

Oregon Is Expected to Double Irrigated Lands in 50 Years

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Oregon, which now has 1,374,707 acres of irrigated land, will bring water to 1,439,170 more acres in the next 50 years, the Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station estimates.

The station made this estimate after a comprehensive land and water survey.

It said there are 3,325,000 acres of cropland that could be classed as irrigable, plus 23 million acres of range and pasture lands.

There isn't enough water available for all of that land, and it wouldn't pay to irrigate a lot of it.

The estimate that the amount of irrigated land will be doubled in the next half century is based on assumptions that present sources of water will remain available, that state and federal water policies won't change, and that the demand for food will shove farm prices high enough to make irrigation profitable.

The Willamette Valley, which now has 80,195 acres of irrigated land, is due for the biggest expansion of any region. The station estimated that 702,000 more acres in the valley will be irrigated in the next 50 years.

Present totals for other regions,

with the estimated amounts to be added in the 50-year period, are: Coastal counties, 10,050 and 29,420; Columbia Basin, 93,542 and 337,710; Blue Mountains, 260,003 and 143,750; South Central Area, 254,959 and 168,920; and Southern Oregon, 75,658 and 66,530.

"Preliminary calculations," the report says, "indicated there is enough water in sight to meet the requirements of the estimated irrigable land by areas as well as the total water need for the state."

"Considerable development through storage and other means will be needed, however, if this water is available for irrigated agriculture."

Youth's Stay Prolonged Behind Prison Walls

Millard Raymond Williams, 19, who could have been paroled had he remained behind the prison walls another four months, was found guilty in Marion county circuit court Tuesday of escaping from a prison work gang July 29.

Williams was captured near Aumsville a few hours after he walked away. He will be sentenced December 27.

NOTES ON THE NEWS



"We're getting kicked out! They're going to use it for a school!"

PHS Research Calling Bids Boost Sought On Ice Harbor

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Welfare Folsom announced yesterday Congress will be asked to increase Public Health Service research funds by 25 to 30 per cent next year.

He told a news conference that the administration also will recommend a new program of federal assistance to medical and dental schools, with federal funds to be matched by the institutions.

In a statement, Folsom said increased research funds would be available to each of seven major research activities in which the Public Health Service now engages. These are mental health, cancer, heart, arthritis, neurological, dental and microbiological.

Total appropriations to the national institutes of health—the research agencies administered by the Public Health Service—are \$97,800,000 this year.

Calling Bids On Ice Harbor

WALLA WALLA (AP)—Army Engineers announced yesterday bids will be called next month for the first major construction work on Ice Harbor Dam on the Snake River.

The first bid call will cover a south shore cofferdam, a temporary dam to block off the river while a section of the dam's base is constructed. Col. Myron Page, Walla Walla district engineer said.

The engineers also will call for bids on turbines early in 1956.

Preliminary work will be started under a 1-million dollar appropriation authorized by Congress.

GIRL FOR FASTS

CLEAR LAKE — Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Fast are the parents of a daughter born Dec. 14. The child weighed 7 lbs., 3 oz. and is named Leann Eileen. She has an older sister, Nancy, and brother, Randy.

Eagles Yule Party

MOLALA — A Christmas party and family night for Eagles and their families was held with a potluck dinner for about 40 Friday night in the Eagles Hall. There was a Christmas tree and Mrs. Edna Ricksger and Mrs. Ann Koos passed out many gifts. Mrs. Myrtle Carroll's son and Mrs. Vi Smith's daughter played accordion numbers. Mrs. Helen Turnbow, president of the Eagles auxiliary who planned the evening, was in charge. Several games were played. The next regular auxiliary meeting is scheduled for Friday evening, December 23.

USDA Raises Wheat and Corn Figures in Final '55 Report

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Agriculture Department, in a final report for the year, Tuesday estimated this year's wheat crop at 3,038,150,000 bushels and the corn crop at 3,184,836,000 bushels.

The wheat estimate, 22,531,000 bushels more than last month's forecast of 3,015,619,000 bushels and compares with the government's goal of about 3,000,000,000 bushels.

A revised estimate put last year's wheat crop at 2,843,546,000 bushels and the 10-year average at 1,154,073,000 bushels.

The corn estimate is 1,996,000 bushels more than the department's November forecast of 3,182,870,000 bushels and compares with the government's production goal of 3,000,000,000 bushels.

The wheat estimate included 705,372,000 bushels of winter wheat compared with 694,349,000 last year and 667,200,000 for the 10-year average, and 232,784,000 bushels of spring wheat compared with 180,497,000 last year and 206,683,000 for the 10-year average.

The spring wheat crop was broken down further with 20,599,000 bushels of durum wheat compared with 5,124,000 last year and 31,432,000 for the 10-year average, and 212,189,000 bushels of spring wheat other than durum compared with 175,373,000 last year and 253,251,000 for the 10-year average.

The production of other crops this year compared with last month's estimate, last year's revised estimate and the 10-year average, respectively, included:

Oats 1,573,736,000 bushels for fi-

Sugar beets 12,498,000 tons; 12,474,000; 14,065,000 and 10,431,000.

Hops 36,874,000 pounds; 37,100,000; 43,477,000 and 53,621,000.

Apples (Commercial) 15,293,000 bushels; 104,813,000; 109,654,000 and 106,402,000.

Peaches 51,911,000 bushels; 50,529,000; 61,376,000 and 68,767,000.

Pears 30,511,000 bushels; 30,143,000; 30,434,000 and 30,929,000.

Grapes 3,174,000 tons; 3,133,000; 2,569,000 and 2,925,000.

Cherries 268,000 tons; 270,000; 26,000 and 211,000.

Apricots 263,000 tons; 238,000; 153,000 and 234,000.

Dry peas 2,793,000 bags; 2,833,000; 3,491,000 and 4,764,000.

Potatoes 381,631,000 bushels; 483,771,000; 336,031,000 and 401,146,000.

Sweet potatoes 38,406,000 bushels; 38,101,000; 20,131,000 and 951,000.

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