, who had a letter of introduction from director-general-minister of agriculture R. B. Tennent.

Michael Hanna is spending

four years of travel and on-the-farm study in Canada, the United States, and the British Isles, in lieu of a formal college education. His intimate knowledge of scientific agriculture and of names of leaders in the agricultural field amazed us. After his visit here, Michael dropped in on the O.S.C. campus at Corvallis, where he knew exactly whom he wanted to see.

Our guest remained in Alberta, Canada, for two years because of his special interest in a more arid type of agriculture than we

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