

STRAWBERRIES GAIN IN SUPPLY SLUMP IN PRICE

Portland, May 26—Excess supplies of strawberries in the Portland market caused prices to break this morning. Shipping demand has dropped and orders for home canning have not yet appeared. Yesterday's top price was around \$2 a case.

Today's prices range from \$1.75 for Marstalls to \$2.25 for Improved Oregon. Some fancy stock is going at \$2.75.

Stronger demand for berries in expected by the end of this week.

May 26 is the effective date of the new law of the Oregon legislature requiring grading and marketing of eggs offered for sale, according to J. D. Mielke, state dairy and food commissioner, who says the new law embodies the main features of the egg rating which he promulgated last year.

Depositing the chief requirements of the new law, Commissioner Mielke says: "Grading of all eggs into four classes is required, viz: 'fresh standard' egg weighing not less than one and seven-twelfths ounces 'fresh undergrade' egg, any fresh egg weighing less than one and seven-twelfths ounces and 'undergrade' eggs, which class includes all edible eggs not good enough to class as fresh.

The new law does not mention storage or processed eggs, but permits all eggs to go onto the market, according to their grade and merit.

Country dressed meats were higher on the local market today. Pork was selling at 16 1/2 to 17 cents and veal at 13 1/2 cents.

Livestock prices were steady and unchanged with call and demand about even.

LIVESTOCK

Portland, May 26—Hogs steady receipts 20; heavy weight (250 to 300 pounds) medium, good and choice \$12.00 to \$12.50; medium weight (200 to 250 lbs.) common, medium, good and choice \$11.50 to \$12.00; light weight (150 to 200 lbs.) common, medium, good and choice \$11.00 to \$11.50; packing hogs smooth \$11.50 to \$12.00; rough \$10.50 to \$11.00; slaughter pigs (150 lbs. down) medium, good and choice \$11.00 to \$12.00; feeder and stocker pigs (70 to 130 lbs.) common, medium, good and choice \$13.00 to \$15.00; (soft or oily hogs and roasting pigs excluded).

Cattle none steady; receipts none steers, good \$9.25 to \$9.50; medium \$8.00 to \$9.25; common \$7.00 to \$8.00; canners and cutter steers \$5.00 to \$7.00; heifers, good (850 lbs. up) \$8.00 to \$9.50; common and medium, all weights \$5.50 to \$8.00; cows, good \$7.50 to \$9.00; common and medium \$5.00 to \$7.50; canners and cutters \$2.50 to \$5.00; bulls, good (best yearlings excluded) \$4.75 to \$5.50; common to medium (canners and butchers) \$3.50 to \$4.75; calves, medium to choice (150 lbs. down) \$8.00 to \$11.00; cull and common (150 lbs. down) \$5.00 to \$8.00; medium to choice (150 to 200 lbs.) \$7.00 to \$10.00; medium to choice (200 lbs. up) \$5.00 to \$7.00; cull and common (150 lbs. up) \$3.50 to \$5.50.

Sheep and lambs steady; receipts 550; lambs light and heavy weight, medium to choice \$7.50 to \$9.00; heavy weight (92 lbs. up) medium to prime \$7.00 to \$8.00; all weights, cull and common \$6.00 to \$8.00; spring lambs, medium to choice \$9.00 to \$11.50; spring lambs, cull and common \$5.00 to \$9.00; yearling wethers, medium to prime \$6.50 to \$8.00; wethers (3 year old and over) medium to prime \$5.00 to \$7.50; ewes, common to choice \$4.00 to \$6.50; canner and cull \$1.50 to \$4.00. (Above quotations except spring lambs on short basis).

BUTTER AND EGGS

Portland, May 26—Eggs steady current receipts 250; pullers 25 1/2 @ 25 1/2; firsts 23 1/2 @ 24; henneries 20 @ 20 1/2 delivered Portland. Butter firm, extra cubes, city 45; standard 40 1/2; prime firsts 40 1/2; firsts 35; undergrades, nominal; prima 42; cartons 46. Butterfat firm. Best churning cream 48c net shippers' Portland in case 1; 42c delivered Portland.

PORTLAND GRAIN

Portland, May 26—Wheat: hard white, bluestem, hard \$1.65; soft white, \$1.52; western white, hard winter, northern spring \$1.40; western red \$1.35; H. H. hard white \$1.55. Today's car receipts: wheat 7, flour 11, oats 1, hay 1.

POULTRY

Portland, Ore., May 26—Poultry steady: heavy hens 24 @ 25; light 22 @ 23; broilers 20 @ 22; young white ducks 30 @ 22.

ONIONS AND POTATOES

Portland, May 26—Onions nominal. Potatoes nominal, market, No. 2, \$2.25 @ 2.35.

NUTS, HOPS AND CASABA

Portland, May 26—Nuts steady; walnuts No. 1, 29 @ 32; filberts nominal. Hops steady; 1924 crop 12 @ 14; 1923 crop nominal. Casaba bark quiet. New peel 7 @ 8c per pound; Oregon grape root 4c.

