

# The Valley Agriculturist and His Work

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The Diversified Interests of Willamette Valley Farmers

### Editor's Note

Mrs. Madeline Cullin, Valley News editor of The Oregon Statesman, is also in charge of the market news of this paper. Each Sunday she writes concerning the agricultural news of interest to valley farmers. Contributions of news are invited.

## HOP MARKETS UNCERTAIN

### American and European Markets Report Dull Demand

Pacific coast hops markets continued easy during the week, with a dull demand for the moderate offerings, largely as a result of the lack of inquiry and demand for North American hops. While the hops producers of the Pacific coast are generally continuing to hold in expectation of higher prices, the need of ready cash to meet harvest expenses has caused some growers to press their stocks upon the market, with the result that some sales were reported made at low rates, although most of the limited trading for the week was done at around 12c for this variety and grade, net to growers, f.o.b. shipping points in the Willamette valley. While picking was slow, it was somewhat during the week, because of unsettled weather and the reopening of schools, many of the small yards have completed their harvest, and others will finish the latter part of the week and the first of next week. Around 700 bales of 1929 hops were reported sold during the week at 7-7 1/2c per pound, to growers at shipping points in the Willamette valley.

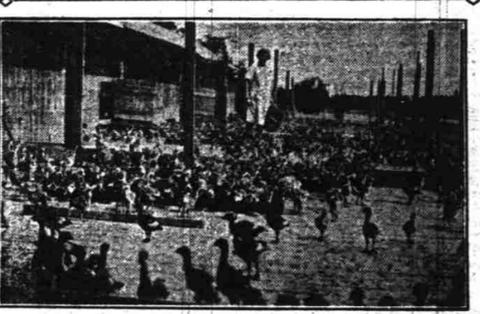
New Rate Made  
Of interest to producers in the northwest are the new rail freight rates to Chicago, which are announced as being \$2.00 per 100 on minimum cars of 25,000 pounds, compared with former rates of \$2.50 per 100 on cars of 15,000 lbs. minimum. It is not certain at this time, however, when the new rates will become effective. With an official estimate September 1 of 21,720,000 lbs. of hops for the United States, 1929, according to trade estimates, of 1,100,000 lbs. for Oregon, 1,890,000 lbs. for California, and 240,000 lbs. for Washington, total supplies available this year would appear to be around 24,850,000 lbs. which is 8,270,000 lbs. less than the 1929 production, and 5,320,000 lbs. less than the five year production alone. Figures are not available at this time regarding the carryover for those years, nor are stocks on hand in east and west markets either for this or previous years. Considerable interest has been shown in the relationship the total available supplies for this year bear to the average domestic requirements of the past few years, and as soon as data is available, this information will be given in these reports.

From Oregon came the following reports:  
Salem: Both trading and demand were limited with market tone weak and dull for the week. Sales of around 830 bales of clusters at 12c, and around 250 bales at 10c were reported, the latter sales resulting from producers pressing their stocks upon the market to obtain ready cash for harvest expenses. Picking will be completed the early part of the coming week, if favorable weather conditions continue. Some mould is appearing, and which is expected to increase from this time on. Salem market quotations appear to range from 12c upward as producers asking prices, with 12c downward for dealers offered prices, for choice clusters of the new crop. Salem, which is generally considered the center of the Oregon hop industry, and where considerable activity in the hops market is usually experienced at this season of the year, reports an exceptionally quiet and inactive market prevailing at this time.

Aurora: Demand and trading reported slow. Not much inquiry from buyers, although no balling has been done as yet in this district. Producers generally asking 15c, with buyers offering around 12 1/2c for choice new crop clusters. Picking practically completed. In last week's report, in the Aurora items, the statement was made that several contracts at 38c were made "some weeks ago." This should have read "some years ago," these being term contracts, made three years ago, to run five years.

Independence: Demand and trading reported slow. Sale of 200 bales prime clusters at 12-13c reported made during week. No fuggles changed hands, with pro-

## PREPARING FOR THANKSGIVING



Turkeys four weeks old on the S. J. McKee farm at Independence. Mrs. S. J. McKee is to be seen at the center of the picture.

## S. J. McKee Successful With Turkeys as Well as Record Breaking Jerseys

Producers generally asking 15c. An option on one lot of fuggles at 14c was reported by an Independence dealer. Harvest 90 per cent completed, with average yields generally reported, although 15 per cent to 20 per cent of the hops may be of low grade account of mould and downy mildew, which is reported as showing quite severely in some yards.

Silverton: While the demand has been somewhat slow and trading limited in the Silverton district, the market tone is somewhat firmer. Sale of 500 bales of prime clusters are reported at 12c, which is generally being offered by dealers, although producers are mostly asking 13c per pound.

