

Poultryman's Outlook Improves

Feed Situation Better, Protein Supply Found Reasonably Good Now

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Speaking to members of the Oregon Baby Chick association at their annual meeting at Oregon State college, G. C. Kenney, general manager of the Pacific Cooperative Poultry Producers, expressed the belief that egg prices will rapidly rise to a point at or near established ceilings. He said that demands for eggs are increasing rapidly, and that the picture had changed from a surplus to a point where there might almost be a shortage later on.

The feed situation is also reasonably good, he said, with the outlook practically reversed from what it was six months ago. Protein concentrates, which were short at the beginning of the year, are in reasonably good supply now and the industry is more concerned about grain conditions. In general, he explained, the poultry situation is much improved over six months ago.

Ambrose Brownell of Milwaukie was elected president of the association, succeeding Mrs. H. A. Watsis of Roseburg. F. E. Fox of Corvallis was named vice president, and Frank O. Erickson of Hillsboro was re-elected secretary-treasurer. New directors are Mrs. Watsis, Lloyd A. Lee of Salem, George Peterson of Eugene, Mrs. Bernice Chase of Aurora, and Ross Hart of Beaverton.

A hope that the poultry industry would not depend on or ask for too much government control in the postwar period was expressed by Dr. E. E. Boyd, president of the International Baby Chick association. He advocated curtailment of production in line with supply and demand.

Oregon hatcherymen have voluntarily cooperated with the government request that the industry curtail production. Thirty per cent fewer chicks have been hatched for the first five months of this year than for the same period a year ago.

Organization Meeting At Corvallis on July 7

A general meeting of representatives of all flax plants in Oregon has been called at Corvallis for July 7 at 2 o'clock in the Memorial Union building, according to Dr. D. D. Hill, chairman of the Oregon flax and linen board. The meeting is to give final consideration to the proposed organization of a statewide flax trade association. Proposed articles of incorporation have been drawn up, with the assistance of Paul Carpenter, extension specialist in cooperative marketing.

Leaders in the flax industry are pointing to a recent national development as indicating the need of a united voice for the Oregon flax industry. This is the result of announced intention of the government to sell hemp fiber at a price far below production costs. It carried out without restrictions, this might present serious competition to the flax industry in certain fields, it is said.

Registered Bull Owned by State

Oregon state penitentiary has recently acquired a registered Holstein-Friesian bull from the herd of Arthur P. Ireland, Forest Grove. Change of ownership for this animal, Dairyfolks/Romeo Lad Mead 880863, has been officially recorded by the Holstein-Friesian Association of America, Brattleboro, Vt. The association issued 747 registry and transfer certificates to Oregon breeders during 1943.

The girl with the HOE says—

Watch your tomato and bean plants for flea beetle and other summer insects. They'll be chewing one of these days. Dust the plants with the recommended rotenone or with cryolite.

Get the last planting of corn in this weekend. Later planting will not do so well.

Save your grass clippings for mulches around your little trees and roses.

Plant a few more beans for late September and October harvesting. Get them, like the corn, into the ground over this weekend.

Plant a few more table beets—but get them in by the middle of the month.

Get out a few Danish ballhead and navy cabbage plants this weekend and a few each week until August 1.

Willamette Valley Farmer

News and Views of Farm and Garden

Ranch Ramblings

By Rural Reporter

"A-worry-a-week," is the way one farmer puts it. This week it has been vetch.

We are quite sure W. G. Nibler, Marion county agent, is well acquainted with the appearance of dead vetch. He should be, he has seen plenty of it this past week. Stalk after stalk has been brought in for his inspection. We know, for we were there.

But the farmers have need to worry. Where ten days ago, we saw nice green fields of tall vetch, this week we have seen field after field of dead and dying vetch. Only a few fields seem to be escaping. The trouble starts on the outer edges of a field and works in, farmers told us.

A virus mosaic disease, Mr. Nibler tells us is the cause of the trouble, and is carried by aphids. Willamette and common vetch are affected. As to the hairy vetch, the aphids, it seems, don't care to have some. And they even prefer the common vetch to the Willamette.

There seems to be no real control yet discovered for the mosaic diseases.

