

# Farm and Garden

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## No Grower Support Vegetable Prices Said Set for Processing

There will be no grower support prices on vegetables for processing in 1946 and Oregon growers are advised by the state AAA committee to make their planting plans accordingly, an Oregon State college extension department bulletin reports.

Instead of the support price program in effect during the war years, "designated grower area average prices" will give growers some indication of the prices they can expect and which processors can pay within the ceiling price structure. These designated average prices, as announced by the USDA and CPA, will be used as the raw material cost basis in computing processors' maximum prices for the 1946 packs of canned and frozen vegetables.

The 1946 packs of snap beans, beets, carrots, cabbage, cauliflower and fresh shelled beans will be suspended from price control. Hence an average grower price will be designated for these commodities.

For the other vegetables grown in Oregon which will remain under price control in 1946, average grower prices have been set as follows: lima beans, 1942 price plus \$4.00 a ton; fresh lima beans, 1942 price plus \$4.00 a ton; sweet corn, \$120 a ton; snap beans, 50 cents a ton; mushrooms, 50 cents a ton; green peas for canning, \$70 a ton; green peas for freezing, 50 cents a ton; green peas for freezing, 50 cents a ton; green peas for freezing, 50 cents a ton.

For other vegetables not listed but which will remain under price control in 1946, the grower average prices will be the 1942 price plus 20 per cent.

All prices are on a field run basis, and no breakdown by size, grade or variety will be made. Processors have been informed that the vegetables subsidized in 1945, and which will remain under price control, the same gross maximum prices will be continued. This will be done either by continuing subsidy payments or by continuing consumer maximum prices for the amount of the subsidy.

## Demonstrations Set for Pruning

Four pruning demonstrations will be held in Washington county on Thursday and Friday, February 21 and 22, according to Palmer S. Torvold, county agent. The pruning of peaches and various types of fruit trees, as well as shrubs, will be demonstrated by C. B. Cordy, horticulture specialist and assistant county agent of Jackson county.

The demonstrations will be as follows: Thursday, February 21, 10 a. m. to 12 p. m. at the home of Mrs. J. W. Kamma, 2112 S. 21st St., Hillsboro. Friday, February 22, 10 a. m. to 12 p. m. at the home of Mrs. J. W. Kamma, 2112 S. 21st St., Hillsboro.

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## AAA Deadline Announced for Dairy Producers

Last day for dairy producers to file applications with their county AAA committee for production payments on milk and butterfat sold during the months of October, November and December, 1945, is February 28. Payments for the January-March period will be made after April 1, according to a report from the Oregon State College extension department.

With feed supplies short, Secretary of Agriculture Anderson urges farmers to feed less grain to hogs and beef cattle, cull poultry flocks, raise fewer chickens and turkeys this year, maintain milk production, and above all, market farm animals when they are ready for market.

"If we do not begin now to husband our reduced supplies of feed, it won't be long until livestock is from three to four times as expensive as it is today, and we will be in a bad way for lack of feed," he said.

"We can get by if—and I repeat it—all farmers and feeders do the things that are necessary."

To help get feed for meeting critical needs abroad, federally-inspected meat packers are now required to set aside for government purchase seven and one-half per cent of the liveweight of hogs slaughtered each week. The land available has also been increased from three and one-half to five per cent of the liveweight of hogs. Although the department has been purchasing pork and lard for many years, the new action will make it possible to procure a larger proportion of the needed supplies during the period of heaviest seasonal production.

Growers of berries, fruits and vegetables are advised by the department of agriculture that production of these crops is far below normal and may not materially improve. The department urges that they immediately place their orders and take delivery whenever available, wherever containers are available.

## County Farmers Given Hints by AAA Chairman

Washington county farmers who are planning on carrying out conservation practices with AAA program assistance have two things to keep in mind this year, according to John W. Kamma, chairman of the county agricultural conservation (AAA) committee.

One is the closing date, which has been set at May 1. Operators who intend to participate in the program will need to file a farm plan before that date. The other requirement is that to be eligible for program assistance, all practices must have approval of the county committee before they are carried out.

The county committee explained that the purpose of these rules is to assure selection of practices that will get the best results in terms of soil and water protection and improvement for individual farmers as well as the community as a whole. Further than that, Kamma said, the funds allotted to carry out the 1946 program can only be spent so far and the committee wants to do the best possible job with Washington county's share by encouraging practices that will make a solid contribution to improving soil and water resources.

