

Estimates Show Stocks Lower

Additional information on grain stocks confirm earlier indications of probable reduced supplies in the United States for the 1944-45 livestock feeding season, the agricultural economics section of the U. S. C. extension service reports. The supply will depend also upon production in 1944, which is uncertain owing partly to delayed planting operations in much of the country.

United States stocks of corn, oats and barley by next July 1 are expected to be down to 18 to 20 million tons, about two-thirds of the amount on hand July 1, 1943, according to current data from the U. S. department of agriculture. The wheat carryover is expected to be around 300 million bushels, or less than half of the 1943 carryover.

Grain stocks in Canada are smaller than a year ago, also, by around 600 million bushels of wheat, oats and barley on the first of April. Already well in excess of 200 million bushels of Canadian grain have been imported into this country since last August.

United States production of winter wheat in 1944 was estimated on May 1 at 622 million bushels, nearly 130 million above 1943 and over 90 million above average. The rice crop is expected to be near 30 million bushels, but planting of about half the oats acreage has been interfered with by excessive rainfall so that acreage and production will fall below last year in the country as a whole. Some of the oats land will be planted to corn and other crops which can be planted later in the spring.

Substitute Bait Given for Weevils

As supplies of commercially prepared strawberry root weevil bait have been exhausted in many localities in Oregon, a successful home-mixed bait is advocated by Robert Rieder, extension entomologist and plant pathologist. Rieder says this seems to be a particularly bad year for weevil damage in Oregon.

The bait formula is bran, 50 pounds; water five gallons; sugar 10 pounds for stock molasses used with less water; sodium fluosilicate or calcium arsenate, five pounds. The sodium fluosilicate is slightly preferred if obtainable. County agents can give more detailed directions on preparation and use of this bait.

Drying 1943 Spuds Nearly Completed

More than a quarter of a million tons of low-grade potatoes will have been dried and used for feed or industrial alcohol when WFA's program of potato drying in beet-sugar plants ends about July 1. This is about one-fourth of the total 1943 crop of late potatoes. Demand for the dried product has been greater than production and new uses for potato after the war may result from the conversion program.

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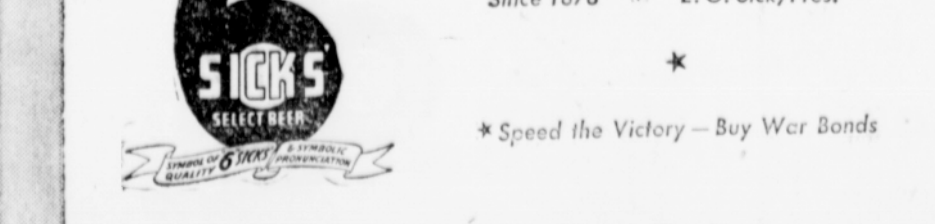


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FARM War News

Editor's Note:—This is a weekly feature presented in cooperation with the County USDA War Board, and designed to keep agricultural war production program available. Machines Must Carry Load.

With production of large combines and labor-saving haying equipment reported to be behind schedule, producers are urged to make their plans so that the harvest job can be accomplished on time with the available equipment.

This increased cooperation in the harvest at the local level is essential. Producers are urged to make plans now to get the harvest job completed on schedule. More than normal custom use of large combines and the more expensive types of haying equipment would be necessary even with the production schedules being completed on time. Old machines that can be put in condition and putting them over as many fields as possible is very definitely a part of the war food job this year.

Quotas for Crawler Tractors

Because of large military requirements, crawler tractors for farm use are still very scarce. Here is our quota for Oregon for July, August and September:

Class III-2 Int. TD-14; 1 AC HD-7; 2 Cietrac DG.
Class IV-2 Cat. D-4; 4 Int. TD-9; 4 Cietrac B.
Class V-6 Cat. D-2; 6 Int. TD-6; 4 Cietrac A.

This allocation will permit release for only the most vital purposes. Crawler tractors needed for replacement will be given first consideration. The second preference will be given to farmers who have not previously used crawler tractors but who have a type of land which does not permit the effective use of wheel tractors. The third preference will be given to farmers who need crawler tractors for land clearing and other expansion of agricultural facilities. Since the allocation is so small, it is not likely that very many tractors will be available for the third preference.

