

PRODUCTION OF BUTTER GAINS; PRICES STEADY

Portland, April 28—Butter trade is unsettled with an easier undertone in the market. Warm weather is stimulating production and heavy make is expected. Bids are steady on the exchange.

While egg bids were unchanged on the local board for the day, commission men are still concerned over the heavy storage holdings and feel that values are plenty high enough for the present. Receipts are good with trading moderate. Lower quality receipts are expected if warm weather continues.

Live poultry is barely steady with receipts moderate and demand light. Country dressed meats are unchanged.

LIVESTOCK

Portland, Apr. 28—Cattle steady receipts none; steers, good \$19.50 @ 20.25; medium \$18.25 @ 19.75; common \$17.50 @ 18.55; canners and cutter steers \$16.50 @ 17.50; heifers, good (550 lbs. up) \$18.25 @ 19.00; common and medium, all weights \$16.00 @ 18.25; cows, good \$18.00 @ 18.50; common and medium \$15.50 @ 17.50; calves, medium to choice (150 lbs. down) \$14.00 @ 15.00; and common (150 lbs. down) \$12.50 @ 14.00; medium to choice (190 to 260 lbs.) \$17.00 @ 19.50; medium to choice (260 lbs. up) \$15.50 @ 17.00; cull and common (120 lbs. up) \$14.00 @ 16.00.

Hogs steady; receipts none; heavyweight (250 to 350 pounds) medium, good and choice \$11.50 @ 12.75; medium (200 to 300 lbs.) medium, good and choice \$11.25 @ 13.00; lightweight (150 to 200 lbs.) common, medium, good, choice \$13.00 @ 13.25; light hogs, common, good, choice \$11.75 @ 13.00; packing hogs smooth \$10.50 @ 11.00; rough \$10.00 @ 10.50; slaughter pigs (110 lbs. down) medium, good and choice \$11.50 @ 12.00; feeder and stocker pigs (75 to 130 lbs.) common medium, good and choice \$11.00 @ 11.50. (Soft or city hogs and roasting pigs excluded in above.)

Sheep steady; receipts 225; lambs, light and heavyweight, medium to choice \$13.00 @ 13.50; heavyweight (92 lbs. up) medium to prime \$8.00 @ 9.00; all weights, cull and common \$6.00 @ 8.00; spring lambs, medium to choice \$11.50 @ 12.50; spring lambs, cull and common \$6.00 @ 11.50; yearling wethers, medium to prime \$6.50 @ 8.00; wethers, (2 years old and over) medium to prime \$5.00 @ 7.00; ewes, common to choice \$4.00 @ 6.50; canner and cull \$1.50 @ 2.00. (Above quotations except spring lambs on short basis.)

EGGS AND BUTTER

Portland, April 28—Eggs steady current receipts 25 1/2; pullets 23 1/2 @ 24; firsts 24 1/2 @ 25; henneries 26 @ 25 1/2 delivered Portland.

Portland, Ore., April 28—Butter extra cubes, city, 40 lbs.; standards 46c; prime 46c; 40c; firsts 35c; prints 4c; cartons 4c. Butterfat steady; best churning cream 40c; net shippers track in zone 1; 42c delivered Portland.

PORTLAND GRAIN

Portland, April 28—Wheat bids: hard white, bluestem, hard \$1.55; soft white \$1.50; western white, hard winter, \$1.49; northern spring \$1.50; western red \$1.47; B. B. hard white \$1.50. Today's car receipts: wheat 11, flour 6, oats 2, hay 1.

POULTRY

Portland, Or., April 28—Poultry

easy; heavy hens 22 @ 24; light 22c; broilers 22 @ 24c.

ONIONS AND POTATOES
Portland, Apr. 28—Onions firm; \$3.75 @ 4.00 in country. Potatoes old \$1.75 @ 1.85.

NUTS, HOPS AND CASCARA
Portland, April 28—Nuts quiet; Walnuts 29 @ 33; filberts nom.

Portland, Apr. 28—Hops steady new clovers 16c; foglets 15 @ 16c old crop nominal.

Portland, April 28—Cascara bark quiet; now peel 7 @ 8c per lb.; Oregon grape, roof 4c.