Sign-up dates have not all been set but they will be given at a later date. Sherwood district will be held February 26 and 27 at the Sherwood city hall.

For some practices, the chairman said, field inspections will be made before approval is given. Each operator taking part in the program will be notified on his copy of the farm plan of the practices approved and his share of the county funds for conservation program work in 1946.

## County Group at Building Meeting

A delegation representing Hillsboro and other county schools attended sessions of a school building conference held in Eugene last week for Oregon school administrators, board members, and architects.

Those attending: John Cox, principal of Hillsboro union high; J. W. Poynter, superintendent of the Hillsboro grade schools; I. R. Metzler, principal of Beaverton union high; R. R. Easter, chairman of the local grade school board; Art Williams, chairman of Tigard high school board; Mrs. Florence Withycombe, elementary school advisor; and George Gordon, board member for Aloha-Huber school.

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## Legume Seed Crops Help to Build Soil, Farm Crops Committee Says

The outlook and recommendations made by farm crops committee of the recent farm program conference stressed the importance of growing winter legume seed crops on the basis of building up the fertility of the soil, urged caution in the permanent grasses, and considered the hay, grain, and commercial vegetable prospects.

Washington county production of winter legume seed increased from practically none 20 years ago to over 20,000 acres in 1942 and has dropped down to the neighborhood of 2000 acres since the peak year. Reasons for the drop in production have been that higher returns have been obtained from other crops, which are in demand during the war and the building up of large stockpiles of seed which tended to reduce the price to the grower.

Austrian winter field peas and Willamette vetch are the two major winter legume crops produced in Washington county. Willamette production has increased each year for the past three years and the committee believes that there has been a 35 to 45 per cent increase in plantings made in 1946. Until this year, sales of this seed to foreign countries have kept the stocks down to a minimum. Whenever this stock is cut off, it is expected that larger stockpiles will be built up within a year or so, and therefore, local farmers might expect supplies either to be lowered or taken off.

The committee, however, recommends that farmers consider both of these winter legume crops, particularly on livestock farms, as both have the soil building value and the screenings of Austrian peas have value as feed for livestock. The screenings of Austrian peas should be grown on every farm because of the soil improving qualities of the crop. The committee recommends that a part of the crop rotation rather than for a large part of the entire farm to be planted to one.

The acreage has increased from over 4000 acres to less than 150 acres in 1945 because of the damage caused by the hairy vetch weevil. Control of the weevil by DDT dust justifies a certain increase in acreage but this increase should be limited to the thinner, lower in fertility valley soils and on the less fertile hill lands. The expansion should be made slowly until the effective-ness of the dusting program is definitely shown.

During the past three or four years there has been some increase in the acreage of hay produced in the county. The committee believes that the acreage of alfalfa but the committee believes it should be considered an important part of the livestock farm. Among the reasons for the reduction in acreage are higher returns from cash crops, the lack of seed, and the difficulty of curing in the field. A good quality hay. The value of alfalfa as a feed cannot be excelled and its soil building qualities are high.

The committee estimates the average production of hay in this county at two and a quarter tons per acre, a total production of 67,500 tons annually. Of this production 60,000 tons or more are used to feed local livestock, the remainder being carried out for emergency or sold outside the county. The commercial hay market is not permanent in the opinion of the committee. They do not believe local producers can compete with some of the irrigated sections being developed in other parts of the state.

Washington county farmers are urged to grow all the hay for their own use and a small carry-over for emergency periods, but they cannot afford to sell their hay in other areas as they are selling the fertility of the soil on their farms and this is not considered good practice on the long-time basis.

No definite increase or expansion of the production of wheat, barley, or oats is recommended. However, the committee believes that the present acreage should be maintained for the use of local livestock feed. The importance of getting more wheat seed of a true variety was stressed and farmers could well use a snip spray to clean up the annual weeds and vetch in their wheat fields. This spray, however, is not recommended when clover is planted with the wheat.

No expansion was recommended in the hop acreage. The hop acreage is increasing in irrigated sections where yields far exceed dryland hops produced in this area. In any case, hops may be considered only as a long-time crop.

Red clover, which should be a part of every farm crop rotation, represents about 12,000 acres in the county. Farmers who anticipate the harvesting of clover seed should use the Cumberland strain as at the present time, and perhaps for

several years to come, it will enjoy a premium over the common strain. The production of red clover seed is definitely connected with soil-building. The production of blue working in a clover field has had a definite bearing on the yield. Alaska clover is recommended where land is too wet for red clover, especially for hay or pasture crop.

