

Plan for Organizing Wheat Growers Is Outlined by Committee of Seventeen

HEAD OF FARMERS' COMMITTEE OF 17 OUTLINES DESIGNS

The full significance of the plan for the national marketing of grain cooperatively and its effect upon the individual farmer is discussed in the following article, written by C. H. Gustafson, chairman of the Farmers' Grain Marketing Committee of 17:

Every farmer who produces a surplus of grain over and above his requirements for seed and feeding; that is, every farmer who has grain to sell, will be eligible for membership in a non-stock, non-profit, national marketing association. This national association or company is to be an entirely new cooperative agency. MANY BODIES INCLUDED

Inasmuch as representatives from many different farmers' organizations were all represented in the committee and harmoniously agreed upon this new marketing plan, farmers affiliated with one or more existing farmers' organizations will become members of this new cooperative selling agency.

To become a member of this national selling organization, the farmer will probably be asked to contribute \$10 for five-year membership. Each of the farmers will make a contract to the general effect that he will deliver all of his grain for seed and feed, to the National Marketing association, through his local cooperative elevator, which will in turn contract to deliver all of the grain received to the points selected by the national sales agency. Where no local elevator exists, members of the association will arrange for securing elevator service.

Three disposal plans

A feature of the marketing plan is that the farmer will be given three options in his contract as to the method of disposing of his grain. It may be marketed by consignment, by direct sale to his cooperative elevator, or by pooling. These three methods of sale make the new plan sufficiently broad to allow the producer to use his own judgment and market his products in the way that he considers best, while at the same time he has the benefit of a complete national marketing machine that has no purpose or excuse for existence but to protect his interests and return a larger per cent of the market value of his crops to him without infringing upon the rights of his consumer customers.

PLANS ARE ON LARGE SCALE

The facilities contemplated for serving this great grain marketing machine, which will handle grains by the hundreds of millions bushels annually, were necessarily planned on a large scale. These include, first, branch sales agencies at important terminal markets, where each grain district; second, terminal warehouse and elevator facilities where the grower members' grain can be stored until market conditions are advantageous for sale; third, an export corporation for marketing to foreign countries surplus grain not needed for domestic consumption; fourth, a finance corporation to furnish credit to grower members so that grain may be sold in accordance with the demands of consumers, and fifth, a department to collect information for the benefit of the growers concerning market conditions, world's supply and demand, and other statistics of value to farmers.

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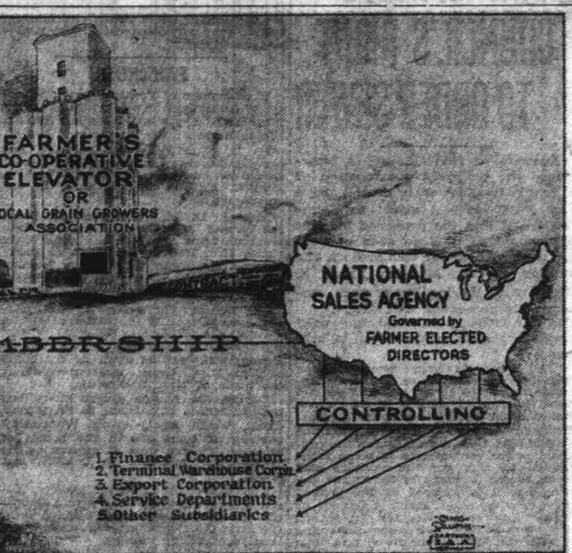
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80,000 BEE HIVES KEPT IN OREGON

About 80,000 stands of bees are maintained in Oregon; with from 10 to 15 carloads of honey shipped out each year, according to reports made at a two-day session of the Oregon State Beekeepers' association, which was held here this week.

A committee consisting of J. Skovbo of Hermiston, Charles Rusk of Portland, and K. D. Raker of Knappa, vice president, and H. A. Scullen of the Oregon Agricultural College, secretary and treasurer. One hundred and twenty-five new members from 15 counties of the state were admitted to the association.

Plans were formulated, through which the Oregon association will become affiliated with the national bee-keeper's organization. A new constitution and by-laws were adopted, and the association almost completely reorganized, with A. J. Stanford of Redmond, reelected as president; K. D. Raker of Knappa, vice president; and H. A. Scullen of the Oregon Agricultural College, secretary and treasurer. One hundred and twenty-five new members from 15 counties of the state were admitted to the association.

