

## Demand For Farm Products Reviewed

Record high peace-time industrial production and still-rising prices continue to sustain the demand for farm products.

**Motor Vehicles**—Motor vehicle production in early March reached the highest rate since the end of the war.

**Farmers' Receipts**—Farmers' cash receipts (including the government payments) during the first three months of 1947 were nearly a third more than in March, 1946.

Receipts from the sale of wheat and other dairy products this year will probably top any year before 1946.

**Poultry**—Supplies of chickens and turkey through December will be about the same as last year. Total meat production this year is expected to be higher than last. Beef and veal production is expected to be higher; pork down; and lamb and mutton production will probably be the smallest in almost 20 years.

**Crops**—High prices for the seed and soybeans in relation to grain prices will lead to increased acreages, especially of soybeans, this year. March 1, figures indicate a 70% increase in soybean acreage this year over 1946.

**Grains**—Sales of corn in the 1946 crop will probably

be the largest on record with a record high commercial demand in prospect.

Total 1947 production of corn, oats, barley and sorghums will be 8% smaller than last year if farmers carry out their early March planting intentions and yields per acre are average. But the larger carry-over may mean only about 3% smaller total supply for 1947-48.

**Wheat**—High wheat prices, although below mid-March, are expected until the new winter crop begins to reach market. The prime factor is the outlook for exports.

Average growing conditions on wheat acreage farmers intended to plant as of March 1, plus present prospects for the winter wheat would produce a new record crop this year.

**Wool**—Demand for wool fabrics for mens wear continues to be strong, but less wool is being ordered for womens wear. Total fabric production this year is expected to be a little lower than last year's record.

**Sugar**—Sugar rationing without change was transferred from the OPA to the department of agriculture, effective April 1.

**Parity**—Prices paid by farmers climbed to a new record during the month ending March 15, pushing all parity prices to new highs. Prices received also reached a new high, but have not kept pace with rising costs since last October. So farmers were receiving an average of 122% of parity March 15, compared to 132% last October.

**Wages and Labor**—Farm wages will be as high as 1946 for some time, but will probably taper off late this year.

More farm workers are expected to be available this year than last.

**Feed and Seed**—The peak of feed costs, especially grain and hay for the war and post-war period probably was reached last summer.

Farmers are paying higher prices for most seed than in 1946. While seed production was generally higher last year than in preceding years stocks were abnormally low last year. As a result 1947 seedings will draw more heavily than usual on the pro-

duction of the previous year.

**Fertilizers, Sprays and Dusts**—Record supplies of fertilizers are expected this year, but demand continues to outrun supplies. The higher prices are likely, but not high enough to prevent comparatively large purchases. Insecticides and fungicides generally will cost 5 to 7 per cent more this year than last. Supplies of some are below requirements, but others are adequate.

**Farm Debts**—Record numbers of farms have been transferred to new owners recently at high prices. Many of the mortgage debts resulting from these sales amount to more than the full market value of the farm a few years ago. Interest charges paid by farmers on farm mortgages and total mortgage debt turned upward last year after declining for almost a quarter of a century.

## Dust Treatment Insures Gardens

When a gardener gets a poor stand of plants in carefully prepared soil, he usually blames it on poor seeds. Actually, the failure say garden specialists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, is more often due to attack of fungi or molds that cause the seeds to decay or the young seedlings to die before they emerge from the soil.

This trouble is known as "damping-off." You can generally avoid it by dusting the seeds with one of several chemical compounds sold for this purpose under names such as Arasan, Spergon, Cuprocide, and Semesan. They can be used safely on most vegetables and flower seeds. Cuprocide, however, should not be used to treat seeds of cabbage, broccoli and related crops, nor on lima beans.

Follow the manufacturer's directions exactly, the garden specialists advise. For the treatment use a jar or other airtight container that will not be over half full when the seeds are in it. Add the proper amount of dust, close the container tightly, and shake it or turn it for one to two minutes. Then screen off the extra dust and the seeds are ready to plant.

You can treat small packets of seeds by opening one corner of the packet, adding as much dust as you can lift with a pen knife point, closing the packet and shaking it well.

The garden specialist add this caution. Never inhale any of the dust and do not allow it to remain on the skin. Wash it off at once with soap and water.

## Remodeling Being Done At Grayshel's Cafe

Charles Grayshel, at Good Eats Cafe, is making extensive expansion, through remodeling the dining room, added a few more booths to care for a larger clientele.

Mr. Grayshel has just about completed his new building which will house, in addition to the post office, Brookings Electric and Moore's Variety & Apparel Shop.

## Local News Items

Ralph Vincent left early Monday morning for Portland where he will spend several days on a buying tour.

Raymond Karp, of Portland, was a caller in Brookings Friday, conferring with the school board relatives to the principalship of the local high school. He was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Horner while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Huck of Klamath Falls were here the first of the week, looking after their lilies, on the Fletcher place, at the end of Pedrioli drive. They were stopped from work, Monday, by the rain.

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We want to know how many crates of berries, other small fruits and/or vegetables will be produced for freezing or for sale, and how many folks in the area will patronize the custom cannery.

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