Increased Production Encouraged

New Payments Give Impetus To Vital Crops

Production payments to farmers to encourage increased production of three vital wartime food crops were announced today by John W. Kamna, chairman of the Washington county USDA War Board.

More potatoes, dry beans and fresh truck crops are needed than was called for under the original 1943 production goals. To encourage planting of the additional acreages needed to meet the higher goals, production payments will be made to producers who make extra effort to increase production of these crops.

The new payments will be made on the basis of individual farm goals, the chairman explained. These goals will be established for each farm in the county, and will call for the maximum production of the war crops best suited to the farm's resources. Information now being collected at the various AAA community centers on the 1943 farm plan signup will be used in setting individual farm goals.

Oregon has been asked to increase potato acreage 28 per cent above last year, and the new program will offer growers a payment of 50 cents a bushel on the normal yield of the acreage between 90 and 110 per cent of the farm's goal. A farmer with a 50-acre goal could receive payments on 10 acres by planting 55 acres of potatoes, Kamna said.

The production payment for commercial vegetables will average $50 an acre for each acre of approved truck crops between 90 and 110 per cent of the farms' truck crop goal. Details of this program, designed to encourage production of the more essential fresh vegetables, will be announced soon.

To encourage production of dry beans, payments of $20 an acre will be made on a similar basis. In addition, the government support price has been increased from $5.35 to $5.60 per hundred for U. S. No. 1 beans, cleaned and in bags at country shipping points. Also, Commodity Crtdit will make loans on uncleaned beans to enable growers to get an immediate cash return for this crop.

The Washington County USDA War Board has been informed that growers of potatoes and the more essential truck crops should be able to get an adequate supply of approved grades of fertilizer. A program to make fertilizer available is being worked out now, he reported.

Hulits Give Calf To State Champion

The Guernsey calf awarded to Arthur Frillinger of Astoria as the state 4-H Guernsey club champion was donated by Sam Hulit & Sons of Hillsboro. This award was announced by L. J. Allen, assistant state club leader, at the same time Dick Jossy of Rock Creek was named the state Holstein club champion

Suggestions on Varieties for Planting Given

With only a portion of the normally seeded fall grain planted this year ,a number of farmers are making inquiries about spring grain varieties to plant, reports Palmer Torvend, county agent.

According to yield trials for spring grain carried out at Oregon State college and from local results, these varieties of barley, oats, and wheat are suggested. For barley, Hannchen is recommended. This variety ordinarily out-yields any of the other spring barleys which might be grown. Victory and Three-Grain oats have out-yielded other varieties year after year. Because barley and oats out-yield wheat, they might be given first consideration. Farmers may do better to purchase the wheat they need and raise oats and barley or other crops in place of the contemplated wheat acreage. Information has been received that an ample supply of wheat will be available under the Feed Wheat program. Marquis is the wheat variety recommended. The A. A. A. has stated that no deductions will be made for not seeding the usual wheat acreage.

New additions to the war crops have been recently announced by the Triple A, states Torvend, and the following is a list of crops to date: Irish potatoes, dry edible beans, dry edible peas, vetch for seed, tomatoes for processing, peas for processing, snap beans for processing, sweet corn for processing, carrots for processing, table beets for processing, cabbage for processing, and hay (except wheat hay) and pasture (all crop land pasture, excluding volunteer). Additional information on these crops may be obtained at the Triple A office, where it has been announced that production payments are to be made on certain of these crops

Ritchey Named Leader Oregon Seed Growers

While the small seed industry in Oregon now has almost an unlimited market for its output, it is faced with many problems of production right now, and of distribution in the postwar period, according to information brought out at the second annual meeting of the Oregon Seed Growers league held at Eugene.

