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- Estimated number of farm families growing gardens before the war, 400.
- Estimated increased size of gardens now in comparison with farm gardens on the same farms before the war, 50%.
- Estimated total number of city and town gardens in 1943, 400.
- Estimated percentage of increase in 1943 in the number of town and city garden in the county, 100%.

The Extension Office has maintained a supply of mouse poison for towns people and ranchers throughout out the year. The severe infestation of field mice which has been progressing throughout different areas of the county for the last two years had subsided by the fall of 1943. Damage done by this infestation to rangeland will take many years to repair.

December 1, 1947 – November 30, 1948

- The Grant County Extension Office has continued throughout the past year to occupy a position of responsibility in the agricultural economy of the County. During the reporting period there were 2,533 office callers recorded, a total of 3,242 telephone calls received, 348 bulletins distributed and 767 farm visits made by the County Agent in carrying on the Extension Program.
- Soil Fertility: 96,000 pounds of superphosphate, 34,000 pounds of ammonium sulphate and 60,000 pounds of sulphur were applied during the year.
- Erosion Control: channel changing has been the major erosion control project with 75,235 linear feet of channel being changed. 53 erosion dams were also constructed to hold back water and prevent cutting.
- The squirrel poisoning program organized in Grant County proved to be very effective this year. 1,109 pounds of bait was purchased through the Pocatello Supply Depot and distributed to ranchers. Another 3,391 pounds was spread by a crew directly under the supervision of the County Extension Agent. This crew was paid from funds from Fish and Wildlife Service, the Forest Service, ranchers and State funds.

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- The County Extension Agent attended the 4-H Summer Session for the first week and assisted with the administration of Summer School program. One day was spent at the State Fair judging sheep showmanship contest, 6 days were spent at P.I. helping with the 4-H program and 2 days were spent at the Wheat League Show at The Dalles. The County Extension Agent also judged the 4-H exhibits at the Wasco County Fair.

Oregon's top 10 commodities: 2013

Rank	Commodity	Value (\$)
1	Greenhouse & nursery*	745,162,000
2	Cattle & calves	669,090,000
3	Hay	634,456,000
4	Milk	532,968,000
5	Grass seed*	411,056,000
6	Wheat	411,056,000
7	Potatoes	170,498,000
8	Onions, storage	143,256,000
9	Hazelnuts	120,600,000
10	Pears	111,117,000

\*2012 OSU Estimate

Oregon's top producing counties: 2012

Crop	County	Gross Sales
Potatoes (cwt)	Umatilla	8,250,000
Wheat (bushels)	Umatilla	18,236,200

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- Secretary of 4-H Leaders Association.
- Secretary and Committee member of John Day Chamber of commerce Agricultural Committee and Youth Committee.
- Secretary of Junior Rodeo Committee.
- Secretary of Grant County Planning Board.
- Manager and Secretary of Grant County Fair.
- Secretary of Joint Agricultural Committee of John Day-Prairie City Chambers of Commerce.
- Grant County Horticultural Inspector.
- The interest in weed control by ranchers is excellent. This has been brought about by the promotion and enthusiasm exerted by the Range Committee and the fact that the PMA County Committee has set up in their rules for the past two years that no payments will be made on a ranch where noxious

calls received, 837 bulletins distributed and 751 farm visits made.

- Activities taken part in by the County Extension Agent during the reporting period included the following:
  - Regular Extension Work.
  - Secretary of Monument Soil Conservation District.
  - Secretary of the following committees of the Grant County Stockgrowers Association: Wildlife, Predatory And and Rodent Control; Disease and Pest Control; 4-H Livestock; Legislative and Public Relations; Marketing; Bull Sale; Range and Weed Control.
  - Secretary of Grant County Agricultural Planning Committee.
  - Secretary of the following sub-committees: Farm Home and Rural Life; Crops and Land use.
  - Chairman of Agricultural Committee of Pomona Grange.

weeds are not controlled and to setting up practice payments for noxious weed control.

- The biggest source of infestation left in the county is on Forest Service Lands. At present they still do not have

funds for spraying weeds on Forest lands but this is being worked on and it is hoped by 1954 these weeds will also be sprayed. These weeds are a serious source of contention due to the fact that they are on upper drainages.

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