



# Farm Garden



## Farm Prices Continue To Advance Which Brings Better "Look" To Rural Areas Across The Nation

Prices for farm products continue to advance, according to the weekly farm price, crops and weather review prepared by the OSC extension service from USDA reports and other data.

**Farm Prices Back to November, 1948, Level:** The general level of farm prices throughout the country rose one-half per cent during the month ending August 15th. At that date, it had reached the highest level since November, 1938, and was nearly 9 1/2 per cent above a year ago.

**Increase in Both Crop and Livestock Items:** Since mid-August of 1949, the trend in both crops and livestock has been in the same direction. The index of crop prices has advanced 23 points during the past 12 months, while livestock has come up 21 points. **Farm Living Costs Advance:** A continued increase in farm living costs was responsible for the advance in the parity index. Prices for most consumer goods advanced from July to August of this year. The index of prices paid for commodities used in production held unchanged as increases in lumber and feeds were offset by decreased in feeder livestock.

**Parity Ration Unchanged:** The parity ratio of farm products held unchanged during the month at 103. That is five points above mid-August, 1949, but 19 points below the record high reached in mid-October, 1946.

**Oregon Prices Also Higher:** A

quick look at the way things are going in Oregon shows a trend similar to that of the rest of the Nation. Prices received by Oregon farmers advanced, on the average, about one per cent during the month ending August 15th. Oregon farm prices on that date averaged about 10 per cent higher than a year earlier and a third above the ten-year period from 1940 to 1949.

**Argentine Wheat Acreage Up:** From present indications, more wheat will be available for export from Southern hemisphere countries this season compared to a year ago. The Argentine wheat acreage is higher and will more than offset a small reduction in Australia. The Argentine acreage, for the 1950-51 crop, is intended to be 15 to 20 per cent higher. This will increase Argentina's wheat acreage to over 16 million acres. Australia's wheat acreage is down a little from last year and is expected to total over 12 million acres.

**Spring Wheat Harvest Drawing To Close:** The Nation's wheat harvest is drawing to a close. The last remaining part of the spring wheat crop is making rapid progress toward completion. Rust damage to the bread wheats in

the northern Great Plains is not as great as was feared at first. However, last seedings of Durum wheat appear likely to be damaged considerably. The protein content of spring wheat is running lower than last season.

**Corn Belt Continues Cool:** Cool weather continues throughout the corn belt. The crop is still late compared to last year. There is considerable fear of frost damage for this year's crop. The oat crop is rapidly coming to a close for this year's harvest. Marketings have been heavy, for this commodity.

## Milk To Cost More In County

A hearing on Coos bay area milk prices is expected to be called before the end of this month, according to William Durbin, Oregon milk control board representative.

Local producers and distributors agreed Monday to boost the retail price of milk from 20 to 22 cents a quart for milk in glass bottles.

Durbin said the milk control board has no authority to set maximum prices, but the usual practice is for retailers to sell milk at the minimum price set by the board. The present legal minimum prices are 18 cents a quart wholesale and 20 cents retail, he said.

Through a combination of \$1.85 a hundredweight for milk and \$1.18 more a pound for fat, Durbin said producers in this area actually receive \$6.57 a hundredweight. In Roseburg, where the established retail price is 21 1/2 cents, producers receive \$5.96 a hundredweight.

## Livestock Show Sets Over \$22,000 In Cash Prizes

**NORTH PORTLAND (Special)** More than \$22,000 in cash awards will give the Pacific International Livestock Exposition Oct. 6-14, the West's finest horse show of the year, according to Horse Show Manager Harrison Cutler.

He said the large amount of cash offered will attract outstanding horses from California, Utah, Idaho, Washington, Texas, Colorado, Nevada and New Mexico. At least 300 horses will be on hand.

U. S. Senator Wayne Morse already has entered Sir Laurel Guy and will come from Washington to drive the roadster personally.

Outstanding cutting horses from scattered states will be seen in a contest that proved so popular in its initial showing at the Pacific International last year. These highly trained horses select a cow from a herd at the end of the arena and match every move of the cow in preventing its frantic efforts to return to the herd.

Feature of the Horse Show this year will be championship indoor polo with three-man teams. Boise, Yakima, Spokane and Portland are already entered and a fifth squad will round out the tournament.

## Land Exchanged By O & C Board

Two more land exchanges involving Bureau of Land Management lands in the Coos county classified grazing area have been approved. Information received by the Bureau of Land Management office in Coos Bay shows that 920 acres of Coos Bay Wagon Lands involved in two separate land exchanges are to be patented.