Glen Martin of McCoy and Rex Warren of McMinnville, chairman and secretary of the cover crop committee of the Oregon seed growers league, quotes Dr. Don Mote on aphid control:

Dr. Mote recommends that "common vetches and Austrian field peas be sown in well-prepared ground that is free from earlier self-sown annual legumes, about October 30, and not before October 16, and that hairy vetch for seed be sown not earlier than October 11. If late seeding is to secure its maximum effect in reducing aphid abundance, cover crops and green manure crops should be plowed under by April 7. A general adoption of these recommendations would greatly reduce the ever-present threat of aphid damage to fall sown annual legumes in western Oregon. As the pea aphid is one of the principal pests of annual legumes grown for seed in the northwest, the cover crop committee recommended that the Oregon Seed League urge bureau of entomology and plant quarantine to continue investigations of this insect."

The aphids such the juices from plants and in going from a diseased plant to a healthy one carries the virus of the mosaic and by its sucking organ, sends this virus right into the healthy "blood stream" of vetch.

A number of the more advanced farmers told us that Willamette valley folk have paid too little attention to aphids. To so many, these farmers said, the aphids are just an annoyance which usually lasts but a short time. Besides from the actual damage done by the aphids, their most serious damage is done by carrying diseases.

The same disease which is troubling the vetch grower has been troubling the sweet pea grower for quite a spell. We recall that we have been urged to control aphids by nicotine spraying and that whenever we saw a yellowing plant of sweet pea to pull it up and burn it at once.

Over in Benton county we found farmers, who were a week ago complaining of rain on their hay, now complaining of the shortness of spring grain due to lack of moisture. Haying was in full swing with vetch and oat hay reported ready earlier than last year.

In Linn county, with the exception of the vetch situation, we found things quite satisfactory. The cherries were being harvested and the crop was reported fairly good. Walnuts and filberts were said to be setting well and beans doing nicely.

Some drop of walnuts is reported in Marion county, and here we also found the greatest vetch damage. But the sugar beet seed is developing very well and winter barley is turning yellow.

Scanning of fruit trees—with emphasis on prunes, was noted in Polk county. The crop is spotted



Henry Ahrens poses with Romney ram, Leedstown 241, recently imported by the Ahrens farms from New Zealand. (Statesman staff photo.)

Clover Demonstrations Awaken Interest in New Forage Crop

Subterranean clover demonstrations conducted at the Warren Allen and Kenneth Babcock farms and observed recently by 34 Polk county farmers have created considerable interest in this new forage crop, according to Ted Tibbitt, assistant county agent for Polk county.

Subterranean clover was introduced from New Zealand several years ago and has been under observation at the experiment station at Corvallis and in several counties including Polk, Tibbitt said. Early spring growth, ability to perpetuate itself, and acid tolerance, make this clover very attractive for seeding on hill land pastures, dry land pastures and burned over logged off land.

On the Allen farm subterranean clover was seeded with alfalfa and has provided an abundance of pasture for 39 head of dairy cows this spring in addition to 10 tons of hay from the approximately 15 acres of pasture. Babcock plans to harvest seed from his 14 acres of clover.

Of six strains in a trial plot, only the Mt. Barker and Tallarook strains have proven suitable for production in Polk county, Tibbitt said. Inoculation with the proper bacteria, which can be obtained through the county agent's office, is recommended.

all over our counties, but in Polk county growers report prune settings MUCH lighter than last year.

Cane Berry Prices Listed for Season By OPA Office

The local OPA office has released the following prices for cane berries, effective July 3 and listed for crate prices for 12 cups of 12 ounces each.

Producers' FOB price: red raspberries, \$1.74, black raspberries, \$1.56, dewberries and blackberries, \$1.44.

Producers' price delivered to the wholesale receiving point outside of free delivery area are: red raspberries, \$1.79, black raspberries, \$1.61, blackberries and dewberries, \$1.49.

Producers' price delivered to premises of the retail store, and also wholesalers' price delivered to the premises of the retail store: red raspberries, \$2.19, black raspberries, \$2.01, blackberries and dewberries, \$1.89.

Producers' price to ultimate consumers—FOB the farm: red raspberries, \$2.35, black raspberries, \$2.61, blackberries and dewberries, \$2.45.

