

FEED PRICES CUT

Mills Do Not Wait for Date Set by Administration.

OFFICIAL NOTICE ISSUED

Merchants' Exchange Ceases Trade in Bran and Shorts—Corn Reduced \$9 Ton on Arrival of New Crop.

Although the fixed millfeed prices named by the Food Administration do not become effective until December 23, local millers...

The official bulletin sent out during the day by T. B. Wood, chairman of the North Pacific Coast milling division of the Food Administration, follows:

"We desire to call the attention of all millers to the fact that regulations governing the price of millfeeds, adopted by the general committee of the milling division of the Food Administration...

"Mills are requested to sell their feed-stuffs as nearly direct to the consumers as possible.

"Violations of these rules will result in the revocation of the license of the miller."

"Rule 19 provides that: 'No licensee engaged in the business of milling flour and feed from wheat shall, after December 23, 1917, sell wheat millfeed at any price in excess of the following prices: The price of bran bulk at the mill door per ton of 2000 pounds...

"At the Merchants' Exchange there were no bids or offerings of millfeed and quotations were withdrawn from the market...

"Weather conditions in the Middle West, as wired from Chicago: 'Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, unsettled, probably rain or snow tonight and Friday, elsewhere generally fair and colder.'"

"Terminal receipts in cars, were reported by the Merchants' Exchange as follows: Wheat Flour Oats Hay...

"HORSE MEAT SALES IN PORTLAND Business Reported to Be Steadily on the Increase."

"The Bureau of Markets yesterday issued among its other reports a report on the 'Horse Meat' market in this country...

"TURKEYS HELD BACK BY WASHOUT Firm Demand for Birds Available at Up to 32 Cents."

"There were not many turkeys on the street yesterday, owing to the delay in the market from Southern Oregon. For what was on hand the demand was strong and dealers...

"MOVEMENT OF POTATOES IS SLOW Light Demand Continues at Western Shipping Points."

"Destinations for the shipments of Oregon and Washington potatoes in carlots, as reported by the Bureau of Markets: Oregon—Stockton 1, Sacramento 1, Marysville, Cal., 1, Washington, 1, Denver 1, Kansas City 1."

"Shipping point information reported by the Bureau of Markets: Portland, Ore.—Demand light. Carlots, f. o. b., cash to growers, netted 40c; 40¢ per 100 lbs. Ship while the market is firm. No commission charged. Checks daily. THE SANVIAR CO. INC. Capital \$100,000. 100 Front Street."

"50,000 LBS. DRESSED TURKEYS Needed to fill our order. Call, write or wire for our guaranteed price. Heavy Fat Hens 15¢ per lb. Heavy Fat Hens 15¢-16¢ per lb. Heavy Fat Hens 15¢-16¢ per lb. Ship while the market is firm. No commission charged. Checks daily. THE SANVIAR CO. INC. Capital \$100,000. 100 Front Street."

WINTER CROP LARGE

Increase in Oregon Wheat Acreage Is 25 Per Cent.

GAIN 112,000 OVER 1916

Condition Is 90 as Compared With 78 Last Year and 94 Ten-Year Average—Eye Seeding in State Also on Enlarged Scale.

Early sown fall wheat in Oregon has made a good stand, but the late sown grain did not germinate in a satisfactory manner. The Government crop report says...

"The favorable conditions for the winter wheat crop in Oregon have been much better than last year, and as a result there has been a very material increase over last year in the acreage seeded to winter wheat and rye. The rains of the latter part of November and early December, followed by mild temperatures, have been very beneficial to growing crops. While fall seeding was generally considered later than usual, the favorable moisture and temperature conditions have developed a growth west up toward normal conditions with the increased acreage gives promise of a large winter wheat crop for 1918 harvest. Reports indicate that the percentage increase in the rye acreage is not an great as that in wheat. Estimates are as follows: 'Winter wheat—Area seeded fall of 1917, 562,000 acres, compared with 450,000 acres seeded last fall; increase, 112,000 acres, or 25 per cent. Condition, 90 per cent of normal, compared with 78 per cent last year and a 10-year average for December 1 of 94 per cent. 'Rye—Area seeded fall of 1917, 35,000 acres, compared with 18,000 acres seeded last fall; increase, 4000 acres, or 22 per cent. Condition, 95 per cent compared with 84 last year and a 10-year average for December 1 of 97 per cent."

"LARGE VEGETABLE SUPPLY IN TODAY Several Carloads Held Back by Washouts, Bananas Also Delayed."

"Seventeen carloads of California vegetables for Northwestern points have been held up by washouts, but it was reported on the street that they would be through last night. The delay will be a serious matter for jobbers in the city as it will hold back their holiday trade, but the dealers here will not be so bad off. Five or six of the cars are for Portland, and if delivered this morning it will enable them to get off their shipping orders. Because of the delay, the street was practically bare yesterday of lettuce, celery and sweet potatoes. The banana train has been delayed by trouble in California and will not reach Portland until Saturday or Monday."

"Advance in Lined Oil. Lined oil prices were advanced 3 cents a gallon yesterday. The new list follows: Raw, 11.50; refined, 11.44; boiled, 11.50; cases, 11.48."

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