District Forester Youngbold announces that 560 acres of Coos Bay Wagon Road lands in the Lee valley have been authorized to be patented to W. H. Hervey and 360 acres of land on Budd been authorized for patenting to Amzy Mintonye.

The Bureau of Land Management received equal value of forest land in the East Fork Coquille and the Coos River drainages. The land received by the exchanges will be devoted to the production of forest products and all the rules and regulations now in effect under the O. & C. Act of 1937 will apply to these lands.

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## Douglas Fir Mills Cut Record Production Of 6.863 Billion Board Feet In 1950

**PORTLAND, SEPTEMBER 21—(Special)**—At the end of eight months of 1950, with a production of 6.863 billion board feet of lumber already cut, Douglas fir mills of Oregon and Washington appear certain to reach an all-time record of 10.5 billion feet by year end. H. V. Simpson, executive vice president of the West Coast Lumbermen's association, said today.

Production of 10.5 billion feet this year, Simpson stated, would be 34 per cent greater than the cut of 7.8 billion feet in 1946, the year applied to industry.

A retarding factor to further production increases this year, the lumber leader pointed out, is the paralyzing freight car shortage which is costing the fir industry an estimated 60 million feet of lumber production a week. The car shortage is most severe in Oregon and Northern California where the greatest expansion in lumber production has occurred since 1946 and where increased output would normally develop.

If the lumber can be shipped, Simpson forecast, the Douglas fir mills will be able to care for all demands of military and defense, for essential industry and still have ample quantities of lumber to supply the needs of booming construction.

The weekly average of West Coast lumber production in August was 241,839,000 b. f. or 147.4 per cent of the 1945-1949 average. Orders averaged 222,384,000 b. f.; Shipment 206,958,000 b. f.; Weekly averages for July were: Production 184,871,000 (112.7 per cent of the 19 49-1949 average); Orders 207,661,000 b. f.; Shipments 176,977,000 b. f.

Thirty-five weeks of 1950 cumulative production 6,863,301,000 b. f.; Thirty-five weeks of 1949, weeks of 1948, 6,442,942,000.

Orders for thirty-five weeks of 1950 breakdown as follows: Rail 4,857,106,000 b. f.; Truck 359,092,000 b. f.; Domestic Cargo 1,741,078,000 b. f.; Export 139,993,000 b. f.; Local 454,354,000 b. f.

The industry's unfilled order stood at 1,060,231,000 b. f. at the end of August; Gross Stocks at 785,533,000 b. f.

## Living Fence Plantings Made Available

Multiflora rose stock is being offered for fall planting on western Oregon farms by the Oregon State Game commission. In the Midwest, multiflora rose has already proven highly popular as a living stock-proof fence and as food and cover for wildlife.

Interested persons should contact Game commission offices in Portland, Albany, or Roseburg prior to October 1 in order to be assured of planting stock. The

multiflora rose will be available in November.

A game agent will visit each interested landowner to determine the suitability of the planting site and to see if wildlife will also benefit. Upon acceptance of a planting, the landowner should prepare the ground. The game agent will then assist in the actual planting which is made without charge to the landowner.

Multiflora was used as root

stock for budded roses before its value as a living fence was first recognized by the Soil Conservation service. Mature plants may grow to be eight to ten feet high and eight feet wide. This rose does not spread from roots or runners, and for this reason crops may be grown to the very edge of a multiflora fence. A mature multiflora rose fence forms an impenetrable barrier for all livestock except hogs and chickens.

## Weeds Get Frown Of Grangers

Weed control as it applies particularly to this area was discussed Friday at a meeting of Coquille Grange, held in the junior auditorium of the Community building. Leading the discussion was Henry George, chairman of the agricultural committee, who urged that farmers in the area aid in the control of tansy ragwort and thistle. Reports were heard from the

Home Economics club, which will sponsor a float for the fall festival, and the history committee, which has the Coquille Grange history almost completed.

Glen Ray, captain of the drill team for the Coos county fair, was thanked for his work.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Gaslin were given the fourth degree.

A booster night program will be arranged for October 13.

On the committee in charge of the arrangements are Mrs. John Martin, Mrs. Henry George, Mrs. Fred Wheaton, Earl Cross and Mrs. Walter Laird.

It was announced that the Grange Home Economics club will meet for a potluck dinner at the home of Mrs. Elsie Wheaton on October 6.

Nearly three-fourths of the 2,368,238 veterans on Veterans Administration disability compensation rolls, as of June 30, 1950, served in World War II. The World War II veterans numbered 1,701,019.

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