All of the newest and latest methods of caring for bees were discussed during the session of the association. E. H. Bauer of this city gave an instructive talk on "Beekeeping in Oregon." The "Beekeeping Industry of Oregon and Its Relation to the Oregon Agricultural College," Professor R. V. Gunn of the Agricultural college, spoke on "Business Methods in Beekeeping."

Following the adjournment of the state association, the Multnomah County and Columbia County Bee associations were formed. E. J. Ladd was elected president, and Edgar W. Stahl, secretary and treasurer of the Multnomah County association. Miller of Scappoose and R. H. Hatfield of this city were elected officers of the Columbia County association. The Multnomah association will meet March 31, and the Columbia County association will hold a field meet the latter part of May at St. Helens.

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POULTRY NOTES

R. E. Butler has five Ill-a-Hee Barred Rock hens at Puyallup, Wash., where they are ahead of 1000 entries in the Western Washington egg-laying contest, which started on November 1, 1930, and will continue until October 31, 1931. An egg yield of 37.4 per cent was the average of these birds during the months of November, December, January and February. This heads the record of hens entered by more than 200 breeders from all parts of the United States, including entries from the Tanager and Holly-wood farms.

Eggs that are abnormally small and poorly shaped should not be used for incubation, neither should eggs that have thin or very porous shells. If possible, eggs should be set when fresh and it is never advisable to use for hatching eggs that are more than two weeks old. One of the quickest ways to obtain uniformity in the offspring is to select uniformly good sized eggs of the same color.

Skin milk is considered by specialists of the United States department of agriculture to be very desirable for chicks during the first week. In order to insure that all chicks get no milk, it is advisable to dip the chick's beak in the milk before it gets any other food. This can be done best when removing chicks from the incubator.

Oregon Jerseys Are Still After Records

Two Oregon Jerseys have completed records recently. One record made by Poppy's Olga, is 14,923 pounds of milk and 66 pounds of butterfat at 2 years and 6 months of age. During this year she carried a calf 215 days. Her sire is Queen Bessie. Both of these animals trace back to prominent gold medal bulls of the Jersey breed. Poppy's Olga is owned by P. C. Powell & Son, Month, Or. The other record, made by Birdie Owl, of M. L. P., is 11,626 pounds of milk and 714 pounds of butterfat at 2 years and 3 months of age. With careful attention she may make a champion producer as a mature cow. She traces back to such renowned animals as Springfield Owl and Noble of Oakland. Her sire is the Moses of Ferris and her dam is Birdie Karnack of M. L. P., who as a 2-year-old produced 519 pounds of butterfat.

Birdie Owl of M. L. P. is owned by Robert L. Burkhardt, Albany.

Jacobsons Claim Best Barred Rocks

Undisputed championship of the Pacific coast for Barred Rocks is claimed for their birds by Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Jacobson, poultry breeders, 3506 Tacoma avenue. Two silver cups have been won by the Jacobsons this season, 20 special prizes for the best birds in various shows, 48 blue ribbons, 22 seconds, 12 firsts and 12 seconds. The Jacobsons displayed their birds in competition with the largest breeders of the coast at the Portland show in December. Recently at Spokane they won the large silver trophy cup offered for the grand champion male of the show and they were awarded first prize for cockerels and second for pullets, besides several other prizes.

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It is interesting to note the difference in prices for "selects" received by members of the Pacific Poultry Producers' association and the Washington Cooperative Egg and Poultry association. Carl Maki, a member of the Oregon producers received \$866, while A. Haapala, member of the Washington association, received \$723c, a difference of .144c.

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BROCCOLI CROP TO RETURN \$50,000

With 42 carloads already shipped and 10 remaining to be shipped, approximately \$50,000 will have been realized by 25 growers on 160 acres of land, when the broccoli season is brought to a final close in Douglas county.

Together with what has been shipped by express to Oregon, California and Eastern markets, including the large amount sold on the local markets, it is thought that the 1931 season has been the largest since 1917, which was the big year in the industry.

It is declared by the growers that twice the amount of broccoli raised could have been sold had it been procurable. The prices ranged from \$1.25 to \$1.75 a crate, which is the best price ever obtained, with the exception of last year.