STRAWBERRIES IN CALIFORNIA BRING 9-12 CENTS

An opening price of 9 1/2 cents on strawberries established with the Central California Berry Growers' association by canners for the 1925 crop, has caused considerable comment here in light of the fact that the strawberries in this section all went for from 4 to 8 cents. Etterberger here, the finest strawberry, admittedly, that ever went into a can, only commanded 8 cents and growers were congratulating themselves on the price. It is generally conceded the California berry cannot touch the berry here for canning purposes. It is stated that increased costs of picking because of new agricultural laws in California, had something to do with the price. In commenting on the California price the New York Journal of Commerce says: "The opening price to canners for strawberries of the 1925 crop has been established at 9 1/2 a pound, according to announcement made in San Francisco by the Central California Berry Growers' association. This is 1/2 cent above the canner quotation that prevailed last season, but officials of the producers' organization point out that the rate of increase is but little more than 5 per cent and that the general situation fully warrants the comparatively slight raise. Growers will not be able to chalk up the 1/2 cent extra profit, it was said, for the reason that the cost of picking has advanced since certain agricultural laws went into effect in California last year. The 1924 pack of strawberries has been virtually cleaned up and a heavy demand for the fruit on the part of preserve manufacturers is looked for during the present season, as indicated by the orders placed to date. The last crop was short on account of unfavorable growing conditions and packers failed to obtain enough berries to fill their requirements."

ROYAL ANNE CROP IN SOUTH SHORT

The Royal Anne cherry crop in California will be exceptionally light this year, according to a letter received yesterday by Max Gehlha, Polk county grower, from F. W. Madocks, president of the California Cherry Growers' association.

"The gilt of the Madlocks' letter to Gehlha is to the effect that in Sonoma county 500 tons of Royal Annes are expected out of an 1836 ton normal crop and in Napa county it is expected the normal 500 ton crop will dwindle to 150 tons. "The situation may improve or it may get worse," writes Madocks. He states, however, from present indications these figures about tell the story in those two

GOLDEN STATE PRUNE CROP IS SHORT IS CLAIM

The first estimates on the 1925 California prune crop received here have come from a San Francisco broker to Robert C. Paulus, the estimate stating that contrary to expectations there will not be a bumper crop in California as expected, but it will probably run along about 175,000,000 pounds as compared to the 240,000,000 of last year. While, the broker states, it is dangerous to make estimates just now, nevertheless cold weather has given the crop a setback which makes a decreased estimate most reasonable.

Spot stocks of prunes, the broker states, are finding some little inquiry, indicating that wholesalers are out, but have not gathered the nerve to buy in carload lots. He states that no doubt the market can be stiffened in the next two weeks if the prune association cares to and he says no doubt the association will stiffen the market to a certain extent if it gets any appreciable business encouragement. The broker says that apricots are showing up well, possibly 25 per cent more than last season. It is impossible to say, he states, what per cent will be dried just now, and green fruit handlers have had their crack at the crop. The apple crop will be light, he predicts, probably not more than 50 per cent of the 1924 crop. Peaches and pears look good, he says, and a crop is fairly well assured as the danger from frost is over. The broker states that the California Packing corporation is now holding probably only about 3000 tons of prunes, a small amount for them. Paulus also received word today from E. J. Boddy, with the Washington Growers' association at Vancouver, that Clarke county will not have a bumper crop this year. Boddy stated that both young and old orchards that had good care, look pretty well, but old orchards that were neglected are looking pretty sick.

Salem Markets

Compiled from reports of Salem dealers for the guidance of Capital Journal readers. (Revised daily.)
Grain: No. 1 white wheat \$1.37; No. 1 red wheat \$1.35 (checked).
Wheat—see prices.
Meat: Top hogs 13c; tops \$8 @ 11c; dressed hogs 17c; cow steers 6 @ 7c, cows \$4.00 @ 5.50; canner cows 1 1/2 up, bulls 3 1/2 @ 5c; spring lambs up to 20 lbs., 14c; veal 9c; dressed veal 13c.
Poultry: Springers 35c; light hens 20c; heavy hens 22c; old coopers 14c; ducks 14 @ 18c; geese 18 @ 20c; dressed, live 12 @ 14c; white Pekin ducks, alive 14 @ 16c; Indla Runner ducks alive 14 @ 16c.
Butterfat 41c; creamery butter \$4 @ 4 1/2c; eggs 20c; standards 22c; select 24c; milk 12.50 cwt.
Vegetables: California new potatoes 7 @ 8c; old potatoes \$2.00 @ 2.40 sack; head lettuce \$2.75 @ 3.50 crate; Texas cabbage 5c; California cabbage 3 @ 4c Oregon