Despite war restrictions on travel, the meeting was widely attended by growers from both east and west of the Cascades. President Glenn Ritchey of Forest Grove was re-elected, as were E. R. Jackman, secretary, and Clifford Smith, assistant secretary, both of Oregon State college. Bernal Hugg, Elgin, and Raymond Johnson, Eugene, were re-elected directors, while Evan Gheen, Ontario, was chosen director from that district.

Among the immediate problems considered serious is that of obtaining enough rotenone poison to control weevil and aphids on legume cover crop seed acreage and enough bags to insure handling the 1943 crops. Control of the clover leaf weevil which is threatening the ladino clover industry in Central Oregon, and the hairy vetch weevil, which has already stopped commercial production in some parts of the northern Willamette valley, are other production problems for which more research was asked.

Special committees dealing with the various branches of the Oregon seed industry brought in detailed reports which were adopted as a guide for the future.

FARM War News

Editor's Note—This is a weekly feature presented in co-operation with the County USDA War Board, and designed to keep farmers informed on new developments in agriculture's wartime production program.

Payments for Production

To encourage extra production of potatoes, dry beans and fresh vegetables, production payments will be made on acreage of each crop between 90 and 110 per cent of a farm's goal. Payment rates are 50 cents a bushel on the normal yield for potatoes, $20 an acre for dry beans and $50 an acre for fresh vegetables.

Farm Labor Pool

Men who can qualify as skilled farm workers, and who are not now employed in jobs entitling them to deferment, cannot be inducted into the armed forces until the U. S. Employment Service has been given 30 days in which to place them on a farm with the required war units rating. This will give the Employment Service an opportunity to build up a farm labor pool and is another reason why farmers should register their labor needs with the employment service.

Soybean Meal

Some relief is due for Oregon's light situation with respect to protein concentrates for poultry and dairy feeds. The supply of oilseed meals is increasing, as more crushing capacity becomes available. Thirty carloads of soybean meal have been allocated to this state for delivery this month, and a similar amount is being ordered for February. Most of the meal in these first shipments will probably go into mixed feeds, although some may be available for sale to farmers from the car. Orders are being placed through the state AAA office.

Fertilizer Priorities

Steps are being taken to make adequate supplies of fertilizer available for the more essential food crops, with potatoes heading the list. Indications are that "war-crops" will get first priority on fertilizer supplies.

More Milk Cans

Prospects for an adequate supply of milk cans for essential needs are much brighter as a result of a recent WPB order which permits about 75 per cent increase in the manufacture of simplified types of milk cans during the 12-month period ending June 30, 1943.

Less Ice Cream

In a move to save milk for cheese, butter and other dairy products now in short supply, production of ice cream, ice cream powders, milk mixes and malted milk products has been ordered cut to 65 per cent of the output during the period between December 1, 1941 and November 30, 1942.

It is estimated this will save enough milk to make 97½ million pounds of butter, 68 million pounds dry skim milk during the coming year.

Farm Front Victory

The size of the victory American farmers scored on the food production front in 1942 is even larger than first reported. Final USDA figures show the 1942 output of livestock and livestock products up 12 per cent over 1941, as compared with goal of 9 per cent. Vegetables for processing were up 13 per cent, all crops nearly 14 per cent, and total agricultural production more than 12 per cent, double the goal. Total cash farm income is estimated at close to 16 billion.

Poultry Ceilings

OPA has given its regional offices authority to make any adjustments in poultry price ceilings for all sellers except retailers necessary to eliminate local shortages. Regulations on wholesalers' margins on broilers and fryers, which for a brief period caused Portland market prices to slump, have already been adjusted.

Food to Russia

The Red army's winter offensive is being powered with increasing amounts of American farm products. Lend-lease reports that we are now sending more food to Russia than to Britain.

Mixed Feed Prices

Poultry and livestock mixed feeds have been brought under OPA price control in a move toward lessening pressure against price ceilings of such foods as milk, butter, cheese, eggs, meats.

