

BETTER FARMING

DOUGLAS IS AFTER STRAWBERRY TITLE

Roseburg, Aug. 6.—That Douglas county should be the leading strawberry section of the state is the belief held by many local men interested in the agricultural welfare of the county, and it is possible that this belief will soon grow into an organized effort to make the strawberry crop one of the leading products of this section of the state. Oregon, according to recently published figures, ranks eighth among all the states

as a shipper of strawberries in carload lots. Hood River ships the greatest quantity of strawberries in the state. The fact that the Douglas county berries are on the market two weeks in advance of all the other sections. The soil in Douglas county is admirably adapted to the growing of strawberries. The climatic conditions cause the berries to ripen from two to three weeks earlier. With these facts in mind it is evident that the small berry grower has a special opportunity before him.

County Fruit Inspector Armstrong has been devoting much time in an effort to stimulate more interest in the production of berries, particularly straw berries, and to encourage the growers to sell themselves but for the shipment of the plants, in which there is a great profit.

Poultry Raising and Dairying to Feature Exhibits in Clatsop

be paid to dairying and poultry raising in the premium list being prepared by the county fair board for the annual Clatsop county exhibition September 19, 20 and 21. These, with berrying, are forecasted as the coming assets of the lower Columbia district.

With a view to promoting dairying and poultry raising, the fair-board expects to place particular emphasis upon

The same factors that fit this country peculiarly for dairying are declared by County Agent E. W. McMindes, to react similarly to the benefit of the poultryman. The mild winters permit of outside forage for both chickens and cows while the moist climate provides an abundance of green food.

Another agricultural industry which needs attention particularly in this

Knappa district and in the Nehalem valley is bee-keeping. At a recent bee demonstration held at Knappa it was discovered that there are 5000 hives of bees in the county, with many more being added. "Bee hospitals" have been established in the Knappa district and in Vesper in the Nehalem valley where diseased hives are treated.

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