

Farm and Garden

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Oregon's Fall Harvest Calls About 500,000 Pickers; Mexican Help Given

Approximately 500,000 pickers will be needed from about August 20 to September 20 to harvest Oregon's fall seasonal crops, according to estimates of J. R. Beck, state farm labor supervisor in the U. S. C. Extension Service.

Picking of hops and prunes will overlap the snap bean harvest to take the greatest number of farm workers, but potatoes, pears, apples, sugar beets and smaller acreages of other important crops will require thousands of workers. Crop estimates indicate increased production this year for hops, beans, apples, pears and sugar beets. The prune crop will be considerably less, and the potato crop in central Oregon and Klamath county is expected to be larger but for the state as a whole somewhat smaller than last year.

The approximately 500,000 Mexicans working in Oregon at the farm labor peak will represent only about 10 per cent of the total number of seasonal workers, Beck points out. They will play a vital part in the harvest, however, by taking up the slack in hop and prune picking, by maintaining a labor balance so an adequate supply of bean pickers will be available, and by taking over when thousands of youngsters return to school in September. Since much of the fall harvest of pears, apples and potatoes is distant from centers

Ceiling Prices Set on Apples

Maximum prices have been fixed for the 1944 apple crop and become effective Wednesday following word from Washington that a new amendment has been issued establishing maximum prices for table apples in 1944. The amendment will be sold by sellers other than retailers.

The amendment will result in a national average price of approximately 10¢ per bushel, Beck says. Consumers may have to pay. Last year the average price paid by consumers over the season for fresh apples was 10¢ per bushel.

The action acts new prices of o. b. country shipping point and makes a number of important changes in the regulation from that of last year with respect to sales of apples in containers and in bulk, and in the division of markups for various sellers. Also, it changes the method of pricing for sales delivered to wholesale markets.

The maximum price for apples delivered to any wholesale receiving point is determined by taking the applicable maximum price of o. b. country shipping point and adding the actual cost of transportation and protective services. This differs from last year's regulation in which flat prices were established by broad pricing zones.

Sam Logan Reports

Sam Logan of near Hillsboro reports an average production of 104 bushels of oats to the acre this year. Logan, who is 80 years of age, declares it to be the best crop he has ever seen.

Vital statistics, rationing data, hospital news and court orders regularly at head of classified pages.



MEXICANS AVAILABLE—Mexican nationals picking Willamette valley prunes and hops this year will serve a dual purpose of assisting in the harvest of these crops and relieving the farm labor pressure so that there will be an adequate number of bean pickers. The peak number of Mexican farm workers in Oregon will be only about 10 per cent of the 50,000 seasonal farm workers needed from about August 20 to September 20.

Data Available On Farm Wages At Office Here

Copies of an official interpretation of the regulations governing farm wages for the 1944 crop and become effective Wednesday following word from Washington that a new amendment has been issued establishing maximum prices for table apples in 1944. The amendment will be sold by sellers other than retailers.

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Drain Tile Held Good Investment

This is a good time to plan and put in the drainage, says Palmer S. Torvend, county agent. Tile drainage is one of the most permanent improvements that can be installed on a farm and one which if properly installed, pays dividends year after year, Torvend added. The efficiency of properly installed tile increases with age. Mid-summer is an ideal time to install new drainage tile. By removing excess water, tile drainage improves soil structure, increases root passage, and actually provides an increased supply of moisture for crops. Drainage affords better air circulation, makes soil warmer, speeds up decay and nitrification, lengthens the growing season, reduces erosion, and diminishes heaving in frozen weather.

Most successful tile drainage systems are designed according to local soil and ground water conditions. It is safest to lay out a system with the aid of a farm level. Most farmers install a tile drainage system in units with the most necessary parts first and with plans for additions as time and finances permit.

For those who are interested and who qualify, there is an AAA payment for the establishing of tile drainage. This practice requires prior approval and specifications to be furnished to a community or county AAA committee. They have available regular blanks on which to give their approval for the construction of drainage ditches. Further details regarding these programs may be obtained at the county AAA office in Hillsboro or from community AAA committeemen.

Protein Pellet Production Up

Farmers and poultrymen who wish to obtain protein pellets for winter's feed emergencies should seek them through the regular channels, reports Palmer S. Torvend, county agent, according to word received from the state AAA office.

Recent action by the war food administration has resulted in some increased production of pellets. These increased supplies will be available through regular trade channels and not through the government set-aside allocation.

Second Application Filbert Spray Now

Due to the prolonged emergency period of the filbert moth, a second application of spray or dust is suggested by Dr. B. G. Thompson, associate entomologist, Oregon State college according to notice received by Palmer S. Torvend, county agent.

The emergence of the filbert moth has now reached a peak and during the past few days a considerable number of eggs have been deposited. These eggs will hatch in eight or nine days and the spray should therefore be applied before August 20.

Lead arsenate, used at the rate of 3 pounds to 100 gallons of water, plus spreader, is recommended or a dust containing 40% lead arsenate used at the rate of 40 pounds per acre. Dusting should be done in the early morning hours when atmospheric conditions are calm. Since the larvae feed only on the under side of the leaves it is imperative that the under sides be thoroughly covered.

Spraying or dusting should be done coming from the opposite direction from that done when the first spray was applied. This will assist in giving more thorough coverage.

Dixie Mountain

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Carlson of Raymond, Wash., Mrs. Perry Huntington of Portland, and Mrs. Art Holmen and son Arthur of West Slope were Sunday guests of the ladies parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kay.

Theron Parmelee has been staying with his brother Harold. John Navey.

Dale Nelson has joined the navy, and left last week to report for duty.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his final account in the Estate of S. N. BUCK, deceased, in the County Court of Washington County, Oregon, on the 15th day of August, 1944, at 9:30 a. m. in the Court room of said court at the time and place for the hearing of objections thereto and the settlement thereof.

SAMUEL B. LAWRENCE, Attorney for the Administrator.

(Aug. 17, 24, 31, Sept. 7, 14, 1944)

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

The undersigned administratrix of the Estate of SARAH ELLEN MAY, deceased, has filed her final account in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County, and said Court has appointed September 16, 1944, at ten o'clock A. M. in the Court room in said Court for hearing objections thereto and settlement thereof.

Dated this 15th day of August, 1944.

DELLA M. CYPHER, Administratrix.

E. J. McALEER, Attorney.

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Fire Prevention On Farms Urged

All gasoline and diesel engines are capable of starting fires and some fields of grain have burned this summer from this source, reports Palmer S. Torvend, county agent. However, the exercising of some precautions which, if carried out, can keep this fire hazard and loss to a minimum.

Keeping the engines in a good state of repair, removing accumulations of dust and oil which otherwise can give a fire a good start, and providing the exhaust of all engines working in the harvest fields with a spark arrester, are some of the precautions. Radiators should be screened to prevent chaff lodging around the engine as this chaff may become hot enough to smolder, fall off the tractor or equipment, and set fire to the stubble field.

Trucks operating in harvest fields should be equipped with vertical exhausts. A small investment made in fire fighting equipment as a knapsack pump gun which can be brought to play on a fire when it occurs can save much loss and work as it is ready to be put into operation at short notice. All grain and seed crops can be given the added protection of a fire guard which at this time of year may be made by dry-plowing or disking around the border of the field. Most fires are caused as a result of carelessness or improper use or out of order machinery which in many cases can be easily remedied.

Resurfacing of Some City Streets Started

Resurfacing of several city streets was started Tuesday morning by the Cascade Construction company of Portland. Streets being resurfaced include Washington from Adams to East Third avenue, East Main from 8th to 10th and Cornell road to city limits.

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