

County Set as Purchase Area Of Dairy Cows

Washington county has been designated as a purchase area of dairy cows and heifers to prevent their slaughter, reports Victor S. Madsen, county supervisor. The price the government will pay should be just sufficient to keep them from going for beef purposes. It is expected, if the demand justifies it, that most of this stock will be resold in the county; otherwise, they will be shipped to points of a greater feed supply where they can be grown into dairy cows. Madsen reports that he will only be interested in dairy stock of good breeding.

Although arrangements have not been completed to buy small calves, anyone expecting to have good dairy calves that would otherwise be butchered or killed at birth should list them at the County PSA office in the courthouse, and if there are sufficient numbers from high-producing cows, some purchases will likely be made.

Also those wishing to buy this stock to raise locally should leave their requests at this office, and they will be given preference to those where shipping would be necessary.

To date Madsen has been able to place locally all of the cattle purchased, and in many instances, the buyers have been referred directly to the seller. In the latter case, however, sellers should satisfy themselves that the good dairy cattle are going for slaughter purposes. Seventeen such animals were purchased through this office last week, reports Madsen.

FARM War News

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

Seed Spuds for Gardens

Victory gardeners are reminded that the 30-pound limitation on sales of seed potatoes, as announced by the OPA, need not prevent them from getting potatoes to plant. In many instances, ordinary table stock is available which do not bear the "seed" label but do just as well in gardens and do not cost as much.

Reseed to Warcrops

To encourage the planting of war crops such as dry peas, flax, potatoes and hay, the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation has ruled that insured growers need not reseed winter wheat that was damaged or no stand obtained, provided the acreage is planted to war crops. Any premium paid will be refunded. This applies in areas where it is customary to reseed winter-damaged wheat.

Cucumbers for Pickles

Just because a crop is listed as "less essential" in the ration table used as a basis for Selective Service deferments, does not mean that farmers shouldn't plant such crops this year. Cucumbers for pickles are given as an example by the state USDA War Board. Growers normally producing cucumbers are urged to contact with processors for an acreage sufficient to fill needs of the armed services. Help in recruiting local labor to harvest the crop will be given the cucumber grower on the same basis as it will be given all vegetable growers. Also, cucumbers grown for processing are eligible for nitrogen fertilizer.

4789 Farms Protected

War-time farming may be hazardous, but the operators of 4789 Oregon farms won't have to worry about returns from their wheat crops in the next three years. That's the number of farms covered by three-year federal crop insurance, an increase of 800 over the number insured by single-year policies in effect last year. Of the 4789 farms insured, 465 are covered for spring wheat only, and the rest for both spring and winter feed.

Rules for Sellers

Slaughter permits, now required of all persons slaughtering meat for sale, are obtainable at the County USDA War Board. Farmers must use their permit number on each wholesale cut of meat sold. Tags bearing the permit number will do in case of sales direct to consumers. Rationing points must be collected for each sale, in accordance with OPA wholesale or retail charts. Reports of sales must be filed with local OPA rationing boards.

Vegetable Prices Set

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All-American Durocs

The mythical All-American Duroc herd for 1942, selected from photographs by a committee of judges, packers-buyers, swine specialists and breeders, is shown here. In left-to-right order by show classes, they are: Aged boar—Tazewell Trademark; aged sow—Superba Wave Lady; senior yearling boar—Sturdy-Bill; senior yearling sow—Red Beauty; junior yearling boar—Superba Cherry King; junior yearling sow—Cherry Lass; senior boar pig—Square Deal; senior sow pig—Glamour Lady; junior boar pig—General Doug; junior sow pig—H. & W.'s Victory Queen. The selection of an ideal Duroc herd is sponsored annually by the United Duroc Record association of Peoria, Ill., and the pictures are printed through the courtesy of C.E. Stretcher of near Scholls, Duroc breeder of this community.

Rotenone Supply May Be Available

Rotenone may be available for the control of spittle bug on strawberries and asparagus beetle, according to word received from the Chemicals Division, War Production Board, by Don C. Mote, head of the Entomology department, Oregon State college.

Growers who want to use rotenone dust on strawberries for spittle bug should make their needs known to their local dealers as soon as possible, according to the announcement, said Palmer S. Torvend, county agent, and the local dealer should make application for authority to sell rotenone for the above mentioned uses.

processing—beets, cabbage and carrots, have been announced by the state USDA War Board. The prices, representing increases over last year, are: Beets—No. 1, \$28 a ton; No. 2, \$21; No. 3, \$12. Cabbage, \$12 a ton; field corn, \$22 a ton; field corn, processors who contract to pay growers at least the specified prices will be certified as eligible to participate in a government purchase program. Similar minimum prices were previously announced for peas, tomatoes, corn and snap beans.

Food Orders Issued

Two new "set-aside" orders have been issued by the department of agriculture to assure adequate supplies for the armed forces and for shipment to our allies. All shell eggs in cold storage on May 31 shall be reserved for government purchase. Similarly, processors of dehydrated potatoes, cabbage, carrots, beets, onions and rutabagas have been directed to hold all stocks on hand and future production for sale to Uncle Sam.

Tires for Tractors

Enough rear-wheel tractor tires to equip 13,000 to 14,000 new farm tractors have been released, and action is being taken to release completed farm implements in time for spring planting. Also, farmers can obtain tires for tractors now in service by applying to local OPA rationing boards. At the same time, Food Production Director Townsend announced that he is seeking a 1944 farm machinery allotment as large as the number distributed in 1942.