Farm Machinery for Veterans

County farm machinery rationing committees have been asked by the war food administration to give preference to returning war veterans on rationed farm implements. The preference will be conditional, says WFA, in that the machinery allotted veterans is required to contribute as much to the food program as it would if sold to another applicant. Officials have estimated that from 90,000 to 100,000 discharged veterans originally came from farms, and many of them have returned to farming.

Removal of Restrictions

WFA announces that slaughter permits are no longer required for the farm slaughter of any type of animal. This does not apply to OPA regulations, however.

OPA has also announced that no points will be required for wholesale cuts of beef of cutter and corner grades nor for stag and block cuts. This change applies only to the four grades mentioned above.

A new provision in the 1941 wheat loan program will permit producers to understand the loan provisions to measure and sample their own wheat.

The war production board still calls attention to the fact that

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Garden Peas Sweet If Picked at Dawn

Garden peas, when just at the right stage for eating, will be sweeter if picked in the morning than at the end of the day, according to word received by Cecilia VanWinkle, war food assistant from the U. S. department of agriculture. Vegetables mature rapidly in the heat of the day, and as they mature, become less sweet and more starchy. Heat hastens the change from sugar to starch, and also the respiration of the plant during which sugar is burned. The faster the respiration, the greater the loss of sugar.

At night, on the other hand, the cool temperature slows down respiration, so the vegetable holds more of its sweetness. Peas gathered first thing in the morning, therefore, are sweeter as well as fresher and more tender than if left until later in the day.

To hold the sweetness, the vegetables must be kept in a cold place after picking and not kept too long. As soon as they are brought in from the garden, they should be put in the refrigerator, or cool cellar. Left standing in a hot kitchen, they lose sweetness and tenderness in a few hours.

That rare sweet rich flavor, attractive green color, and valuable vitamin content of fresh garden peas are best preserved by freezing, says Miss Lucy A. Case, extension nutritionist at Oregon State college.

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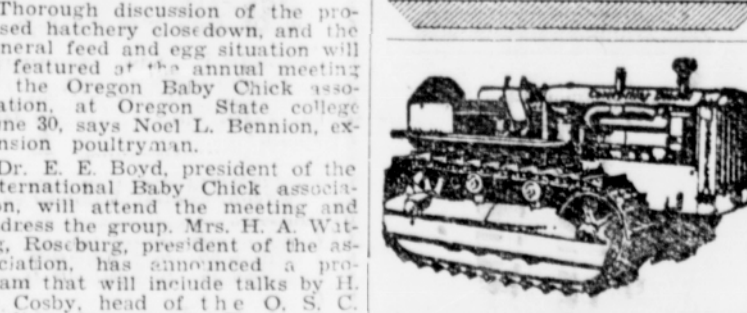
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Carrot Rust Fly Control Outlined

Carrot rust fly has been causing some scattered damage to carrots planted in Victory gardens. The second generation of larva from this rust fly is expected approximately the middle of July.

If trouble has been experienced, best containers are airtight. Keep them cool and hurry them to the locker. Bring the same water to a boil between each lot that is blanched.

Pick them the same day that you freeze them. Select peas of the right maturity. Shell and place in wire basket or colander, one quart at a time. Lower basket into large kettle containing three gallons of boiling water and cover tightly. Count time when water boils again. At end of two or three minutes, place in cold running water and cool thoroughly. Drain and pack into containers for freezing. The

with this insect, the ground where later plantings of carrots are to be made, should be treated with crude naphthalene or a mixture of naphthalene one-third and dusting sulphur two-thirds. It is too late to attempt control for the first brood but indications are that the second brood may be very heavy this year and control measures should be started about the middle of July.

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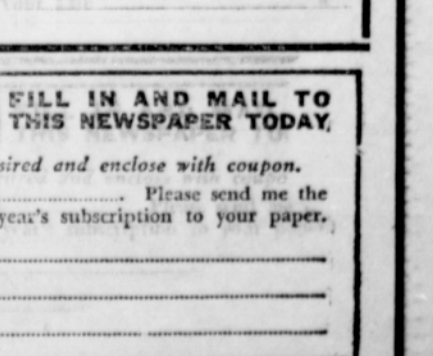
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