Salem Markets

Compiled from reports of Salem dealers for the guidance of Capital Journal readers (Revised daily.) Wholesale Prices: Grain: No. 1 white wheat \$1.45; No. 1 red wheat \$1.40 (stacked). Meat: Top hogs 16c; cows \$9.10; dressed hogs 16c; top steers 6 @ 7c, cows \$4.00 @ 5.50; canner cows 1 1/2 @ 3c; bulls 2 1/2 @ 3c; spring lambs up to 30 lbs, 14c; veal 9c; dressed veal 12c. Poultry: Springers 25c; light hens 15c; heavy hens 20c; old roosters 6c; dressed ducks 15 @ 18c. Butterfat 46c; creamery butter 14 @ 15c; eggs 23c; standards 22c; select 21c; milk 12 1/2 @ 13c. Vegetables: California new potatoes 7 1/2c; old potatoes \$3.00 @ 3.50 sack; local lettuce \$1.75 crate; Washington cabbage \$3.00 crate; onions \$2.50 @ 4.00; spinach 5c; peppers 25c; rutabagas \$3.00; parsnips 2 1/2c; sack carrots \$4.00; local turnips 3 1/2c; California bunch vegetables; carrots 30c; beets, turnips 40c; peas 40c; peas 40c; local radishes 40 @ 80c; green onions 40 @ 80c doz.; grapefruit

FIRST CARS OF GOOSEBERRIES, LETTUCE MOVED

TWO CALIFORNIA CHERRY BUYERS MAY COME HERE

Not only the Lyons California Glace Fruit company, better known here as the Kass concern, but Sussman & Worner, another big San Francisco operator in Royal Anne cherries are apt to be in the Salem district 6c Royal Anne this year, according to word received by C. A. Clark, head of the new Salem cherry growers organization from the president of the California Cherry Growers association. The California writes that both the Lyons people and Sussman & Worner have placed requisitions for 150 tons each of Royal Anne cherries from Sonoma county but that cherries from this county are badly infected with shot hole fungus and may not be suitable for maraschino purposes.

The local cherry growers association has not secured from the canners a definite deal on their eight cent price with a guarantee on an advance for their Royal Anne, but a number of growers have been signed up individually on that proposition and indications are that canners will not stick very hard at accepting the price.

CROP CONDITION IN CALIFORNIA TOLD IN REPORT

A crop report covering California conditions to its brokers, by Fred H. Neuhoff, commercial products distributor of Los Angeles, under date of May 12, says that the company finds the cling peach crop of the San Joaquin valley will be approximately the same as last year; Sutter county, which has the largest concentration of production of cling peach in the state will produce a good crop. (The latter section was cut down very badly by frost last year.) From present indications there will be, the Neuhoff company says, another cling peach crop failure in southern California this year. Peaches have been dropping badly from the trees and there are only a few districts in southern California that are not affected. The canned cling peach pack of that section was extremely light last year and will be again this year. But there will be ample cling in the northern and central part of the state and the Neuhoff company will pack this line largely in the upper San Joaquin valley. The peach crop prospect is very good, both in the northern and southern sections of the state, but it is doubted, says the company, if there will be a larger quantity than last year as a number of the northern packers have discontinued packing peaches and are substituting the pack of midsummer varieties of cling. Apricot crop prospects are for only 50 per cent of normal crop in the southern end of the state.

WALNUT GROWERS HAVE VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Reports made to the recent annual meeting of the Santa Clara Walnut Growers association in Santa Clara showed that the association had passed through a very successful year. T. J. Martin was elected president for the coming year; George Payne, vice-president and D. W. Luther, secretary and treasurer. H. C. Sharpe of Los Angeles is inspector for the California Walnut Growers association. An interesting talk on walnut culture, crop conditions and market prices.

ALFALFA FIELDS ARE INSPECTED

Under the direction of the First National bank of Salem an alfalfa tour is being staged today, making a 20 mile drive to five or six leading alfalfa farms, showing the work of production to about 40 farmers who have become deeply interested in alfalfa growing and its possibilities. One of the big features in connection with the alfalfa growing drive is to assist in the dairying industry and also to give to farmers a crop which is a



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good producer and a money yielder. The tour started at 9 o'clock this morning from the First National bank and the farmers participating in the tour were guests of the bank at a luncheon given at the Marion hotel this noon. F. A. Doerfler, the bank's farm adviser, headed the tour, the guests included both farmers and dairymen.

EXPORT TRADE IN DRIED FRUIT BREAKS RECORD

Says the United States department of commerce, the export shipments of dried fruit from the United States in 1924 broke all previous records and amounted to over \$30,000,000.—Germany was the best fruit customer.—Canada took most of the California raisins.—San Francisco was the leading export port. The United States dried fruit export trade in 1924 not only recovered from its 1923 slump but broke all previous records when it attained shipment valuations of \$30,000,000 as compared with \$18,444,800 for the previous year. According to the foodstuffs division of the department of commerce, exports in 1922 totaled \$27,269,699. Probably the outstanding cause of the remarkable increase in our exports of dried fruit during the past year are short European prune crops; better prospects for European dried fruit, as a class, stood in attendant heavy German buying, particularly of prunes; prevailing low prices in the principal prune markets; and the results of intensive advertising abroad by the American raisin industry. A commercial raisin based on value shows that out of nearly a billion dollars' worth of foodstuffs exported in 1924, dried fruit, as a class, stood in sixth place and comprised 3 per cent of the total. Out of the total dried fruits exported, prunes comprised 55 per cent, and peaches and raisins together 78 per cent.

NEW CANNERY IN WEST SALEM AT WORK ON BERRIES

The new Pacific Cannery & Produce company in West Salem started shipping gooseberries today, and the cannery is ready to receive and care for strawberries as they come in, it was announced today. The cannery is purely a stockholders' concern, the fruit coming in is by stockholders' delivery. "An interesting thing in connection with the opening of the new cannery is the heavy demand for loganberries, which H. R. Jones, connected with the organization, says are getting more and heavier inquiries for loganberries than on any other class of fruit and apparently from the situation a cannery could almost be operated alone this year on the demand for loganberries. "The old pack of loganberries is pretty well cleared from the shelves regardless of the fact that the biggest pack in the history of the industry was put over, and the demand for canned loganberries seems to be bigger than ever. "One thing noticeable about the inquiry for logans is that all the inquiries deal in large lots and there appears to be no inquiry when for smaller lots as in the case with other classes of fruit."

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