All appeals involving claims for occupational deferment are now being handled by the selective service board of appeal in the area of the worker's employment. Formerly these appeals were handled (Continued on page 8)

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Formula Given To Poultrymen

"A one and one-half ounce chick plus 25 to 30 pounds starting and growing feed equals one pullet weighing four pounds. This pullet plus 30 pounds more and scratch may lay 200 eggs during the next year." This formula has reasonable chance for success providing new poultrymen give it the proper start, according to Jens F. Svith, assistant county agent.

To realize the greatest return in meat and eggs, chicks require good care and management, including careful preparation for them. Here are some suggestions:

1. 225 chicks is the maximum number to brood together for all-around efficiency, although under right management broods up to 500 chicks may be successfully handled.
2. For the first 8 weeks allow 1 1/2 to 2 square feet of space per chick. 2 square feet is sufficient for 100 chicks, 100 square feet for 200, and 150 square feet for 300 chicks.
3. When chicks are from 8 to 12 weeks old, square feet per chick should be provided. During this period chickens should be removed from the pullets.
4. When pullets are 16 to 20 weeks of age, 1 to 1 1/2 square feet per pullet of ample space. After 20 weeks of age provide 1 to 1 1/2 square feet per pullet.
5. Each 100 chicks require at least one 4-foot feed hopper, feeding from both sides. Double the amount of space after 6 weeks of age.
6. Allow four 1-quart waterers for each 100 chicks, day old. 2 1/2-gallon pails for 100 chicks 4 weeks old, and 4 to 6-gallon capacity for each 100 chicks from 16 weeks of age. Provide a wire partition under each fountain.
7. Allow 2 square feet of roosting space per bird at 6 weeks and at least 6 inches thereafter.

Brooder houses and equipment must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned, removing all dirt, dust, cinders from ceiling walls and floor. 8. Run brooder equipment several days before chicks arrive so that a regular temperature of 95 degrees is maintained when the thermometer is 2 inches above the litter under the edge of the brooder. 9. Provide ample ventilation in the brooder house. Temperature of the house itself never need be more than 65 to 75 degrees. Chicks will feather out faster if outside temperature is lower than that of the brooder.

Additional information may be had by securing Extension Bulletin 511 and Farmers' Bulletin 242, both of which may be secured from the county agent.

West Union Local Will Meet Friday

West Union local, Farmers' Union, will meet Friday night, April 2, at the home of John Davidson. Mrs. Noble Shearer, who attended the Educational Conference of Oregon Farmers' Union executives this week at Salem, will give a report.

The March meeting held at Jackson school was an open meeting. Robert Zurcher played an accordion number accompanied by his brother Burton at the piano. Palmer Torvend, county agent, gave an interesting talk on spring crops and victory garden planning. Noble Shearer reported on the State Farmers' Union convention at Salem. Several discussions were carried over until next meeting. County President Henry Johnson attended a Farmers' Union board meeting and gave a report. John Plank told of the pin club work, local farms and greenhouses and also two Mickey Mouse reels. Mrs. Henry Johnson reported on the junior program at the convention. Mrs. Shearer served lunch to about 50.

Standard Type of Loans Exhausted

Notice was received this week, from Walter A. Duffy, regional FSA director, that standard type loan funds of this region, including Oregon, Washington, and Idaho, are exhausted.

This type of loan application will be referred to the County Agricultural War Board where similar loans are being made from an appropriation through the Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation.

The FSA office is authorized to assist in the preparation of future documents of FSA type applications to be approved by the war board.

Water facility loans for the development of irrigation systems for farm use to increase the production of livestock and irrigation are available. Also co-operative loan funds, to assist two or more to purchase equipment or herd sire jointly, are made through this office as in the past reports Victor Madsen of the F. S. A. office.

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Feed Wheat to Aid in Goals

Feed wheat to help county farmers meet livestock and poultry goals is again available from Commodity Credit stocks, John W. Kamna, chairman of the county AAA committee, announced yesterday.

The feed wheat program, halted a month ago when the original allocation of 125,000,000 bushels was exhausted, has been resumed as a result of passage of a bill by congress authorizing the sale of another 100,000,000 bushels of government-owned wheat.

Under the original program, wheat was offered at the equivalent of 85 per cent of the corn parity price. The bill passed by congress last week authorizing the sale of an additional amount increased the price to the equivalent of full parity for corn.

Prune Thrip Now Emerging Rapidly

Prune thrips are now emerging rapidly in prune orchards near Corvallis, according to information received by county agent Palmer S. Torvend from S. C. Jones, associate entomologist, Oregon State college.

Since the infestations will vary in individual orchards, prune growers wishing to spray for the control of this pest should examine at least 300 buds at random in their orchard and count the thrips present. If there are 90 or more thrips per 100 buds, a spray should be applied immediately, or as soon as the weather will permit.

The following spray material is recommended:

- Nicotine sulfate.....1 pint
- Lime sulfur.....3 gallons
- Water to make 100 gals. of spray

Thrips are likely to be found on any part of the prune tree. They must be hit by the spray to kill them. Spraying must therefore be thorough, and every part of the tree should be reached.

A driving coarse spray with at least 350 pounds pressure is advised to force the spray into the opening buds.

Grange Meets

Aloha Grange will meet tonight (Thursday) at 8. All members are requested to be present for installation practice, according to W. Heinrich, master.

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Bids on Berry Pool Not Accepted Friday

After considering the bids on the berry pool Friday night at Banks, uncontracted growers decided not to accept any of them, according to B. L. Sellers, secretary of the United Berry Growers of Washington. However, he said, there was considerable expression of favor towards the bids of Hudson-Duncan & Co. and Starr Fruits Products Co.

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