England Hard Hit  
Agricultural Commissioner Foley at London cables under date of September 16: "British Ministry reports considerable downy mildew in southeastern areas, and slight blight in midlands. Estimated yield per acre 1400 lbs., or 280 lbs. below last year's yield. Hops badly attacked by downy mildew will probably remain unpicker. Commercial reports estimate the crop roughly at 36,400,000 lbs. against over 44,800,000 lbs. last year. This exceeds brewers requirements, unless one-third of the crop remains unpicker. Quality of the crop is generally fair to good, and all districts favor the variety. Goldings variety, used for pale ale, are of poor quality and the crop is short. Stocks on hand are difficult to estimate but believed to be substantially the commercial estimate of 6,720,000 lbs. against \$6.50 to \$8.68 per 100 lbs. Account of low prices, brewers are reported overstocked.

Picking is still in progress, and the market for the new crop will open Friday at the Annual Hops Fair. Business already transacted at from \$8.68 to \$15.19 per 100, considered below cost of production. Continental situation similar to England, despite reduction in acreage, with over-production reported in almost all districts, and brewers well stocked and disinclined to come to this market. Prices, Polish \$8.68; Certified Saaz \$7.36 to \$20.81; lower qualities \$13.02; Best malterials \$21.70 per 100. The duty of \$17.33 per 100, makes all foreign hops unattractive."

The California hops market is quiet and inactive. Demand is slow, with buyers showing but little interest. Growers are holding firm in most sections. Volume of recent transactions is only light and scattered. Prices on the 1930 crop range mostly from 11-14c, depending on quality, f. o. b. cars loading points in Sonoma, Mendocino and Sacramento counties, which are the principal growing sections. Quotations on old crop carryover mostly range from 7-10c, on the same basis. A considerable portion of the 1929 crop is under contract, either on term contract or sales made in the early spring and summer months. Earlier sales average 13-14c. The trade estimates earlier contracts in Sonoma at about one-third of the crop, in Sacramento about one-half, and in Mendocino about two-thirds. It is estimated that of two-thirds to three-fourths of the crop is now already harvested, and should be completed within a few weeks. The quality of the early samples is very satisfactory, and the trade mostly estimates at least equal to the average year. Slight rains

received over scattered areas two weeks ago, caused only negligible damage by discoloration. A recent survey by the trade estimates the following carryover from old crops: Sonoma county 3471 bales from the 1929 crop, and 2837 from the 1928 crop; Sacramento 1665 bales of the 1929 crop and 844 bales from 1928; Mendocino 892 bales of the 1929 crop, and 400 bales of the 1928 crop.

Demand for hops in the New York market limited to local brewing trade. Most dealers buying slowly awaiting new crop supplies. One car new California hops arrived, selling at 18-20c per pound, Pacific coast new crop quoted 19-20c; old, 17-18c; common to prime, 14-16c.

## PRUNE MARKET STILL CHAOTIC

### Adverse Weather Conditions and Failure to Harvest Cause Upset

Dried prune crop and market conditions in the Pacific northwest are utterly chaotic, due largely to adverse weather conditions during the harvesting period; with the result that the normal 30-35 day harvesting and drying period was reduced to 10-14 days, by reason of the entire crop ripening within a period of a very few days, much faster than the dryer-capacities of the various districts could accommodate.

Since the beginning of harvesting operations, which started a week or ten days ago, dryers and crews have been taxed to their limits, in order to take care of the crop. The previous rains seem to weaken the general quality of the prunes, with much resultant splitting, both on the trees and on the ground. Considerable brown rot and mold also developed in the stock while awaiting drying.

Drying was entirely completed in some districts by September 22, especially where crop production was lightest. In other localities, where production was heavier, and with young orchards whose large sized fruit was later in ripening, as in the Lake-Shore district of Clark county, and at Dundee, McMinnville, and elsewhere, dryers are still being operated to full capacity. Final start again early this week throughout the entire district, and is continuing as this report is released; thereby practically terminating all further harvest operations.

Many growers, especially those who do not own their dryers, do not harvest their prunes, in view of poor market conditions or inability to obtain credit for harvesting operations. Douglas county is the sole exception to the above-mentioned crop conditions. There, the late Petite crop and many Italian varieties were harvested and dried prior to the rains of ten days ago.

The milk they can drink, and green feed includes alfalfa, which is ground very fine. They are also fed finely ground chick feed, and the turkeys grow nicely on this ration.

These turkeys averaged 3-4 pounds in weight at eight weeks of age, and were ready to make their own way roosting out in the open. At the age of 10 weeks they were trucked to Klamath marsh and put on a diet of grass hoppers. In order to make this move it was necessary to load in crates and truck 300 miles which was accomplished with the loss of but a few birds.

In addition to taking care of these turkeys at this time, the McKees were caring for 1800 Leghorn chickens and when these were moved from the brooder to the fields outside, they lost only 23, which is exceptionally good for the weather they had when making the change. These 1800 chickens were hatched from eggs produced on the farm.

