

Willamette Valley Has Most Berries

Strawberries Lead In Acreage, Black Raspberries Top Red Varieties

Approximately 90 per cent of all Oregon's berry acreage is in the Willamette valley. Black raspberries outnumber red in Oregon acreage. There are 170 acres of cranberries in Oregon.

These figures were compiled recently from a survey of the nine principal berries grown in Oregon. The total acreage of these berries has declined from a peak of approximately 25,000 acres in 1941 to less than 17,000 harvested in 1944.

Despite the decline in acreage, the increased price caused the value of farm marketings from these crops to reach an all-time high record of \$6,673,000 in 1944. Labor shortages, increased costs and uncertain returns are the primary factors contributing to a decline.

The high prices have stimulated better care and more complete harvesting so that average yields have been higher in recent years.

Preliminary estimates of acreage harvested in 1944 show strawberries leading with approximately 6000 acres. Next are black raspberries, 2100 acres; boysenberries and youngberries, 2500 acres; red raspberries, 1250 acres; grapes, 720 acres; tame blackberries, 680 acres; gooseberries, 580 acres, and cranberries, 170 acres.

Forced Molting Program Now

Poultrymen who plan to force molt their White Leghorn laying stock this year, are reminded that the period between June 1 and July 1 is considered the best time for force molting. Beginning at this time, the hens receive an eight to ten week rest, which has become a common and profitable practice in the past 10 or 15 years.

To start the birds molting, they are confined to the hen house and all mash is taken from them, with the amount of grain and water they receive being greatly reduced. Feathers will usually start to drop 10 to 15 days after the mash and water are first removed.

After the feathers are dropped, the birds then have from two to four weeks vacation. With full diet restored to them, they are turned out on clean range and given all the succulent grain feed they will eat.

The force molting program is reported less successful on heavier breed.



Elmer Lorenz, president of the newly organized Marion County Livestock association which is a part of the Western Livestock association. While organized just two weeks ago, the association already has a membership of close to 60. Lorenz is raising somewhat over 500 sheep on his ranch in the Union Hill district southeast of Silverton.

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News and Views of Farm and Garden — BY LILLIE L. MADSEN



Patricia Ahrens and her champion lamb "Popcorn." After winning the purple ribbon on Popcorn at the Marion County Fat Lamb show held recently at Turner, eight-year old Patricia hated to sell her pet. But it's one of the rules of the Fat Lamb show so Popcorn brought \$58 to its youthful mistress. The money, she said, will go towards a riding pony.



Lambs were unusually fine this year at the Marion County Fat Lamb show, and among the tops was this pen of three registered rams belonging to Gath Bros. Arthur Gath, L. J. Hennies and Edward Gath are doing the showing. Roy Bishop of Portland, who was a sight-seeer at the show, can be seen in the background broadcasting his annual greeting.

moved on lend-lease. A total of 98,000,000 pounds are on hand and 79,000,000 disappeared last year. I was told that all of the peas and all of the wheat could be moved right out if they could be transported to the coast. Railroads are a bottle-neck now. Summing up the situation, there is a substantial carry-over, but not large enough to be disastrous.

BUTTER STOCK UP

On hand in the US warehouses in May were storage stock of 45 million pounds of creamery butter. During the month holdings had increased by 15 million pounds to reach a level 12 million pounds above average.

SET ASIDE PRODUCTION

Set-aside in June is taking 55 per cent of production from all but the smaller creameries, leaving only slightly increased supplies for civilian use.

Hog Diseases Are Problem

Farmers Should Give Careful Diagnosis To Sick Pigs

Many of this spring's pigs will die of cholera because their owners mistakenly think the disease is erysipelas, and many more will die of erysipelas because owners think it is cholera. This warning to swine producers is issued by the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Both cholera and erysipelas look so much alike that it is difficult to distinguish between them without a most careful diagnosis. These salient points, says the association, should be borne in mind: In cases of cholera, the hogs will not eat when aroused—erysipelas hogs will eat.

Cholera-sick hogs are dull, don't care what happens; erysipelas hogs have bright alert eyes which watch everything that is going on.

Death losses start slowly and increase steadily with cholera, but in erysipelas outbreaks the major death losses occur immediately, and then decline.

The cholera threat is especially serious this season. All pigs should be vaccinated against cholera around weaning time.

In localities where erysipelas has been a problem, young pigs should be vaccinated against this disease soon after birth.

If there has been trouble due to sows losing pigs, or giving birth to poor litters, they should be blood-tested for brucellosis, and the herd boar should be tested.

Poultry should be kept strictly away from hog lots. Chickens spread tuberculosis to hogs.

Combat lice infestation. Hog lice are carriers of swine pox. Avoid enteritis and digestive disturbances by raising pigs on clean ground and keeping troughs and waterers clean and sanitary.

Wisconsin Tops Cheese Producing States in Past Year

Forty-six per cent of total US cheddar cheese production in 1944 was from Wisconsin. Second among the 48 states was Illinois. In the northwest where a trend toward cheese has been in evidence since the middle thirties, Oregon led with 26 million pounds; Washington, 9 million, up 8 and 10 per cent—respectively. In all, there were 10 states in which production declines, 28 states in which it increased, 10 in which no production was reported. For the US as a whole there had been 4 per cent more cheese available than in 1943, a total of 799 million pounds. Of these 367 were produced in Wisconsin.

