

FARMS and FARMERS

News of the Prosperous Willamette Valley and of the Varied Agricultural Pursuits of interest to its Diversified Farmers.

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HOPS SHOWING SLIGHT ADVANCE

Growers Exhibit Strong Holding Tendency as Carryover Is Known

Pacific coast hop markets were firm during the week ending September 10, reflecting a somewhat improved demand for the moderate to light offerings, according to the weekly hop market review of the U. S. bureau of agricultural economics. Prevailing prices, based upon current sales, have been rather uniform at 15c per pound, net to growers in Oregon markets, for top grade 1931 crop clusters and turgies.

Oregon growers however, are becoming very firm holders, and it is reported that to buy any quantity, it would probably be necessary to pay more than 15c. Rains were general over the Willamette Valley the early part of the week, but no damage to the hop crop has been done as yet. On the other hand, the rains had a beneficial effect in washing the dust from the hops. The abundance of labor available for hopping in Oregon yards, has resulted in the cleanest pick in years.

Maybe Not Ripe

Dealers are just beginning to send samples of new crop late clusters to their eastern connections, so that it will be several days before reports are available regarding the quality and desirability of the new crop. Some apprehension is felt among the trade in Oregon however, that in some cases picking was begun too soon, resulting in the hops being too green. This early picking was done in an effort to avoid red spider damage.

Some samples however, show damage from red spider despite this action. Among the sales in Oregon markets during the week, were the following: 149 bales of turgies at 15c; approximately 300 bales clusters at 14 1/2c; about 600 bales clusters at 15c; 139 bales of 1929 clusters sold at 9c; and 700 bales of 1930 clusters brought 15c per pound.

Sales in the Mt. Angel and Silverton sections of Oregon have been very extensive, with about 75 per cent of the 1931 crop sold in those districts. Stocks of old hops in Oregon have been reduced to an extremely low figure, totaling but 2,296 bales on September 8.

Sell 75 Per Cent

The New York market reports some new crop hops are arriving, with a few sales made at 19 1/2c. There has been a steady, fair trading in 1930 crop hops in that market, and the market tone has been generally steady. September 9, 1930 crop choice Pacific coast hops were quoted at 21-

SWEEPSTAKES WINNER



Here's Tillamook 14th Beauty, 10-year-old Holstein cow of the Mt. Angel college herd, sweepstakes prize winner at the North Montana fair at Great Falls, Mont. She defeated nine other champions. The Mt. Angel college herd swept the show, winning all championships, grand, junior and senior, in Holstein division. The herd also showed a week ago at the Central Montana fair at Lewistown.

22c; common to prime 17-20c; 1929 crop 13-18c.

The total available stocks of hops for the coming season is 134,629 bales, which would make the total available for domestic disappearance only around 92,429 bales; should net exports for the coming year equal the average for the past five years.

California hop markets were firm to stronger during the week ending September 9. Prices paid growers averaged 1 1/2c per pound higher than during the week previous. Most transactions were on a basis of 15-16c, net to the grower, with the highest prices being paid towards the end of the week. At the present time, most holders are asking at least 1c higher than these prices. The advance in the market came in the face of only moderate transactions and was largely caused by growers strong holding tendency because of the light carryover and small crop this season.

Farmer Families Face Moving Day First of Month

JEFFERSON, Sept. 12 — The first of next month will be moving day for several farmers in this community, among whom are Dan Brunkel and family who have been living on the W. E. Moses farm one and one half miles south of town, has leased Mrs. Lillie Wilson's farm on the Jefferson-Lebanon road for next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Quimby who have been living on the Esther Roland place near Green's bridge for the past year, have purchased a farm near Crabtree, and expect to move soon.

GRAINS ARE BETTER THAN FIRST REPORT

The September 1 estimate of Oregon corn production is unchanged from that of a month ago which was 1,982,000 bushels, although the present condition shows a drop of four points during the past month due chiefly to effects of drought. Small grains, spring wheat, oats and barley, production estimates all show gains during August although the September 1 condition is down slightly in each instance.

In the case of spring wheat the probable yield for 17.0 bushel compares with last year's yield of 23.0 bushels per acre and the ten year average of 19.3 bushels per acre. The probable yield of oats estimated now at 34.0 bushels per acre compares with the eight year average of 36.6 bushels. Last year was an unusually favorable one for Oregon oats and the yield was 40.0 bushels per acre. Barley estimated yield of 30.0 bushels per acre shows a similar relationship. The yield last year was 33.0 bushels, and the average of the preceding eight years was 32.8 bushels per acre.

It is apparent that while the grain crops are in every case below average, the final yield is going to be above expectations and that the supply of feed from this source will probably be equal to normal requirements considering the low prices of wheat particularly which will stimulate the use of that crop for feeding purposes.

Two Farms Near Amity Exchange Hands in Week

AMITY, Sept. 12—A farm trade was closed Saturday in which A. O. Deaver and T. C. Richter exchanged farms. The Richter farm is located about two miles east of Amity while the Deaver place is on the coast road one fourth mile west of town.

Iowan Believes Land Comes Back

SCIO—E. V. Ferrin of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who spent a few days recently in this part of the state in quest of a suitable farm, stated that in his opinion real estate soon would be on the up grade. In his state there is an increasing "back to the land" movement, he stated, and he was of the opinion the present time is a good time to invest in good agricultural lands.

many of the small crops, as well as the large Alsip orchard output.

Northwest Prune Crop Said 10 Million Pounds Under Aug. 1 Estimate

The marketing situation for dried prunes continues dull, with almost no activity reported. Drying operations have increased considerably over last week. Rains throughout most sections of the northwest, have not caused any material damage as yet, according to latest reports. Growers and packers agree that, providing the weather continues cool and dry, the crop will not suffer, since the fruit is now far along in the ripening process.

