

PRICES FOR BUTTERFAT RAISED BY INDEPENDENTS

BUTTER MAKERS UP IN AIR OVER TURN OF EVENTS

Portland, Oct. 13.—Portland cheese markets are higher today with both Tillamook and Mellowton brands up a cent on triplets and loaf.

Tillamook triplets are now quoted at 31 cents by local jobbers with loaf at 32 cents. Mellowton is quoted at 30 cents on triplets and 31 cents on loaf.

Local buttermakers are all up in the air over the turn of events in fat prices. With an established price of 42 cents, f. o. b. shippers' track in the first zone, large independent creameries have gone out offering 59 cents for cream delivered Portland. Unless the situation is ironed out, it will probably deteriorate or the buttermakers and temporarily advantageous to the producer.

Country dressed calves are weak and lower with choice light weight sold at 15 cents this morning. Country dressed hogs are working higher and today choice light pork readily brings 15 1/2 cents.

Live poultry receipts along the coast are sufficient to meet the existing requirements and prices are generally steady.

No change is shown in egg quotations on the local dairy board. Receipts are moderate and demand for fresh stock continues firm.

LIVESTOCK
Portland, Oct. 13.—Cattle lower: receipts 30; calves, none; heavyweight (250 to 300 lbs.) medium, good and choice \$13.00-13.75; medium weight (200 to 250 lbs.) medium, good and choice \$13.00-13.75; light weight (150 to 200 lbs.) medium, good and choice \$12.50-13.25; bulls, good (best yearling) \$4.00-5.00; common \$3.00-4.00; calves, medium to choice \$10.00-12.00; cull and common \$6.00-10.00.

WALNUT CROP OF FRANCE NOW BEING HARVESTED
With excellent weather prevailing during the latter part of August and early September, a large crop of walnuts in southwestern France was practically assured, according to Consul Lucien Meminger at Bordeaux, in a report dated September 8, received in the U. S. department of agriculture, says a Washington dispatch to the California Fruit News.

It is the general impression in Bordeaux that the crop will be considerably above average, both for table and shelling varieties. A noteworthy feature of the crop this year is the uniformity of the setting on all varieties of trees. Estimates as to quality were also considered premature at the time of the consul's report.

Estimates of the probable crop of "Marbotta," "Cornes" and "Charbon" combined indicate a yield of approximately 16,225 short tons, compared with a crop of 11,900 short tons produced last year.

"Marbotta" are expected to total 4,800 tons, compared with a crop of 3,200 tons last year. There is the war the average crop of these nuts was about 5,500 tons. There are said to be considerable stocks of last year's crop of "Marbotta" still remaining in dealers' hands. The crop of "Cornes" is expected to be about 4,075 short tons, the maximum figure obtained for this variety of walnuts in recent years.

"Charbon" crop was only slightly more than half this size. The crop of "Charbon" is expected to reach 8,250 short tons, compared with a crop of 5,500 tons in 1924. This crop this year is as large as in maximum years.

Prices of nuts at the time of the consul's report were still in a formative state, with prospects that quotations on cracking varieties would go down if a large crop was realized. Early September quotations on new crop extra halves for late November shipment were somewhat lower than in the middle of August, according to Consul Meminger. Stocks of shelled nuts from the 1924 crop remaining on hand in cold storage or in process of preparation were reported to be considerable.

Although accurate forecasts of the new crop of walnuts then being harvested were not available, it was thought that the 1925 Italian production of walnuts would be larger than last year, according to a report of U. S. Consul Finley, Naples, dated September 12, received in the department of agriculture. High prices were being asked for the nuts at the consul's report, but it is stated that many observers believe that a drop in prices seemed certain.

BUTTER AND EGGS
Portland, Oct. 13.—Butter firm; current receipts 29; pullets 37 1/2; frats 33 1/2; extras 46 1/2; delivered Portland.

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Milk firm; best creaming cream 54c net shippers' track in zone 1; raw milk (per cent) 25.5c; f. o. b. Portland.

POLTRY
Portland, Oct. 13.—Poultry firm; best 5 per cent combination; heavy hens 25c; light 16c; springs 25 to 28c; young white ducks 23 to 25c.

ONIONS AND POTATOES
Portland, Oct. 13.—Potatoes steady; new \$1.75-1.85; onions steady \$1.50-1.75.

