

Spraying for Thrips Urged

Time Ripe to Wage War on Insects in Prune Orchards

Prune thrips are coming out in emergency cages placed in two Marion county prune orchards in the Liberty and Keizer sections, reports Robert E. Rieder, acting county agent.

The first thrips were found in the cages about March 7 and have now reached the peak of emergence. It is recommended, therefore, that any growers who intend to spray for the control of prune thrips this year should begin spraying immediately.

Rieder says that if a second spray is to be applied to the prunes for thrips control, it should be made when the blossom buds show green at the tips. It may not be necessary in all orchards to spray twice but to determine whether or not a second spray application is necessary, the grower should pick 100 or more buds, placing them in a jar and examining them for the presence of thrips.

New High Hit On Hop Mart

Eighty five thousand pounds of 1942 hops have been contracted for in Marion county this week at prices ranging from 36 to 45 cents a pound depending upon seed content, according to filings made with County Recorder Herman Lanke.

Top price contract was one for 50,000 pounds, ranging from 37 to 45 cents, entered into between trustees for Ladd & Bush stockholders and Williams and Hart, Portland buyers.

Other contracts: Otto and Marie Dahl to Williams and Hart, 4000 pounds at 37 1/2 to 43 1/2 cents.

Frank and Anna O. Hynes, Silverton route two, to Williams and Hart, 7000 pounds at 37 1/2 to 43 1/2 cents.

W. P. and Stella Hicks, Silverton, to Williams and Hart, 5000 pounds at 37 1/2 to 43 cents.

George Elton and Lorin Henjum, Silverton, to Williams and Hart, 6000 pounds at 37 1/2 cents.

James and Ella Leary to Williams and Hart, 10,000 pounds at 37 cents.

O. O. and Grace McClellan, 10,000 pounds at 37 cents.

P. O. and Cita M. Ottoway, 5000 pounds at 36 to 43 cents.

County Dairymen Urged to Attend Milk Session

Marion county dairymen who are interested in supplying milk for the army cantonment in Benton and Polk counties should attend a public hearing to be held in Corvallis Monday at 10:30 a. m. in the Benton hotel, announces Robert E. Rieder, acting county agent.

The meeting has been called by the Oregon milk control board and such matters as pooling regulations, quotas, transportation, processing, distribution, price to producers and purchasers and other problems in connection with supplying fluid milk for the cantonment soldiers will be discussed.

'Strictly Private' By Quinn Hall



Hop Sales Reported on State Mart; Field Work Being Done

Hop markets on the west coast continued to display a firm tone during the week ended March 18, the department of agriculture reports. Quotations to growers on contracts for 1942 crop hops ranged from fully steady to slightly firmer compared with the previous week.

Although some contract deals continued to be made from day to day in most producing districts, trade advices indicated interest in contracting hops for future delivery appeared somewhat less active than in other recent weeks, partly because industries were waiting for further developments as to proposed taxes on fermented malt liquors. However, because of the unusually large portion of the coming crop already under contract, growers were reported offering somewhat less freely, or were asking prices somewhat above current bids by dealers.

Oregon markets maintained a firm to strong tone. Of interest was the reported sales of around two carlots of 1941 crop hops during the week at 40 cents to 40 1/2 cents per pound net producers. Most interest, however, continued to be shown in 1942 crop contracts. A number of deals were consummated with Oregon growers during the past seven days, with prices mostly at 37 cents per pound for seedless types, and 45 cents down to 37 cents per pound for seedless hops from the 1942 crop, net growers, according to seed content at time of delivery this fall.

These values are about unchanged from a week ago. Some field work is being done in Oregon yards, with most progress reported in the Grants Pass district. The soil is too wet, however, in some of the river bottom yards for cultivation and other work as yet. Trade reports indicate little if any change in acreage is anticipated in Oregon hop yards for this year.

Trade estimates also indicate that at least 60 per cent or more of the 1942 Oregon hop crop has already been placed under contract by producers.

Washington hop markets also continued firm. Trade reports indicate that one contract was made late last week in the Yakima valley covering 100 bales of 1942 crop seedless hops at 47 cents per pound net grower. Two other contracts were reported in that area during the current week covering around 350 bales of 1942 seedless hops at 45 cents down to 38 cents per pound, according to seed content.

Two contracts covering about 150 bales of regular seeded 1942 hops were made this week at 37 cents per pound net growers. 70-

ward the close of the period, growers were reported asking 38 to 40 cents for seeded and 47 to 50 cents per pound for seedless types from the 1942 crop, but buyers have not advanced their bids to these levels as yet. A generally firm undertone prevailed in the hop market situation as the period ended.

California hop markets were only moderately active but maintained a firm tone reflecting light offerings from growers and fair inquiry from the trade. Prices held firm around the high points for the season. Coastal county growers reported sales of 48 bales of 1941 regular seeded clusters at 37 cents per pound and this left only about 35 bales of this growth in strictly first hands.

