

Farm and Garden

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Dairy Market Remains Firm; Butter Slows

Dairy products markets, with the exception of butter, were firm during the week ending July 19, according to the weekly dairy review prepared by the USDA extension service from USDA market reports and other data. Of outstanding interest was resistance to falling prices by consumers and question of whether or not consumers on dairy products would be forced in forthcoming legislation, the week closed this matter was definitely settled. Markets continued in a confused state but were beginning to show some signs of recovery in the early part of the week. Price resistances against butter was apparent.

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Farm Labor Head Asks Co-operation In Safety Steps

In line with the third annual National Farm Safety week which was proclaimed by President Truman for July 21 through July 27, H. Beck, state supervisor of the OSE extension service emergency farm labor program, has asked all farm labor assistants located in the state to make a special effort to enlist the cooperation of farmer employers to eliminate work hazards.

The Oregon vehicle safety code is the guide in transporting farm workers to and from farm jobs. Especially where children are involved, substantial sideboards and gates for personal carrying vehicles are required. Some flagrant cases have been seen where children have ridden on truck beds with their legs dangling over the rear of the vehicle, Beck asserts. In such cases the truck owner is inviting legal difficulties.

It is not the intention of the campaign to stress farm safety for just the week set aside—safety precautions need to be stressed at all times by farmer employers of hired workers. Oregon farmers have an enviable record for safety among children and other workers transported from town and cities, but there is still room for improvement and greater precautions, says Beck.

Machinery which has been difficult to replace and repair during the war years is a constant source of danger, Beck adds, because a lot of it has been used longer than it would have been under normal conditions. The machine operator who fails to stop the engine before adjusting or making adjustments is inviting a disaster.

More and more Oregon prune growers are turning to mechanical shakers as a means of saving thousands of hours of hard labor, reports M. G. Huber, extension agricultural engineer at Oregon State college.

Huber says reports indicate that mechanical shakers save at least one-half and frequently more of the time usually required in hand shaking. F. E. Bullock and Son of Oakland said that two men operating their power shaker will even shake eight men could do in a day by the hand method.

Trees can be cleaned as well by mechanical shakers, by hand, general reports indicate. When prunes are picked twice growers find that the mechanical shaker will clean off more of the ripe fruit which has been home or custom made, can be classified in two general types, Huber explains. One is the "pull" type that uses a flexible cable and hook to connect the power unit and the tree. The other is the push or boom type with positive motion both directions.

There is an established design among the shakers used in Oregon, says Huber. The design to be used depends upon the kind of tractor available, the material to be shaken and the ingenuity and mechanical ability of the builder.

The shakers can be mounted on either a wheeled or track-type tractor, and may be operated either from a power takeoff or by a separate engine power unit. The cable type, which is probably the easiest to make, requires two men to operate—one to place the hook and the other to run the tractor.

Huber advises making sure that the shaking mechanism is strong enough and mounted so as to be able to absorb the tractor's maximum pull. While no printed directions have been issued for constructing a shaker, either Huber or county agents in prune growing counties will be glad to pass on what information they have to growers interested in making a shaker for use this year.

Saturday Heat Breaks Record
MOUNTAINDALE — Saturday was the hottest day known along Dairy creek. The thermometer registered 103 in many places. Many families picnicked along the creek Sunday.

The Elmer Meacham home was sold and the new owner will take possession some time this month. Jim Thompson has also sold his place, known as the C. Biehler place, and will vacate soon. Leonard Thompson, Betty DeLapp and others have left to spend a week with the Bible class at Camp Turner, Meacham, where they have been attending. Closed this week with an old time picnic and swimming at the Thompson place.

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Million Acres Wheat Goal in State for '47

A production goal for Oregon of one million acres of wheat seeded in 1947 has been announced by E. Harvey Miller, state director of production and marketing administration. The goal was approved by the secretary of agriculture on the recommendations of the Oregon USA council and the state production adjustment committee.

The 1947 state goal is almost eight per cent less than the 1,081,000 acres planted this year, but still one per cent more than the 1937-41 average of 992,000 acres. Nationally farmers are asked to plant 71,700,000 acres for 1947 harvest, one per cent more for this year.

In setting the state goal, the world food situation and the present low level of food supplies were weighed against land use and other considerations. Miller reported. One million acres is the maximum possible acreage while maintaining summer fallow and without planting wheat on land to which it is not suited or which should be kept in grass, he pointed out.

In addition to reasons of land use, the goal setters considered that the present emergency goal would result in a reduction of other crops, such as barley and oats, which will produce more feed to the acre on the land involved than wheat.

"Even with the reduction, the 1947 goal represents a larger acreage than can be safely maintained after the present emergency goal is declared. "Since this is 'short fallow' year, normally we would plant considerably less than the million acres, says Miller. The goal means another year's delay in returning to the peacetime pattern of production and a better balance between soil-conserving and soil-depleting uses of our cropland."

