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Turkey Industry Worried About Threat of Surplus

The Oregon turkey industry is concerned over large numbers of hens being carried nationally that threaten a surplus of breeder stock in 1954, according to Noel Bennion, Oregon State college extension poultry specialist.

The Oregon Turkey Improvement association in a recent Thanksgiving meeting at Salem said it will attempt to move more hens during the remainder of the winter holiday season. More than 175 growers and representatives of allied industries were present.

Walt Schwedler, Portland hatcheryman who recently returned from a turkey advisory committee meeting with Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson, said a five per cent increased carry-over of breeder hens appears possible. This could result in a 10 to 12 per cent larger 1954 turkey crop, he stated—too many to market at a profit for growers.

Oregon turkey breeders and hatcherymen plan only a slight increase of breeder hens, poulters and market birds in 1954, according to recent survey of association members reported by Bennion.

The OSC poultry specialist said the larger national increase will be in the lighter breeds with some decrease in heavy turkeys which may result in better sale for the larger birds.

The survey indicated that 1954 Oregon prices on broad breasted bronze and Belvidere small white hatching eggs and poulters will average about six per cent less than in 1953.

The association approved an on-the-farm test under supervision of the State Department of Agriculture to check rate of growth, feed conversion and livability of various strains of turkeys. The "random sample test" will begin in 1954 in an attempt to stimulate more interest in fast growing turkeys.

Price Schroeder, Milwaukie, is chairman of Oregon's Random Sample Turkey committee.

HAWAIIAN LUNCHEON

Woodburn — A Hawaiian luncheon will be served at noon Thursday, Dec. 3, at the home of Mrs. John Ramage to the members of the Union Home Extension unit at the regular meeting. Members are asked to wear Hawaiian type clothing and accessories.

Movies will be shown during the afternoon. The meeting begins at 10:30 a.m. and professional leaders will be Mrs. Ames Bonacker, Mrs. John Corwell and Mrs. Ramage who will serve the dinner.

Dr. Bennett Guest Speaker

Dr. Thomas Bennett, professor of philosophy at Willamette university, will be guest speaker at an all day meeting of the Oregon United Nations association to be held Saturday on the Lewis and Clark college campus, Portland. It was announced by OUNA President Karlin M. Capper-Johnson of Portland.

Dr. Bennett will speak at a luncheon to be held in conjunction with the statewide meeting. His topic will be "Education in the United Nations."

Several Salem members of the association are expected to attend. They are Mrs. P. Byrd, Mrs. George Rossman, Mrs. Harry Sappenfield and Mrs. Walter Pierce.

The state group was formed in July, 1953, as an affiliate of the American Association for the United Nations.

Annual Meet Of Nut Growers

The 30th annual meeting of the Nut Growers Society of Oregon and Washington will be held at the Multnomah hotel, Portland, Dec. 10-11. All persons interested in the northwest nut industry will be made welcome. Officers of the organization include Clifford L. Skelton, Chilliwack, Wash., president; P. J. Blake, Salem and John Hills, Woodland, Wash., vice presidents.

Topics to be considered Dec. 10 will include: Cleaning filberts of rocks and clods, report on percentage of blanks and crop by districts; discussion of the short crop, producing 4500 pounds of filberts per acre and filbert worm control experiments; fertilizer experiments, control of filbert sprouts with chemical sprays, preparing the land for harvesting.

Friday morning's program will consist of a report of the filbert commission, what the grower can do to improve his grades of filberts and walnuts and several talks on filbert and walnut harvest machines.

North Howell

North Howell — Mr. and Mrs. William Cox spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jackson. On Thursday the group was in Salem and had dinner with Mrs. Jackson's sister, Mrs. M. O. Nickles.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Redding were Saturday evening visitors in Silverton at the home of Mrs. Redding's sister, Mrs. Nettie Noren.

A family dinner was held on Thanksgiving day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hay. Attending were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Leek from Salem and several brothers and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Epe were invited to Bremerton, Wash., Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving at the home of their daughter, Mrs. H. D. Brady.

Their other daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Beals and children, Ronnie and Conale of Bremerton, were also guests for dinner. The Epes returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sawyer were hosts Thanksgiving day to their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stark and children, Nikki and Gary of Sweet Home. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dickman and son, Bruce.

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