

BUYERS OFFER HIGHER PRICES FOR 1926 BERRIES

CONTRACTS CALL FOR INCREASE IN STRAWBERRIES

Canneries out in the field contracting for strawberries at about a half a cent higher than the price paid last year and for loganberries at about the same price, expect the corraling of considerable business and indications are that berry growers in this section will have no difficulty getting their crops tied up. They demand at prices which a few years ago were being prayed for.

The loganberry situation presents a remarkable contrast to that of not long ago when growers right up to picking time had no idea whether their berries were going into consumption or not with the feeling that they would not, and when meetings were held by growers reaching out for some possible marketing avenue for their berries.

With the development of a British market that bids fair to continue to make heavy demands on the American loganberry, the situation is entirely different and for the first time in a number of years cannery men have scouts out looking for berries before the first of the year.

Reports are that contracting has been done on a considerable scale, particularly with strawberries. The soft berries are being contracted for canning purposes at around 7 cents when 6 1/2 cents was the prevailing price last year, although at the end of the season some berries were sold at 7 cents for canning purposes.

Both strawberries and loganberries from the last year's crop as well as barreled strawberries are entirely cleaned up and cannery men and barrelling men will go into the game next year with empty shelves, which makes a pretty fair outlook if conditions hold up.

The strawberry acreage is being materially enhanced in these sections where itterbergs have done well the bulk of the planting continues to be itterbergs. Large blocks of Marshalls are being put out but these are mainly in sections where the itterbergs have not done well.

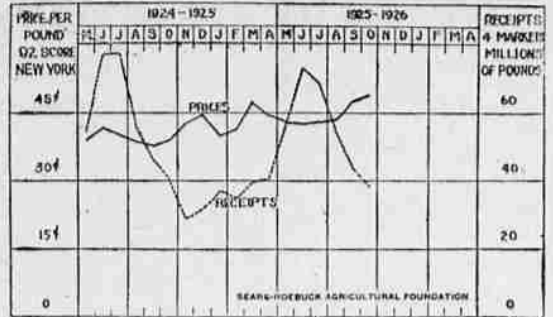
In the hill lands they are still looking for a good canning berry. Cannery men are of the opinion that the difficulty with itterbergs in the hills is probably due to lack of moisture. One cannery states that he has received some fine itterbergs from hill lands and that the suggestion that possibly fertilizer may have had something to do with it and that use of fertilizer may assist in solving that problem.

Cannery reports that there are constantly new arrivals coming in, inquiring particularly about strawberry culture here. Noticeable among these are Canadians who express their desire to get away from the intensely cold winters and into some new kind of a game under a favorable climate. The rapid growth of the strawberry industry here is given credit for being responsible for a large number of these new arrivals.

Indications seem to say that the development of the strawberry industry, as large as it is, is only in its infancy in this section. Washington produces the four out of the barreled output of this section, but under no better growing conditions and with no better berries.

Berries here in the barrel sell at a slight premium over the eastern berry in this section, but the reputation of producing a redder berry than the eastern berry and it is coming more and more into demand. The strawberry crop in the one crop that year in and year out, with few exceptions has found a ready outlet at cash prices, and last year every strawberry grown of every kind was gobbled up for cash as fast as plucked.

Butter Market Takes Leap; Bigger Gains Are Expected



The butter market, which has followed an upward trend since the start of the year, is expected to continue to rise, according to a report just issued by the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation.

"While the bulk of the winter advance has already been made, some further gains are probable. November is usually the low point in receipts when prices reach their peak. Prospects favor a good winter make," continues the report made by the Foundation's observer. "Dairy feed is abundant, and high butter prices as compared with last year will stimulate liberal feeding. Last year, a contrary condition resulted in a decrease of 5 per cent in production during November and December under the year previous, whereas in the preceding ten months, production had been fully 10 per cent larger. The shortage situation is in a healthy shape with stocks about equal to the five-year average. Weakness in English markets on the eve of the flush butter season in the southern hemisphere suggests the possibility of imports in the next few months should domestic prices widen the spread over foreign markets. The fact that butter prices now stand at about one-third higher than a year ago, is stimulating increased production and a moderate expansion program is under way. This is especially noticeable in the higher index numbers for the East and West Dairy Belts."