It seems to be the general opinion of growers and packers that estimates for the northwest crop will have to be reduced five to ten million pounds under figures of a month ago. Estimates now place the crop between 45 and 50 million pounds.

Dillard reports fine quality and the appearance of a few buyers, but no active trading. Eugene is now about one-fifth through with drying operations, although most prunes will be canned. Quite a number of growers with 10 percent crops will not harvest. Salem canners are still taking prunes to fulfill August contracts. Prices per ton for fresh stock are quoted \$10-\$12 per ton, but no present sales. Drying around Amity began quite actively a week ago. Prunes were ripe and of good quality, with the average green test of about 13 count. The dry count may range between 38 and 43 and possibly average 40. Warm weather ripened the fruit so that it is now being cleared from the tree at one picking. Drying will probably be completed by the end of next week.

Buying Fresh at Dallas

In Vancouver, growers are reporting lighter tonnage than was estimated ten days ago. Everyone is predicting a short season. Dryers in Fruit Valley are now operating normally, a few began much earlier, but in most instances were forced to shut down. The fruit is large and of good quality and dries easily. Some dryers are buying fresh prunes in Dallas and paying 25-30c per bushel. Oakland reports a very light crop and good sizes. Drying around Riddle is quite active.

According to an authentic trade report, sizes of California prunes are running slightly less than 2 1/2 cent 30-40s. This figure covers all important sections in the state, but includes only prunes harvested up to a recent date. Last year, it was pointed out, the average was 1.98 per cent 30-40s.

Packers' Sales

Buyers are attempting to purchase at the same price for which growers are holding. Consequently, very little activity has occurred.

FANCY STANDARDS OF JUDGING TABOO

Fancy grain judging standards are taboo for the 1931 Oregon state fair, and cereals exhibitors in the premium classification must meet the same standards of perfection imposed in commercial markets. No smutty wheat, however perfect otherwise, may receive an award, and standards announced to that effect has been made by Max Gehlar, director of the department of agriculture.

Regular department of agriculture standard equipment for making the tests will be brought from Portland to operate in actual demonstration for anyone interested. The equipment to be used includes a divider, kicker, sack of bulk triers, a pelican used for sampling ocean-going cargo, apparatus for moisture measurement, a fall set of scales, and standard apparatus for determining test weight per bushel.

Director Gehlar invites the attention of grain-growers and boys and girl club members to this demonstration.

DO SWINE WHINNY?

By D. H. Talmadge
Tilly Wick's says the whinnying of the swine is sweet music in her ears. Yeah?

It may be folks don't forget their troubles when they go to the fair, but they stun 'em considerably. Let those among you who say they don't see no pleasure in going to the fair cast the first stun.

Mrs. Nibs Bunker came to these parts from Iowa, which state has a great fair and makes a heap of fuss about it. Says she: "Once when I was watching two locomotives collide on the fair grounds at Des Moines my white piteetoe fell down and I was so excited I never noticed it till a man picked it up and said 'Madam, you have dropped your parachute.' I s'pose he thought I was the lady who jumped from the balloon, and he was real nice about it; but I'm thankful us women don't have to wear the heavy starched things any more."

More than likely hundreds of girls will wear pajamas when they visit the fair this year. Well, why not? The garment is said to be comfortable and is productive of a pleasantly annoying effect on the chronic critics. I reckon I'd wear pajamas when the weather was suitable if I were a girl.

Headed into a conversation a day or two ago. A conversation is what the French term a polite social discussion. I once knew a gentleman who emerged from a

conversation with a black eye. In this particular conversation a certain old gentleman was exploding numerous pointed and unkind remarks in reference to the pajama epidemic now raging among the girls—br-r-r-r—like that. "Sir," said I to him, "if you were a girl—" "If I were a what?" he snorted. Right at this point I backed out of the conversation. No use in arguing with a man who refers to a girl as a what.

We optimists are very fond of stating that property is just around the corner. But none of us seems to be posted on the location of the corner. Even its general whereabouts seems shrouded in mystery. We inquire the name of the street or streets and learn nothing. And it may, I suppose, eventually transpire that streets have nothing to do with the question; that the corner is to be found on a rural highway. Over yonder a few miles. Take the first turn to the right after you pass the schoolhouse. A bit of ground there that cost the owner no more, and perhaps less than an abiding place in town. Fruit and vegetables growing there. Chickens. Possibly a cow and a pig. Independence of grasping conditions. Doesn't it appear reasonable?

I put this question to Bud Teasie, and Bud considered it heavily for a time. "At last he said, 'Well, I believe if I had a mule and the right kind of a woman I'd give it a trial.' I reckon there are a good many Bud Teasies in the country. Don't do any harm, maybe, but they don't help matters much, either. The state fair is the Oregon barometer. As is the fair, so is Oregon. Judging by the entries and other indications, nothing is very seriously the matter with Oregon.

WORK WINDING UP IN PRUNE ORCHARDS

BRUSH COLLEGE, Sept. 12—There are ten prune orchards here all in operation and from which the crops are being harvested. They are owned by Fred Ewing who also has a large prune dryer where his near neighbors have their prunes dried; E. M. Paxton, A. D. Olson, Joe Hadespeck, Burl Oliver, John Schultz, Blodgett and Utley, Charles McCarter and N. L. Gibson.

Mr. Gibson who owns a dryer jointly with Dr. Hendershot, dries most of the prunes in the west section of Brush College. One of the largest pear acreages in Polk county is the Wallace orchards, owned by Paul Wallace of Brush College. About 25 or 40 men were employed to pick the crop, the work just being completed.

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