NUTS, HOPS AND CASCARA
Portland, Oct. 13.—Nuts steady; walnuts, No. 1 25-30c; (sterility nominal); almonds 24-26c.

Hops quiet; new crop clusters 24 to 25c; foreign 24c.

Cascara quiet; nominal at 6 to 7c; Oregon grape root nominal.

CLARKE PRUNE HARVEST HEAVY
Vancouver, Wash., Oct. 13.—Delivery of prunes at the plant of the Washington Growers' Packing corporation here passed the 3,000,000-pound mark Saturday and 1,000,000 pounds have been shipped.

Clarke county has the largest crop in the Pacific northwest this year and the association will handle about 4,000,000 pounds. W. H. Wood, manager, said. The total for the county will be about 4,000,000 pounds. Prunes are unusually large this year, the bulk of the crop running to 30-40s, with some 20-26s. Only a small per cent are 40-50s. The market at present is quiet, Mr. Wood said.

SALEM MARKETS
Compiled from reports of Salem dealers for the guidance of Capital Journal readers. (Revised daily.)

Wholesale Prices
Grain: No. 1 white wheat \$1.24; No. 1 red wheat \$1.14 (sacked); oats 45c bu.; hay, oat and vetch \$16 ton.

Meat: Top hogs 13 1/2c; hogs 10 1/2c; dressed hogs 17c; top steers 16 1/2c; cows 12 1/2c; 50c; bulls 12 1/2c; spring lambs 10 lbs and under 12 1/2c; heavier 10 to 14c; dressed veal 13c.

Poultry: Springs 22c; light hens 14 to 15c; heavy hens 20 to 21c; old roosters.

Butterfat 52c; creamery butter 55c; eggs 35c; standards 40c; select 43c; milk \$2.44 cwt.

Vegetables and fruits: Cantaloupes \$1.25-1.50; watermelons 1 1/2c; cranberries \$1.50; lemons \$1.50; grapefruit \$2.50; bananas 1/2c; apples \$1.50-2.50 box.

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It is reported from southern California walnut sections that the majority of growers and packing houses believe that the late pickings will show up better for size and as a consequence the association feels that its estimates of medium budded and baby soft shells will be materially reduced, and the estimates of No. 1 soft shells, large budded, accordingly, increased. Notwithstanding this, however, it seems certain to the association that it will be forced to make price deliveries on large budded, the extent of which will depend upon how the later pickings grade out for size. The association is hopeful that growers' ideas of the better estimates of late pickings will materialize, which will probably make it possible to make about full deliveries on No. 1 soft shells. This is, at least, the hope of the association now. The difficulty with this grade of walnuts this year arises from the fact that the quality of growers' deliveries in the southern end of Oregon county has proved very disappointing and a very large percentage of the nuts produced in that territory are not up to the standard of "Diamond" brand nuts, the association finds, and consequently many nuts from these districts will have to be packed as near-grades. This is a very unusual condition, as the southern end of Oregon county generally produces some of the finest quality walnuts. Generally speaking, however, the quality of this year's walnut crop in California is proving better than last year's and the pack is somewhat more attractive in appearance. The California walnut market is in fine shape and the Walnut Growers association advises that orders are coming in now for No. 1 and large budded that it is forced to decline.

The California Walnut growers association put out its estimate No. 1 of the production of walnuts in California for this year under date of October 1. This shows a definite reduction in the estimated total of walnut tonnage for the state. The August 24 prediction of the Walnut association was for a total production of 39,114 tons. Under date of October 1 the association's estimate is reduced to 26,753 tons. The small tonnage north of the Tehachans is shown as 115 tons more but the main tonnage in southern California has declined 2500 tons in the estimates. Los Angeles county shows a reduction in estimated tonnage between the two dates of estimates as noted above, of 700 tons, in round figures, and Orange county 800.

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600 BALES OF HILLSBORO HOPS SOLD AT 23C
Indications are that the hop market has taken more or less of a flop and reports have been going around hop row that some of the hops under 25 cent orders of a few weeks ago have not been taken up and that growers are holding for their money. This condition, however, is not considered extensive at all, and applies to only isolated cases.