Oregonians Grow Seed Successfully

All Oregon counties grow seed. Different types of seed are grown in different types of counties. Much of the success of Oregon's farmers is due to the fact that they do not try to fight nature—they find the crops that do well under their conditions and then hit these crops hard.

Just as the seed harvest starts in the Willamette valley in 1944, it is interesting to view the report of the estimated value of seed crops in Oregon last summer. The total value was set at \$17,068,180—a tidy sum for any state.

Of these Linn county ranked first with a valuation of \$2,625,870; Lane county was fifth with \$1,317,533; Marion county 6th with \$1,268,386; Benton 7th with \$1,196,260; Yamhill 8th with \$1,189,299; Polk came in 9th with \$926,600, and Clackamas 12th with \$630,306.

Certificate to Frank Riches, Cattle Man

Frank A. Riches, president of the Northwest Hereford Breeders association and widely known in the Pacific coast stock world, received the coveted "certificate of merit" this spring at commencement exercises at the state college of Washington. The award is given in recognition of outstanding rural leadership and superior accomplishment in the field of agriculture.

Mr. Riches, who now owns a ranch at Buena, Wash., is a member of one of Silverton's pioneer families, the George S. P. Riches group. His father was the late Charles R. Riches of Waldo Hills.

The younger Mr. Riches started with Herefords while at Silverton and showed at the state fair and the Pacific International a number of times. He has increased and improved his herd at Buena until it is now one of the finer blooded herds of the Pacific northwest.

He was instrumental in organizing the Northwest Hereford Breeders association of which he is president. He is also a past director of the Washington Cattlemen's association.



FRANK RICHES
He Wins Honor

Larking Named Chairman for Memorial Fund

Claude Larking of Rickreall has been named Polk county chairman of the George R. Hyslop agricultural research memorial and expects to announce his complete list of committee workers this week.

This is a part of a statewide movement of farmers and business men connected with agriculture, to raise a substantial fund to serve as a perpetual working memorial to the late Professor Hyslop of Oregon State college, who devoted most of his life to the betterment of Oregon crops.

Only the income from the fund will be used to help finance experimental work in improvement of Oregon crops, thus continuing the work of Professor Hyslop. The money will do double duty, says Larking, as graduate students will be obtained to do as much of the work as possible, hence they will be helped in getting an education in Oregon while they help solve Oregon problems in the farm crops field.

Foil the Wind...

Don't let your barn doors and gates swing with the wind. Keep them in good repair. You remember about a stitch in time? Well, a nail, hinge or bolt in time, will have the same magic effect.

Bethel Local Buys War Bond

BETHEL.—Bethel Farmers Union local voted Monday night to purchase a war bond for the local and to pay half of the expense of every junior member who attends the junior summer camp near Estacada.

W. R. Baker presided and K. O. Runner, secretary, assisted. Rev. S. Hamrick was songleader and Mrs. J. R. Carruthers, pianist. L. F. Edmundson reported that materials will soon be available for needed repairs.

Rev. Hamrick of the legislative committee, spoke relative to legislation pending in Washington, which would if adopted, give control of the rural schools into the hands of a bureau, and deprive the district of the management of its own school. He also spoke on his recent vacation at the coast where he talked with a fish dealer who complained that the lumber companies are falling trees into the rivers and the salmon cannot pass upstream to spawn. Legislation to compel the companies to clean out the streams was suggested.

A. C. Spranger, cooperative committee, urged all to watch legislation pertaining to the government power projects.

Reports of the Marion county convention was presented by Mrs. J. R. Carruthers, A. C. Spranger and Gus Schlicker. Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Hall of Fairfield local were present and each spoke briefly. Mrs. A. C. Spranger and Mrs. W. L. Crech were in charge of refreshments.

Factors Listed for Keeping Egg Quality

Now that warm weather is here, the three most important factors in preserving egg quality—time, temperature and humidity—demand more attention, according to Ted Tibbitt, assistant county agent over in Polk county.

In warm weather eggs need to be gathered three or four times a day, cooled immediately and held at a temperature from 40 to 65 degrees with a relative humidity above 20 per cent to maintain the original quality. Eggs should be marketed twice a week during summer months, and they should be completely cooled before they are cased.



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On the other hand, the troops don't want their sacrifices, victories or defeats—minimized or glossed over. They just want the people they are fighting for, the home-folks to know what they are doing and what is happening to them.

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