Thirty cars have been shipped out by the Oregon Growers' Cooperative association at prices ranging from \$1.40 to \$1.75 a crate. Foster Gutner, who was the only independent shipper in the country, shipped out 12 carloads, at prices ranging from \$1.25 to \$1.40 per crate.

Broccoli is a crop which demands certain soil conditions, and many who have tried to grow it have failed completely, because they have failed to give proper attention to the seed and soil conditions. It is also a crop which requires very careful care, especially during the season when the heads are ripening.

Dealers report that the demand for Douglas county broccoli is growing rapidly, and that a world wide reputation is being established. Although prices received this year were lower than last, an excellent profit will be received.

The broccoli industry was first established in Douglas county in 1915, and since that time has undergone many changes. For the first three years the industry grew very rapidly, then because of the war, decreased somewhat. It is thought that this was due to the fact that farmers of the county were devoting their time to the raising of grains and war time foods, during this time.

The successes of the years following, however, have been so encouraging to farmers that it is anticipated that the next season's crop will be better and larger than ever.

CLATSOP COW LEADS STATE MILK TESTS

The Clatsop County Cow-Testing association led all of the cow-testing associations of the state in the average milk and butterfat production per cow, and the number of cows that produced over 40 pounds of butterfat during the month, according to the monthly news letter of the Western dairy division of the United States department of agriculture.

There were 350 cows tested during the month of January in Clatsop county, only two other association in the Northwest having as many cows on test. One Clatsop county association had the five best cows of any association in the state, and the highest producing herd of any tested in the association in Oregon was also found in Clatsop county.

The milk production average per cow of the 350 cows tested in this county was 582 pounds, which was also the highest in Oregon. Clatsop county had five associations of the state in butterfat production, 40 cows producing over 40 pounds of butterfat during January.

The herds of Neil Rasmussen of Young's river led all of the herds tested in the association in Oregon. The average butterfat production of his cows was 60 pounds.

According to many dairymen in the Clatsop County Cow Testing association, this high record is made possible by continuous testing. In this manner they are able to keep exact records on each cow of their herds and cull out their star boarders. The present cow testing association of the county will be reorganized this month for another year. It is possible that there will be an additional association organized in the county. Many dairymen not in this association are wanting to get into the cow testing work in order that they may receive the benefits resulting.

Demonstrations in Poultry Are Planned

Lebanon, March 19.—Herbert E. Cosby, extension poultry specialist of the Oregon Agricultural college, will give a series of demonstrations at the four poultry demonstration farms in Linn county this month for another year. The places and dates are: Clarence A. Williams' farm, Lake Creek community, March 29; A. M. Smith, Oak Creek community, March 29, 2-30 p. m.; C. E. Chandler farm, Waterloo com-

Humboldt, Cal., Gets Lead in Production Of Best Grade Cows

Humboldt county, California, holds the record over all localities in the United States for production by its grade cows as against a like number of cows in any other section. The world's record for a grade cow was also held in this county. A grade Guernsey cow owned by Chris Rasmussen, at Loloita, produced last year 14,644 pounds of milk and 758 pounds of fat.

Guernseys preminate in Humboldt county, and the Guernsey breed has been making rapid advances in this section for a number of years past. An enthusiastic county organization of Humboldt Guernsey breeders was recently formed, with C. S. Rasmussen of Loloita as president.

Machinery Repairs Needed Precaution

Secretary J. W. Coverdale of the American Farm Bureau federation, states that Farm Machinery Repair weeks were instituted in order to bring to the mind of the farmer the necessity of going over carefully all of his equipment before the beginning of spring work. "After the farmer has ascertained what repairs are needed," says Coverdale, "he will buy them and put his old machinery in shape to do his work efficiently. Doubtless many farmers will find some of their machinery beyond repair, if they then decide that new machines will mean more efficiency in the year's operations, and will enable them to cut down the cost of production, then they are ready to buy."

Berry Growers Meet

Kelso, Wash., March 19.—Berry growers of this vicinity met in the county agent's office in the Elly building Tuesday afternoon to hear a discussion of berry growing methods by J. L. Stahl of the state extension service. A number of farmers are planting loganberries this year.

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