grown onions \$5.00 cwt., 50c lb.; crate onions \$1.50 @ 2.75 cwt.; sweet potatoes, fancy 12c; spanish crate \$1.25; peppers 10c; ratat-bagne \$3.00; parsnips 3 1/2c; sack carrots \$2.50; local turnips 3 1/2c; California bunch vegetables: carrots 90c; beets, turning 90c doz.; parsley 60c; local radishes, green onions 40c; grapefruit \$6.00 @ 6.25 crate; local rhubarb 3 1/2 @ 4c; tomatoes \$4.75 @ 5.50; asparagus \$2.00 dozen; new telephone pens \$5 @ 12c; new mustard greens 8c; California strawberries, 12 box crate \$5.25; artichokes \$1.00 doz.; cranberry, small naval \$5.75 @ 7.00; new wax beans 22c; green beans 20c; wax onions \$3.75; broccoli \$1.90 @ 2.75; California cauliflower \$2.75.

YOUNG & WELLS TO BUY FRUITS ON CASH BASIS

Announcement has been made that Ed Bichn has been placed in charge of the situation here for Young & Wells, Spokane fruit buyers, for the purpose of buying cherries and L. W. Wells, in a letter just received here, states he will be back about a week from Monday to make arrangements for a permanent location. The firm this year plans to handle black cherries, pears and apples. Whether anything else will be handled depends on crop and weather conditions.

Announcement is reiterated that they intend to pay a cash price for all fruit purchased and hope to clean up a big block of black cherries here on a cash basis, regardless of the fact that heavy blocks of the tonnage are reported to be signed up with other firms. Denney & company, operating so far on a consignment contract, has the heavy end of the tonnage. The black cherry pool will handle about 30 cars, according to present estimates.

On the pear deal, the tentative plans, dependent on crop conditions, are to buy pears on the same basis as apples, that is to buy orchard run on all but culls and grade them in the packing house, cash being paid. The apple deal, it is expected, will assume even larger magnitude than the apple deal of last year, which indicated that Willamette valley apples carried all right last year and found a market, regardless of the many prophesies made to the contrary.

Fruit Buyer Dies in South
Medford, Or., April 28—Word was received here today from Chester E. Barr, Medford agent of Dennis Kimball & Pope, New York fruit buyers and distributors, who was surprised to Ontario, California, when on April 9 George M. Pope of that company was taken seriously ill on his annual Pacific coast trip, that Mr. Pope had died there.

MOHAIR BUYERS REDUCE PRICES 5 CENTS POUND

Portland, April 28—Local mohair buyers have reduced their bid to country shippers approximately five cents a pound in the past week. Best offers today for long staple delivered Portland are 45 cents a pound with short staple at 40 cents and burry at 25 1/2 cents a pound. Bids for kid hair have been reduced to 40 cents a pound delivered Portland.

Weakness in the mohair market at this time is attributed to the irregular trend in wool.

Eastern wool prices continue nominal around 50 cents, grease basis, for Dolines of the better class. From Boston comes reports of some good fleeces of fine quality and good long staple selling lower than 50 cents.

While no great activity is noted in Oregon wool at the moment, dealers here look for the biggest wool season in years. The association has moved into their new location, the Pacific Wool and Warehouse at 12th and Davis, and now have accommodations for about 8,000,000 pounds of wool as compared to 3,500,000 pounds at their old location.

TESTS OF SUGAR BEETS PLANNED

The following farmers will make sugar beet tests this year with seed furnished them through the chamber of commerce by J. W. Timson, manager of the Utah-Idaho Sugar company:

- F. A. Doerfler, Macleay.
- C. W. Jensen, Salem, route 5.
- Simon A. Barnes, Gervale, route 2.
- R. E. Jones, Salem, route 9.
- H. O. Wilcox, Turner, route 1.
- Sam Tunson, Jefferson, route 1.
- H. Elfstrom, Salem, route 4.
- R. C. Halberg, Independence, route 1.
- A. W. Powell, Salem, route 6.
- G. A. Russ, Gervale, route 1.
- Royce Allen, Salem, route 9.
- C. J. Stumpf, Salem, route 9.
- Aug. Shornaker, Salem, route 4.
- M. F. Bliven, Salem, route 4.

In event it is discovered that the land here is suitable to cultivation of beets on a commercial scale the company has indicated a willingness to materially assist in their development.

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