Seed Program Is Discussed

That Oregon's seed program can be put on a sound permanent basis and that if "we hang on to our seed industry it will be a long-time business," was the opinion stated by Bernal Hug, president of the Oregon Seed Growers league, upon his return recently from Washington, DC.

Hug has written members that "To move the carry-over of Austrian peas -- 97,000,000 pounds -- they (AAA division) sold government stuff to the southern trade at \$4.05 shipped before June 5. Then the western price went to \$4.30. (This includes the 40 cents handling charge, so is not net to grower.) The south thought this 25 cents inducement would get lots of the peas in position to plant early. We were mistaken about Russia's offering to buy all of these peas. They took between 14 and 15 million pounds, -- all they asked for. This will be planted in the Ukraine. Samples were sent out to Britain and there was a possibility that some might be

Liberalized Building Rules Effect Farmers

Under a liberalized WPA order affecting farm construction, farmers may spend up to \$1000 in a calendar year for farm dwelling construction, remodeling and repair, and an additional \$1000 for construction of other farm buildings. Previously the maximum per farm was \$1000, including more than \$200 for farm dwellings.

Any new farm construction for dwellings or service buildings which exceeds the two \$1000 allowances requires WPA approval. Farmers may apply at county AAA offices for lumber permits for repair and construction not requiring WPA approval. Most county lumber quotas are limited, however, and not all farm needs can be met, it seems.

Ranch Ramblings

By the Rural Reporter

Newyed Deau is the name of the young Jersey animal which Henry Zorn, one of Marion county's best known Jersey breeders, added to his herd recently. He is out of World's Record Bas and was bought from Mrs. Constance Morrow Morgan, sister of Mrs. Charles Lindburgh. Mrs. Morgan has a farm at Richfield, Wash.

Mr. Zorn said Monday at the 27th annual Marion County Jersey Jubilee that he hadn't missed any of the Marion county spring shows.

Jens Svith, who used to teach the boys of Salem high how to farm, and who is now assisting the farmers of Jackson county to improve farming methods, was at the Marion county Jersey show Monday and said it was one of the best he had seen. George Horning, who has a postoffice address in Sherwood, is a member of the Clackamas County Jersey Cattle club and whose farm crowds the north end of Marion county, was also at the show. Clackamas county had exhibited 98 head at its show last week, Horning said.

Dr. M. E. DeGuire, who formerly took care of Silverton teeth, has been one of Silverton's prize dairymen for the past quarter of a century. He is now, he claims, more than assisted by his son Elbert, who "does all the work." The DeGuire barn houses 70 head of Jerseys and there are 15 out on pasture about ready to come in. DeGuire's farm 400 acres.

The Marion County Jersey Cattle club will meet Sunday, June 17, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Buyserie and Son at Woodburn. A picnic dinner will be served at 1 o'clock. The Buyseries milk 50 head of Jerseys and have 90 head in all. Butch, the "teen age son, doesn't like cows, he says. When he takes over farming he plans to raise hogs -- there is some time each month one can have a bit of leeway with hogs, he explained. At least you don't have to go home each morning and night at certain hours to milk.

Marion county seems to have more than its share of weeds this year, especially Canada thistle. But in rambling over the county the reporter noticed that Roth men on Howell Prairie were evidently able to grow quite weed-



Two of Marion county's cattle population are pictured here. Figures up at the state department of agriculture show that Marion county's total beef cattle population has doubled since 1935. Changes in methods of feeding and the increase of permanent pastures in Willamette valley are partially responsible for the increase in the beef cattle business. It is suspected that the attractive prices in the past three or four years may also have had effect. Earl Garver and William Graham, Silverton, whose Hereford cow and calf are shown here, were in the business a little earlier but have built their herd from around ten beef cattle up to 60 registered Herefords and are now disposing of all their bull calves, at attractive prices, to other breeders.

free flax. Nowhere has the reporter seen finer flax this season than back of the mail boxes labeled John Roth and Ernest Roth.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schwartz, among the younger group of Marion county dairymen, are now milking 20 head of cows. They plan to maintain a herd of around 20 head and are also dickering for an additional 68 acres of land which they hope to take over by fall. The Schwartz farm lies between Mt. Angel and Silverton in the Hazel Dell district.

PASTURES FINE

Pastures throughout the country this spring have been reported to be in the best condition in more than 15 years. Supplies of soil moisture were ample, prospects for early summer green feed better than normal.

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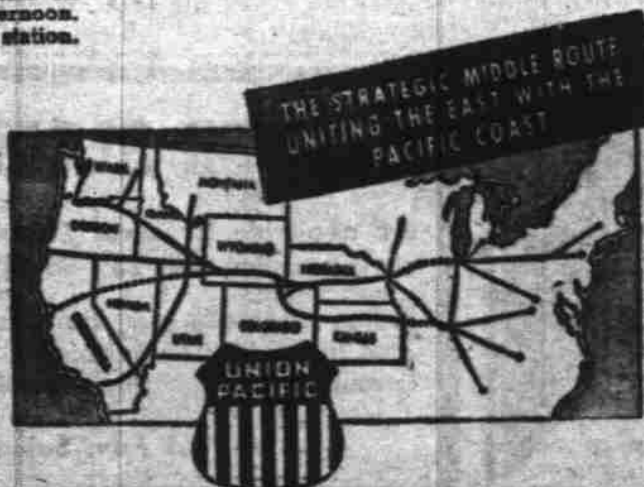
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