Mr. and Mrs. McKee with the aid of their young son, Richard, do most of their own work.

## FAIR FLASHES

### Being gleanings from the 1930 Oregon state fair

"One of the best judges that has ever been at the Oregon state fair" was the verdict often heard from breeders in speaking of the work of O. A. Schaefer of New York who was one of the judges of dairy cattle. Exhibitors were well pleased with the work of Mr. Schaefer.

Marion county Holsteins made an excellent showing at the fair with the two large exhibits, one by Frank Durbin and son and the other by Mt. Angel college farm.

Success at his first exhibition at a state fair came to Victor Madsen of Silverton who showed his Jersey bull, Eagle's Eminent Progress. This is the same bull that won a silver cup at the Marion county Jersey show.

D. H. Looney of Jefferson had a fine showing from his Guernsey herd which attracted much attention.

Despite the fact that he sold more hogs than all other exhibitors combined at the California state fair, A. N. Doerfler captured three first and eight second prizes at the Oregon fair with his showing of Iowa Farm Durocs.

Phillips and Wiscaver of McMinnville swept a clear field with their showing of Corriedale sheep. They will also show at Pacific International where, according to Dr. Phillips, they will "have more competition."

An unusual share of first awards and championships was won by Floyd Fox of Silverton with his showing of 36 head of sheep, Oxford, Hampshires and Dorsets.

A champion and her two daughters was the showing of Jerseys made by J. G. and A. J. Kuensting of Woodburn. The Kuensting farm, exhibited Sweet Louise, Sweet Louise Lady and Sweet Louise Girlie under the green and white banner of Noble Fern's Domain, the name of the farm.

Marion and Polk county won honors for hogs as well as sheep and cattle with the showings by R. W. Hogg and Sons, Wilmer Averhoff, T. A. Ditmars and others.

The display of Hereford cattle was small this year but Marion agement and carefully kept farm records will go a long way towards working out successful ways of handling the various types of farming in Whatcom county."

## POULTRYMEN STUDY COSTS

### Barley to be Substituted for High Rice Corn in Feed Ration

DALLAS, Sept. 27—Any opportunity to cut down the cost of production is welcomed by the poultrymen. With the short corn crop and relatively higher prices, something to replace this in the poultry feed is needed.

Ground barley can be used to replace some of the corn and the price is much lower. According to H. E. Cosby, extension specialist of O. S. C., 15 per cent of the ground barley may be used in the mash ration. This will replace about 50 per cent of the yellow corn normally used. In the scratch grain mixture 20 per cent of the whole barley may be used.

Large tonnages of Hannechen barley is produced by Polk county farmers, and this is most suitable for use in these rations, because it is a heavy grain, low in fibre and comparatively free from awns. The mixing of Hannechen barley into the grain ration was represented by the siring shown by Frank Riches of Silverton.

Polk county won many honors in the sheep and goat divisions with the displays by Wm. Riddle and Sons, A. H. Craven, Guthrie Brothers and McCrea Brothers.

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## MARION JERSEYS WIN COVETED PLACE

### GOOD MANAGEMENT KEY TO SUCCESS

BELLINGHAM, Wash. — "Successful farming is due to good crop yields, diversity of business, fairly large acreage, good production, efficient use of machinery and efficient man labor," says H. B. Carroll, Jr., county agent. "The practice of good farm man-

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## SPORTSMANSHIP IS REWARDED

### North Howell Corn Club Wins Awards in Face of Discouragement

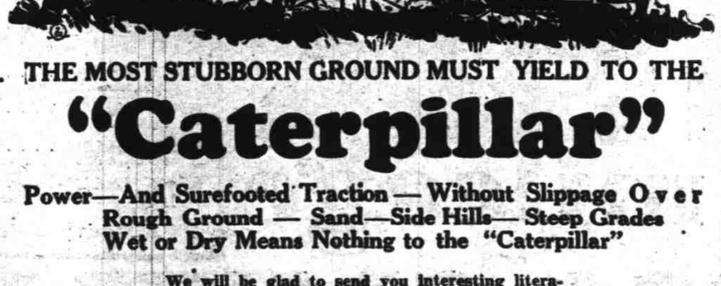
Members of the North Howell Corn Club, led by George Wiesner, are convinced that it pays to be "Good Sports."

Due to the late season the corn did not develop as well this year as usual and just before the fair the boys gave up all hope of gaining a high rating this year. They finally voted to exhibit "Just to be good sports" even though the corn was not sufficiently developed to meet their standard.

As a result members of the club score first, second, third and fifth place in their division of the corn show. First place was won by Jay Rutherford, second by Wayne Wiesner, third by George Cline and fifth by Deo Brooks.

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