Sales are very few and far between. One has been reported of 600 bales at Hillsboro to Arthur Smith for from 22 1/2 to 23 cents. Information is to the effect that Smith bought the hops for Louis Leachman of Salem.

It is stated that some growers were here yesterday looking for buyers at 22 1/2 cents and not finding them.

On the other hand the boosters are still showing optimism about a return in the market, but growers are getting ready to sell if they can at prices considerably below those asked and offered a short time ago.

PRUNE JOBBING BUSINESS FAIR
A fair jobbing business is passing in dried fruits says the California Fruit News.

Prunes are quiet at the moment but we haven't the least fear in the world for the general average of this market between now and next summer. It is entirely natural, after the selling of the carry-over last summer and the big sales made against new crop in that event, fall that buyers should not yet be back actively in this market. As a matter of fact, 30s, 70s, 80s and 90s are all practically quoting an association opening base, the weak sizes being 40s, 50s and 60s, which may be had now at 1/2c or thereabouts below opening. Smaller sizes—70s, 80s and 90s—on which there was some shading, have now moved back to association base. Pacific northwestern Italian prunes are well held at firm prices under their short crop there, and there are very few, if any, 40s offerings in the market. The market is quiet, 20-30s are quoting at 17c to 17 1/2c, 25-35s at 18 1/2c, 30-40s at 11 1/2c to 11 3/4c, 35-45s at 9 1/2c and 40-50s, where available, at 8 1/2c.

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One of the finest crops is that of James Blodgett, near Dallas, and delicious, and they are of a wonderful quality. He also has purchased the crops of Mrs. Gilbert P. MacGregor near Dallas and from other growers. In addition to these, he is getting in Spitzenbergs and Hoovers.

While the tonnage this year is too small to consider shipping in carload lots, he plans to give Salem people a chance at all of the delicious they care to use and the balance will go into the fancy Portland market. Blehn, who was for many years with the Yakima grower association, who handles thousands of cars annually, states he has never seen any finer Delicious than those that are coming off from the Dallas orchards this year.

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The Walnut association states that the reason it was left with an apparent surplus of these latter grades was because the crop was showing a much larger percentage of the small sizes than was anticipated when the shipments were made and, consequently, the association had under-allocated on them and for the same reason over-allocated on large budded. The surplus in budded grade of walnuts this year, the association tells us, averaging better in size and appearance than in last season and the nuts as turned out, appear to be worth a better price than they were quoted at under the opening figures and, consequently, after the expiration of the confirmation period, the association had to raise its price a pound on this line and under an advanced price subsequently sold a material quantity, bringing sales on medium budded up to a few days ago to within 23,000 bags of the estimate. The association reports, also, that material sales during the past few days in baby soft shells have brought these up close to estimates and it may be expected that they will be withdrawn from the market presently.

FROST ENDS MELON SEASON IN UMPQUA
Roseburg, Oct. 13.—The watermelon season was officially ended this morning when growers awoke to find their fields covered with heavy frost. Although the weather bureau did not classify it as a killing frost, yet it was sufficient to kill the melons in size. There still remains a large surplus of melons on the local market, but this will be exhausted in a few days. The temperature at 8 o'clock this morning was 33 degrees, the coldest recorded for the season.

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afternoon beginning at two thirty. A number of important matters will come before the group.

Mrs. S. W. Thompson and Miss Louise Thompson spent several days of last week in Portland where they were the guests of Mrs. Frank Schlegel in the Schlegel home in Rose City Park.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Van Orsdal and small daughter, Pauline, and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Campbell were the guests in Corvallis on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gallagher and family.

The Junior girls of Willamette university will be hostesses at tea in the home of Prof. and Mrs. W. E. Kirk on Friday afternoon honoring the freshmen girls.

Seventeen of her friends gave a shower in honor of Mrs. William Bowden (Cecile Davidson) in the home of Mrs. R. E. Davidson on Friday evening. Mrs. Bowden was married on September 1. Cards were enjoyed during the evening.

A meeting of chapter G of the P. E. O. sisterhood will be held on Thursday at the home of Mrs. A. T. Woolper.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Buchner and daughter, Ruth, spent the week end at Neskevin where they have a summer home.

The Yo-Mar-Co class of the First Methodist church will be entertained at a Halloween party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Woody & Son.

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