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Victory Gardens Plus More Dried Foods Suggested

Universal planting of victory gardens where possible, plus early action to provide community dehydrators and driers, is advocated by E. H. Wiegand, head of the food industries department at Oregon State college, as one way Oregon can help meet the future civilian food supply situation.

After analyzing the estimated pack of canned fruits and vegetables as compared with the amount to be taken by the government for military and lend-lease use, Wiegand says that "while there is no need for anyone to go hungry, the newest regulation dealing with the commercial packs of canned food should give us something to think about in connection with our food problems."

Professor Wiegand reports that the estimated total pack of canned vegetables for 1943 will approximate 176,800,000 cases. Of these, 92,900,000 cases will be required by the government. The total pack of canned fruit is estimated at 47,500,000 cases, of which the government will need 31,700,000 cases.

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"In many parts of Oregon, and particularly in the Willamette and Umpqua valleys, there are large numbers of deheydrators and much drying equipment well located to provide means for drying a large quantity of vegetables and fruit for the civilian consumer, provided it is used for this purpose," says Professor Wiegand. "If victory gardens are planted in large numbers much of the raw material they produce can be conserved for future use through drying and dehydration, either in small units or by drying in community dehydrators and driers.

"It is suggested that steps be taken at once where these driers are located so that the people can band together to operate them on a share basis or by some other arrangement."

Hay Shortage to Increase Dairy Use of Wheat

With the market supplies of hay becoming extremely light all along the Pacific coast, prices have moved up sharply during recent weeks to the highest levels for many years, according to the weekly hay market review broadcast on KOAC by the O. S. C. Extension service.

These conditions lend emphasis to the information contained in a new food-for-victory bulletin on feeding wheat to milk cows under wartime conditions just released as Extension Bulletin 611.

The bulletin points out that if wheat for dairy cattle is ground coarsely it can be fed up to 50 per cent of the grain ration without ill effects and that it has been fed up to 75 per cent with no trouble except some loss of palatability. The bulletin shows the comparative value of different feeds at different prices, and gives directions for preparing various concentrate mixtures containing large amounts of coarsely ground wheat.

From the standpoint of total digestible nutrients, if ground wheat can be purchased at $40 a ton or less it is a better buy than alfalfa hay at $25 a ton, according to the bulletin. More wheat feeding can thus serve to "stretch" the hay supply.

One reason for the scarcity of hay available for shipment is the difficulty to obtain labor for baling and hauling. Storms have interfered also, although the supply of hay actually available for movement is probably quite limited, says L. R. Breithaupt, ertension economist.

Specific official data as to stocks of hay now on hand are not available, but unofficial reports on hay and livestock numbers, as well as price trends, indicate that supplies of hay are shorter than usual and probably sufficient only for a normal winter at best.

In the event that heavier than normal feeding is required the balance of this winter, the value of Oregon's surplus wheat reserve will become more apparent each month until new feed becomes available, says Breithaupt. Wheat is an ercellent feed for other livestock, as well as milk cows, according to tests mede by the Oregon experiment station over a period of years.

Farmers' Union Cancels Meeting

Laurel-Scholls Farmers Union meeting that was planned for tonight (Thursday) at the Julius Christensen home, has been postponed until the weather changes. It will be held next week if possible.

Hulit Guernsey Makes Creditable Record

PETERBOROUGH, N. H.—A registered Guernsey cow, Darigold Vesta owned by Sam Hulit & Sons, Morningdew Guernsey Dairy, Hillsboro, recently completed a creditable advanced register record of 10805.6 pounds of milk and 523.6 pounds of butterfat. Vesta is a daughter of the famous Darigold Prince that has 37 sons and daughters in the Performance Register of the American Guernsey Cattle club.

Buys Registered Bull

PETERBOROUGH, N. H.— Silas J. Bechen of Hillsboro recently purchased a registered Guernsey bull from Rufus C. Holman of Portland to add to his local herd. Senator Taft of Pasture Bars 324613 is the name under which this animal is registered with the American Guernsey Cattle club.

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