BUTTER, EGGS UNCHANGED IN COAST MARKETS

Portland, Ore., Nov. 18.—Butter and eggs are steady in the local market today and quotations are unchanged. 42 cents today but the country dressed veal market is stronger with choice light calves bringing 16 cents along the street this morning. Bulk of sales at 15 1/2 to 18 cents. Choice light hogs barely steady at 14 1/2 cents.

The local turkey market is steady to strong today on fancy dressed birds but weak and lower on under-grade stock. There are lots of No. 2 birds coming in now. This lower grade stock is piling up in local coolers and there are no buyers.

Prime dressed turkeys are selling at 41 to 42 cents today but the undergrades are not being taken sufficiently to establish a definite market.

Considerable comment is heard on just how high the turkey market will go for the Thanksgiving trade. It is generally admitted that the crop is short but prices are already approximately 50 per cent higher now than they were a year ago at this time. Then they were selling at 30 to 32 cents. Today they are selling at 42 cents strong.

Turkey raisers are holding back on their shipments and this is one of the principal bullish factors at this time.

RAIL RATES FROM VALLEY ARE HELD EXCESSIVE NOW

San Francisco, Nov. 18.—(A.P.)—Western Oregon is inadequately provided with transportation and the growers and shippers there are suffering as a result of H. F. Wiggins, rate expert of the Oregon public service commission, testified today in an interstate commerce commission hearing on a petition to increase rail freight rates by 5 per cent. A petition is pending before the commission, he said, for the construction of a line from Eugene to Crane, Ore., to give the western Oregon shippers a more direct route to the eastern markets.

At present, Wiggins testified, the growers in this territory must send their products several hundred miles north or south before they can start them east. Because of this condition higher rail rates would be imposing a great hardship, he said.

Foster Butler, representing the fruit growers of the Willamette valley in Oregon, testified along similar lines adding that the growers are paying up to their limit in freight tariffs now, and that they need relief rather than higher rates.

San Francisco, Nov. 18.—(A.P.)—Sudden big shrinkage in the volume of potato shipments is arousing widespread attention of dealers and of consumers as well. Simultaneously, signs of new strengthening of potato prices are again apparent.

According to a report today by the United States bureau of agricultural economics, the output of potatoes from the principal late producing states has been only 5,500 cars in the last week, about 40 per cent less than the week before, and 1250 cars fewer than for the corresponding period last year. The volume from Idaho is well maintained, but other states show a marked falling-off.

The true picture of the potato supply situation, the report says, is seen by a comparison of the production figures from important groups of states. Compared with the 1924 crop, the present November crop estimate shows a decrease of 70,425,000 bushels in the 19 surplus producing states, and a decrease of 21,491,000 bushels in the 16 deficient producing states, making a total decrease of 101,892,000 bushels in all the late states.

Salem Markets

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

Wholesale Prices
 Grain No. 1 white wheat \$1.36;
 No. 1 red wheat \$1.33 (sacked);
 oats 48¢; hay, oat and vetch
 11¢ ton.

Meat: top hogs 9¢@9 1/2¢; cows
 12 1/2¢; dressed hogs 16¢; top steers
 5¢@6¢; cows \$2.50@3.00; bulls
 2¢@2 1/2¢; spring lambs \$8.00 and
 under 12 1/2¢; heavier 10¢@10 1/2¢;
 dressed veal 11¢.

Poultry: Springers 52¢; light
 hens 15¢@16¢; heavy hens 20¢@21¢;
 old roosters 6¢@8¢; turkeys 2¢;
 live geese 16¢; dressed geese 22¢;
 live ducks 16¢@15¢; dressed ducks
 24¢.