As to outlets for the 1947 crop, the department of agriculture assumes that a smaller volume of exports will be offset by increased domestic uses of wheat above the quantity being consumed now because of the present emergency conditions, plus the need for building up end-of-year stocks to a safer working margin.

Harvesting Begun At Chehalem Mt.
CHEHALEM MOUNTAIN—Combining of barley began here last week. Much hay is being hauled after this week. Blacktop picking will be almost completed by the end of the week.

Attend Picnic
Several from here attended the Washington County Farmers' Union picnic at Hillsboro Sunday.

Laura Crumrine of Klamath Falls, who has been visiting aunt, Mrs. J. E. Simpson, and family, is working in Newberg, as is Arthur Simpson of the merchant marine on between trips.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Lebert of Nashua, Mont., visited their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Shuck, last week. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Simpson and family and Hodson McCormick visited Kenneth Simpson at a look-out station near Dufur Sunday and Monday.

Hodson McCormick has recovered from a severe attack of measles. The Shuck family, who are entertained with a dancing party July 13 in honor of their nephew, Stanley Ego, who was recently discharged from the navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shook and Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Shook and family went to Seaside Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. D. Haynes and baby daughter Sandra. Louise, born July 15 Mrs. F. L. Shook remained with her daughter and grand-daughter, Mrs. Haynes and Sandra.

The Sadie Murphy home last week. She was accompanied by two other sisters from California. Miss Louise Maurer and Herbert Maurer of Portland were also visitors at the Murphy home last week. They spent their childhood in their home above the Murphy place. They later moved to Hillsboro, then to Portland.

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Seed Shipments To Be Speeded

Provision has been made to assure prompt shipment of Oregon cover crop seed purchased by the government under the 1946 price support program for hairy and winter wheat. The seed will be moved to outlets in the southern states as rapidly as it can be ready for shipment, but in event orders from that area lag behind purchases from producers here, arrangements have been made by Commodity Credit for storage in transit. A larger crop is in prospect, especially of vetch, as a result of many farmers who normally do not plant cover crops for hay letting it go for seed because of adverse weather during haying season. Because of limited storage here, prompt movement of the crop is necessary to avoid congestion in warehouses and cleaning plants.

Support prices under the purchase program of 12 cents for hairy vetch and 10 cents for winter wheat. The seed is being sent to southern states for growing cover crops to protect farmlands from erosion and depletion caused by heavy winter rainfall.

Local Dairymen Aid Organization Breeders' Association
McKENLEY-ELMONICA — Albert Meier and son Don drove to Ashland last week where they visited the farm of Otto Bauman and attended a meeting there at the farm of Mr. Rainer to organize the Pacific Northwest Brown Swiss Breeder's association. John Bockel of Portland and John Meier of Boring accompanied them.

The hot weather hastened the ripening of grain and combining is under way. Mr. and Mrs. George Lichty and family of San Francisco are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lichty.

Kleppe on Furlough
Edward Kleppe has been home on furlough from aviation training in Texas.

Louis Siegenthaler, who suffered injuries when he fell from a ladder, is still recovering in Hillsboro.

Meier Herd Inspected By National Officer
McKENLEY-ELMONICA — Fred Ides, secretary of the National Brown Swiss association, and M. B. Nichols, extension dairyman for Washington state, were guests last Thursday of the Albert Meier family. They inspected the Meier herd and enjoyed a picnic lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Nels Johnson, John and Ruth Bockel and the Meiers of the Meier farm.

Johnson Visits
Charles Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Johnson, former resident of this community, was a guest at the J. A. Wiseman home Sunday. Charles is in the navy, now stationed at Bremerton.

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Importance Safety Code Stressed Here

The present week has been designated as National Farm Safety Week in order to stress the importance of safety precautions as a means of cutting down and eliminating accidents to farm workers, according to Roy L. Davidson, farm labor assistant.

Washington county has not experienced any serious accidents to farm workers since 1944 when a girl berry picker was severely injured in a berry orchard. Even minor accidents resulting from workers getting on and off vehicles in motion, and similar acts of carelessness, are on the decline. However, now accidents have been eliminated and there is still opportunity to improve farm working conditions. The state industrial accident commission has issued a safety code governing the transportation of farm workers which stresses all safety precautions which must be complied with in transporting workers to and from the farm. It is pointed out that most accidents occur while the workers are being transported, although some accidents are the result of carelessness in the field or orchard.

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The farm labor service urges all farmers to continue to exercise every precaution to protect their workers. One serious accident to a youthful farm worker can result in a serious hindrance to the recruitment of youth workers.

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Hazeldale Folks Motor to Canada

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