Any farm that has irrigation should grow a certain acreage of alfalfa clover for pasture purposes. Leading clover seed production should be incidental to its use as a pasture. Subterranean clover is highly recommended for hill and steeply sloping pastures and should be seeded with a grass mixture. As yet there is practically no market for the seed outside of the state.

There are, however, many areas in the United States where the crop could be grown if people in the areas were familiar with it. Special harvesting equipment is required to harvest the seed crop. It is not recommended to attempt to grow it for seed purposes where hairy vetch is present because of the difficulty in separating the seeds.

Among the forage grasses considered, the committee does not recommend an increase in acreage of chewing, red creeping, and also of timothy grass. Present acreages within the state are more than sufficient to take care of the demand at the present time. In addition, western Oregon growers have difficulty in producing 90 per cent pure seed or better. Lower purity seed has difficulty in competing with seed from other areas. Meadow foxtail is one forage crop which offers opportunities for increased planting. It is not recommended as a replacement on that type of soil. It is a highly palatable grass but present seed supplies are short and harvesting requires special care.

Perennial and common grasses are recommended on ground where other types of grasses will not do as well, particularly the wetter lands where acidic soils are not satisfactory. Increased plantings of non-shattering oat grass for seed are recommended where ground is available that is reasonably free from weeds and other grasses. This crop also offers opportunities for pasture purposes. It is not recommended on the better type valley soils or irrigated sections, being best suited to the red hill or drylands.

In the last few years the production of vegetable crops in Washington county has expanded considerably. Part of this expansion was brought on by the war needs. Such crops as cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, and other crops should be deep fertilized and irrigation holding capacity, and be easily worked. Where available, irrigation water should be used. Commercial vegetable acreage should not be planted except where market outlets have been arranged in advance. Then only on soils where high yield per acre can be obtained. Quality vegetable crops can be produced in the county and they provide an opportunity for the growing of a stable crop which fits in well with crop rotation and spreads out the labor requirement of many farms.

## In the Window

A Japanese sword that was surrendered to the U.S. Army by a Japanese general in Tokyo was on display here. McNew also sent his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McNew of Mountbaldwin, an opium pipe in a woden case with a matching case for the opium. On a cord fastened the two together is a carved ivory cube.

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## Dixie Mt. Grange Installs Officers

DIXIE MOUNTAIN—The Dixie Mountain Grange installed officers for the coming year at an open meeting of the Grange hall Friday. The installing officers were: Doris Perkins, a group of Grangers from the valley. Elmer McClure, state overseer, and Enid Walker, Pomona master. Officers installed were: William Moran, master; T. N. Nelson, overseer; Mrs. Fred Grant, secretary; Fred Dudley, treasurer; Ralph Dudley, steward; Fred Singler, assistant steward; Mrs. William Moran, lady assistant steward; Mrs. Fred Sanger, lecturer; and Angela DeLoreo, chaplain. Next meeting will be the first Friday in March. Members are urged to attend and aid in developing a more rounded program of usefulness for the organization.

Mrs. Mae Alvord, primary teacher, who has been ill for the past two weeks, returned Monday. She is staying at the Fred Grant home.

Mrs. Adah Jacober left Sunday for Oklahoma where she was called to be with her sister, who is ill. Mrs. Jacober returned to Hillsboro on Friday.

Bridge Washes Out  
The high water last week washed out the bridge at Kay's. A new one is being built.

Mrs. Jess Pugh, who has been ill for some time, returned to the hospital last week.

Mrs. Leonard Pugh of McMinnville has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith, Mr. Pugh visited his parents Sunday.

A group of about 24 from this community attended the "Youth for Christ" meeting at Forest Grove Sunday and the picture, "The Missing Christian," at the Hillsboro Baptist church.

## Poultry Diseases To Be Discussed

Poultry diseases will be subject for discussion at the poultry meeting to be held Tuesday, February 20, at the Hillsboro high school.

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## 4-H Club Local Leaders to Meet

The February meeting of the Washington county 4-H club local leaders' association will be held February 28 at 8 p. m. in the courthouse in Hillsboro. Wallace Kadderly of KGW will be present to make a transcription of the meeting for presentation of his farm program broadcast during national 4-H club week, March 2 to 10.

The program for the evening will include a panel discussion by several 4-H club local leaders, presentation of awards to county and state winners in 4-H club contests, and a talk by a member of the state 4-H club staff from Corvallis.

All leaders are urged to attend the meeting.

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