Butterfat 56¢; creamery butter
 37¢; eggs 28¢; cream 46¢; acet-
 acet 56¢; milk \$2.44 cwt.

Vegetables and fruits: oranges
 \$8.00@9.50; lemons \$7.00@9.50;
 grapefruit \$9.00; bananas 9¢@
 apples \$1.00@1.25 box; new pota-
 toes \$2.25; Yukima potatoes \$3.25
 @ 3.75; sacked vegetables; beans
 2¢; carrots 1 1/2¢@2¢; turnips 2 1/2¢;
 local 40¢@80¢; onions, radishes 40¢
 doz; bun.; tomatoes 3¢@3.50 bush-
 el Ore; celery 80¢@1.25 crate;
 green cabbage 1 1/2¢; local caulif-
 lower 1.50@2.50; peppers 6¢@10 lb
 marie 20¢ pound; onions \$2.35; let-
 tuce \$2.25 crate; sweet potatoes
 \$4.00@4.50 10 lb.; cranberries \$5.50
 box; cucumbers 50¢ doz.; 1.00 per
 box; bulk dates 11¢ lb.

SPUD SHORTAGE CAUSES BUYERS MUCH CONCERN

Portland, Nov. 18.—Cattle steady, receipts none; calves none; steers medium \$6.50@7.75; canners and cutters \$4.50@5.50; heifers, common and medium \$4.00@5.50; cows, common and medium \$3.75@5.00; canners and cutters \$1.50@3.25; bulls, good (best yearlings excluded) \$3.75@4.50; common to medium canners and bolog-

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WALL STREET STOCKS SLUMP

New York, Nov. 18.—(A.P.)—Another sharp collapse in stock prices took place in today's market with selling again inspired by fears of a further tightening of money rates and a resultant restriction of credits available for stock market purposes. Efforts to restore speculative confidence on the part of the market by bidding up some of the motor stocks two to five points were quickly abandoned when a gigantic flood of offerings appeared, converting those early gains into losses of 1/2 to 1 1/2 points. Declaration of a 50 per cent stock dividend on common; the decision of the Chrysler directors to split up the stock on a four-for-one basis and lowering of the rental rate on cars from money to 4 1/2 per cent, failed to stem the selling movement which reached its greatest intensity in the early afternoon. Chrysler fell back to 19 1/2, Hudson dropped from 106 to 97 1/2 and Mack trucks from 20 to 21 1/2. U. S. Steel common sold down to 128, American Can to 224, General Electric 284 1/2.

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Portland, Ore., Nov. 18.—Poultry steady; less 5 per cent commission heavy hens 24¢@27¢; light 18¢@19¢; springs 24¢@25¢; young white ducks 22¢@25¢; turkey dressed 41¢@42¢; live 32¢@33¢.

ONIONS AND POTATOES
 Portland, Ore., Nov. 18.—Potatoes steady; new \$2.50@3.00; onions \$1.75.

NUTS, HOPS AND CASCARA
 Portland, Ore., Nov. 18.—Nuts steady; valnuts, No. 1 25¢@35¢; filberts 26¢; almonds 27¢@31¢.

Hops quiet; new crop clusters 24¢@24 1/2¢; fuggles 27¢@28¢.

Cascara bark quiet. Nominal at 6¢@7¢ lb.; Oregon grape root nominal.

STAYTON
 Word has been received here that T. J. Butler, prominent Linn county resident and uncle of Mrs. F. I. Jones of Stayton, died at Albany last Saturday. Mr. Butler is well known in Stayton, having for

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Jones of Stayton attended. The regular meeting of the Stayton Women's Community club will be held at the Foresters' hall at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday. Regular business of the club is on the call Albany, Monday, and Mr. and Mrs. Lendar for the meeting.

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Portland, Ore., Nov. 18.—Wheat: BFB hard white \$1.54; hard white bluestem, hard \$1.52; soft white, western white \$1.48; hard winter, northern spring, western red \$1.45.

Today's car receipts: wheat 102; flour 7; oats 4; hay 4.

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