

# WET WEATHER MARKETS

## COOL WEATHER HOLDS CANTALOUPE QUIET

Oregon is not having all the rain at this time, for California fruitgrowers are making much complaint over the continued coolness of climatic conditions. According to C. E. Thurston, the Imperial Valley cantaloupe shipper, in a letter to Levy & Spier, local representatives, the first shipment of cantaloupes from there will not be made before the 1st or possibly the 5th of June. This is a month later than the trade expected first shipments to be made.

## Continued Cool Weather Will Hold Spuds Off Market Until Last of July.

Portland wholesale markets: Potatoes to be in market. Too cold for wool and mohair. Strawberries are very scarce. Cantaloupe shipments held back. Car cabbage quickly sold. Still another advance in beans. Cheese market is lower. Hop demand is easier off again. Butter is firm but unchanged. Weather is spitting-veal.

## Potato Crop Is Full Month Late.

According to information gathered by dealers and from growers, it can now be safely stated that the Oregon potato crop this season will be a full month late in appearing upon the market. This year it is unlikely that Oregon new potatoes will appear in quantities much before the last of July, while in normal seasons our stocks are ready for the market about the latter part of June. The information indicates that the total production of potatoes in Oregon will be greater than usual. The heaviest increase will be in eastern Oregon, but in the Willamette valley the acreage will show up quite a bit heavier than a year ago, while the crop in the Willamette valley in the history of the state. The eastern Oregon increase will be caused by the agitation against summer fallow, and this is the result of the big wheat tract owners will experiment this season with potatoes.

## Potatoes Are Growing Slowly.

Because of a continuance of the cool and rainy weather, the crop is growing much slower than usual in the Willamette valley. The plants are well up and show very good color, but because they need at this time to cause them to grow faster is some sunshine. Indications are that the crop will be of good quality, and very fine quality, as plants have suffered practically no damage this season from frost or vermin.

## Only Hundred Cars Remain Here.

It is now estimated that but a fraction more than 100 cars of potatoes remain in the Willamette valley in the hands of growers and dealers. This does not include the cars about to roll or those which the buyers are preparing to load. Supplies in eastern Oregon are much greater than here, because of the greater amount grown. Shipments from there to the outside have not been on an extensive scale, and the number of cars in Oregon, because of the heretofore unknown quality of potatoes from that section, has been small. In the Willamette valley, however, there is an increase in shipments from the eastern and western Oregon, and there is little doubt that most of the potatoes will be cleaned and ready for market in a few days, providing producers do not hold out for too heavy an advance.

## Market Is in Fine Shape.

For potatoes the market is now in better shape than during the present season. For first-class shipping stock the buyers are quite willing to pay here and 70 cents per 100 pounds, because they have orders to purchase at these figures. California is making a large portion of the supplies at this time, but some of the better shipments are still being made to Arizona from western Oregon. Eastern Oregon continues to supply the market with the Puget sound country and to the middle west and far south, because of the advantage of the shorter haul.

## Strawberries Are Very Scarce.

There is a great scarcity of strawberries in the local market today. Supplies from California were light, the few shipments being mostly from the Rowell, Day & Co. of Loomis, California, notified the Portland trade today as being the only supply of strawberries in the city. Because of the scarcity of berries, the California fruit sold at an advance of 10 cents a crate today. Oregon berries are in better supply with stock in better shape than that from California. Sales of local fruit are made around \$3.20 and \$3.50 a crate for 24s.

## Front Street Briefs.

The car of cabbage unloaded yesterday afternoon along the street has mostly disappeared. The demand, at 2 cents a pound.

Two cars of bananas were among the arrivals from the south today, as a further advance of 10 cents in the price of beans.

Beans continue in heavy supply, with prices showing a wide range. Demand for hops from Europe is much easier.

Creamery butter values are maintained although supplies are scarce. Outside business is still taking the surplus.

Front street sells at the following prices: Those paid shippers are less regular commissions.

## Grain, Flour and Hay.

WHEAT—Producers price—Track, Portland—Club, 89c; bluestem, 92c; red, 87c; Willamette valley, 85c; outside, 84c. FLOUR—Eastern—Oregon patents, \$4.65; straight, \$4.80 to \$4.85; exports, \$4.80 to \$4.70; valley, \$4.45; grain, \$4.50 to \$4.65; 50s; 55s; 60s; 65s; 70s; 75s; 80s; 85s; 90s; 95s; 100s; 105s; 110s; 115s; 120s; 125s; 130s; 135s; 140s; 145s; 150s; 155s; 160s; 165s; 170s; 175s; 180s; 185s; 190s; 195s; 200s; 205s; 210s; 215s; 220s; 225s; 230s; 235s; 240s; 245s; 250s; 255s; 260s; 265s; 270s; 275s; 280s; 285s; 290s; 295s; 300s; 305s; 310s; 315s; 320s; 325s; 330s; 335s; 340s; 345s; 350s; 355s; 360s; 365s; 370s; 375s; 380s; 385s; 390s; 395s; 400s; 405s; 410s; 415s; 420s; 425s; 430s; 435s; 440s; 445s; 450s; 455s; 460s; 465s; 470s; 475s; 480s; 485s; 490s; 495s; 500s; 505s; 510s; 515s; 520s; 525s; 530s; 535s; 540s; 545s; 550s; 555s; 560s; 565s; 570s; 575s; 580s; 585s; 590s; 595s; 600s; 605s; 610s; 615s; 620s; 625s; 630s; 635s; 640s; 645s; 650s; 655s; 660s; 665s; 670s; 675s; 680s; 685s; 690s; 695s; 700s; 705s; 710s; 715s; 720s; 725s; 730s; 735s; 740s; 745s; 750s; 755s; 760s; 765s; 770s; 775s; 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