With state stocks practically exhausted, prices of 1941 hops during the remainder of the season will be almost entirely nominal. With an unusually large portion of the crop already under contract, growers were hesitant in making further large deals on 1942 hops. At the close of the week, coastal county growers reported contracts covering 200 bales of regular type 1942 clusters at 37 1/2 cents per pound and indicated that 37 per pound was being freely bid for additional quantities.

Many growers, however, were holding for around 40 cents. No further contracts were reported in the Sacramento valley with ideas of buyers and sellers somewhat far apart. However, the market on 1942 seedless hops was generally placed around 45 cents per pound. Heavy rains delayed further yard work except toward the close of the week when Sacramento valley growers were able to resume plowing and grubbing.

The New York hop market continued firm at unchanged prices as remaining supplies were reported firmly held by growers. On March 18, Pacific coast regular 1941 crop hops were quoted at the trade in New York at 47 to 49 cents; seedless at 57 to 59 cents per pound, with other growths nominal.

Fall Grain Sown In Evens Valley

EVENS VALLEY—It may be spring to some, said Evens Valley farmers this week, but as far as most of the grain sowing is concerned, it is still autumn in the valley.

Fall grain sowing has been continued this week during the nice weather. Spring grain sowing, if any is to be done, will start shortly after the fall is completed. In some cases a little spring grain sowing has already been done.

Stocks and Bonds

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Most Stocks Fall Fractions

Weekend Precaution Taken in Selling By Traders

NEW YORK, March 20 (AP)—It was another case of lightening commitments as a weekend precaution in Friday's stock market and leading issues cut their prices by fractions to a point or so.

The Associated Press average of 60 stocks was off 2 of a point at 34.7, the decline wiping out the MacArthur rally on St. Patrick's day. Transfers of 276,000 shares compared with 274,800 Thursday and again were among the smallest since last June.

Among stocks down a point or more at new lows for the year were American Telephone, International Harvester and homestake mining. One of the few issues to record a new 1942 high was Chicago Great Western preferred which ended with a net gain of 1/4.

On the offside were US Steel, General Motors, US Rubber, Consolidated Edison, Kennecott, Phelps Dodge, Westinghouse, Du Pont, Union Carbide, Montgomery Ward, Standard Oil (N.J.), Union Pacific, Chesapeake and Ohio, Santa Fe and Pennsylvania.

Plus signs were retained by Sperry, Consolidated Aircraft and Texas Co.

Wool in Boston

BOSTON, March 20 (AP)—(USDA) Sales of fine combing territory wools in Boston were mostly around \$11.18, scoured basis. Graded one-half blood combing territory wools sold at \$11.12-13, scoured basis. Fine combing Ohio Delaines were quoted at 46-48 cents in the grease, and one-half blood combing bright fleeces wools were quoted at 48-50 cents in the grease.

Quotations at Portland

Table of Produce Exchange quotations for Portland, Ore., March 20. Includes items like Butter, Eggs, and various meats.

Portland Grain

Table of Portland Grain quotations for March 20. Includes items like Wheat, Corn, and Barley.

Portland Livestock

Table of Portland Livestock quotations for March 20. Includes items like Cattle, Hogs, and Sheep.

Runs Incubators

HAZEL GREEN—W. W. Rutherford has taken a job running the incubators for Linkey Bros. at Malin. They are reported to be the largest stock breeders of southern Oregon and raised 50,000 turkeys last year.

Grain Market Slumps Badly

CHICAGO, March 20 (AP)—Grain prices were at virtually the lowest general level of the year Friday as the market slumped badly around mid-session before regaining part of its loss.

Rye fell about two cents, wheat more than a cent and corn and oats almost that much. Weakness of grains helped to touch off brisk stop loss selling in the soybean pit around noon and bean prices collapsed six cents a bushel, the maximum permitted in one session.

Liquidation of contracts held by traders for some time was blamed for much of the selling. Recent modest declines in prices brokers said, had undermined confidence of many owners and at the same time had carried prices to levels where there were resting stop loss orders.

After this selling had spent itself the market developed some rallying power but wheat closed 1/4-1/2 cents lower than yesterday, May \$1.26-1.25 1/2; July \$1.28 1/2-\$1.28.

Produce Mart Prices

PORTLAND, March 20 (AP)—Prices continued steady on the Farmers' Wholesale market Friday. Despite limited supplies demand was not keen.

Local spinach sold from 90 cents to \$1 orange box with some from Maryhill going to \$1.10. Mustard greens sold at 40 cents dozen bunches.

Dry onions were in small supply with 1s selling from \$2 to \$2.15 and 2s from \$1.50 to \$1.60. Green onions were scarce and firmly priced from 35 to 40 cents dozen bunches.

Cabbage ranged from \$1 to \$1.25 and a small supply of red cabbage brought \$1.50. Root vegetables were unchanged. Cauliflower sold to \$1.50 for 12s for the best grade. Brussels sprouts continued to sell around 80 to 85 cents box. Potatoes moved briskly around \$2.25 central for Burbank 1s with 2s around 80 cents for 50s.

Buy Unity Farm

DAYTON—A deal has been closed whereby H. M. Robinson, Los Angeles, has purchased the 35-acre farm of E. A. Biens in the Unity district. Possession will be given April 1.

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