

OREGON OUTLOOK REPORT IS ISSUED

Increased Demand for Farm Products Predicted for 1931-1932 Season.

Oregon State College.—With the improvement in business conditions which seems fairly certain during the 1931-32 marketing year, the demand for farm products is also expected to increase says L. R. Breithaupt, economist of the Oregon Extension service, who has just released the Oregon Outlook Report. It is in two sections—the first dealing principally with livestock enterprises, and the second the crops and horticulture outlook.

The Oregon report, based on information gathered from every county of the state, in addition to the conclusions of the national outlook conference is available in mimeographed form from county agents or direct from the state college.

Although improvement in poultry prices may not reasonably be expected before late in 1931 or early 1932, successful commercial poultrymen of this state will do better to increase rather than decrease their flocks, believes A. G. Lunn, head of the poultry department.

The comment by P. M. Brandt, head of the dairy department, was to the effect that "in general expansion in Oregon should be recommended only where production costs are most favorable." He points out that an accurate, careful check on production costs by individual dairymen is now of more importance than ever. Many Oregon dairymen, he says, have already reduced production costs to the point where satisfactory profits are obtained even under present conditions, while others could not make dairying profitable if prices were doubled.

Outlook for turkeys, beef cattle, hogs, sheep and wool, mohair and a number of other commodities are also reported in the first section of the report, while the second deals with wheat and other farm crops.

Farm Wheat Control Is Successful Says Speaker

Walla Walla.—Tests made in Columbia and Whitman counties by the sponsors of the so-called Dayton plan of wheat surplus control have proved so successful that the sponsors are certain that it will prove the ultimate solution of the wheat growers' problems, J. J. Edwards, Dayton merchant, told the chamber of commerce Tuesday.

The project seeks ultimately to pledge through contracts wheat growers of the nation to retain 25 per cent of each year's production on the farms. Edwards declared that the support of the North Pacific Grain Growers, Inc., representative unit of the farm board in this section, and of Chairman Legge of the board, was assured.

Ninety per cent of the growers of Columbia county have pledged themselves to enter this contractual status of control, Edwards said.

Bull Injures Farmer
Pinned to the earth by a young Jersey bull he was attempting to lead to water, Henry Girod, proprietor of the Maple dairy, at Brooks, Oregon, suffered a bump on his head, a cut on one arm and a bruised leg. His call for help brought another farmer to his rescue.

Real Estate

Wheat Alfalfa and Stock Land

SHEEP FOR SALE

L. L. Montague, Arlington

Collective Selling Aids in Acquiring Facilities for the Marketing of Farm Crops

(By Orris Dorman, North Pacific Grain Growers, Inc.)

At the Walla Walla conference, the question was repeatedly asked, "What does our organization offer farmers that should induce them to join with us?"

Is it not better to sell collectively, having our own agencies seeking the best possible market for our wheat, rather than that a million farmers offer their individual crops in daily competition one with the other? It is conceded by everyone that through the activity of farmer-owned agencies, wheat is selling at from 12c to 20c per bushel above the world market, notwithstanding the depressing influence of an enormous surplus. Can we not see in that material benefits from farmer cooperation?

During past months, when other buyers were in and out of the market (mostly out) your own agencies afforded you a market on every day. In a few cases buyers, having a limited milling demand, have entered the market for small lots of grain with attractive offers, but in no respect have they offered you a sustained, dependable market for a large volume of grain. Had we all been competing in the effort to sell to these intermittent buyers, what kind of a market do you think we would have had? What influence would have sustained the market under such conditions? Orderly cooperative marketing of the wheat crop during the past few months has added untold millions to its value and it should not be necessary to argue the point. It has demonstrated the value of collective bargaining beyond the possibility of a doubt.

It is complained that the farmer, not cooperating, receives more benefits from our marketing agencies than do our members. It might be true in a few isolated cases only. As a rule the member is receiving a little better price than the man on the outside, to say nothing of the very substantial investment the member is making in facilities for handling his grain and in the permanent financing of his marketing agencies that promise to serve him continuously.

The organized fruit growers of California and of our own Northwest states have been of untold value to the industry, yet all of the growers have not cooperated. The failure of a few to cooperate does not mean that cooperation is a failure. When George Washington's patriots were fighting for liberty and starving in their winter quarters at Valley Forge, their neighbors were selling food to the English army, but that did not argue that the war for independence should not have been fought and won.

Cooperating wheat growers in many places have a large investment in elevators and other facilities built up largely through saving to themselves the profits in handling their grain. In some cases the value of such facilities amounts to ten times the original investment. One cooperator recently said that the visible assets of his organization were but a small part of the profits it had returned to the members through efficient marketing service.

The building of warehouses and elevators, as some of our locals have done, through the small investment made by operation is a long and tedious process. The acquiring of these facilities as speedily as possible is everywhere recognized as being necessary to successful local cooperation. Every farmer is under obligation to join a local organization and do what he can to aid in the effort to acquire facilities. They save the farmer a lot of money in the handling of his crop and are a valuable aid in marketing. Through our system of organization a large volume of credit is made available to use for financing grain handling facilities in a short period of time.

In every activity of marketing, financing and handling your crops, our organizations offer and perform a dependable, efficient and generally satisfactory service. At the be-

ginning of the present marketing season there was literally a flood of grain rolling into every market, plenty to overwhelm every buyer and marketing agency and glut every market in the country. In the city of Spokane there were as high as 200 cars of Montana grain on track day after day. Our cooperative marketing agencies grappled with this flood of grain with a boldness and determination heretofore unknown. It was a task to stem the tide of disaster seemingly beyond the powers of men and organizations. Every buyer, broker and news agency foresaw and predicted a disastrous panic in the grain markets the world over. Our agencies bought as high as 9,000,000 bushels of grain day after day. It was not within the possibilities to maintain a reasonable profitable level of prices. The wonder is that they could maintain any prices whatever. What kind of reasoning to question the services rendered? What the chance of honest judgment to offer criticism? Can anyone say that a good effort on behalf of grain growers has not been made? If the effort to organize our marketing is a mistake, the judgments of presidents and congresses for over 20 years are faulty. If we have not a farm problem demanding this effort, 99 per cent of your neighbors and friends are mistaken. Organized every day life in the home, the church, and the community round about us commends cooperation. The farmers' marketing problem has no other agency at its service. It took a great many years to get the agricultural Marketing Act and it avails nothing to stand by and say that it is not what we need. It is the only marketing agency making an effort in our behalf, and until it is given a fair trial we need expect no other. It is the only agency of large enough influence to undertake anything in the way of surplus control and that is a problem vital to agricultural success.

It is the only agency dealing with the undertaking to educate farmers in the field of marketing, a field that has never been cultivated, and in which there are greater possibilities of production than in any other.

Ranger Irwin Reports Low Moisture Content
J. F. Irwin, Umatilla forest supervisor with headquarters in Pendleton, reports that the small amount of water in the snow that has fallen in the Umatilla National forest makes the outlook on the condition of the range far from encouraging for the coming season.

At North Jones Prairie in Morrow county, head of Five Mile branch of the John Day, there is 22.2 inches of snow with 6.1 inches of water content being about the same as last year when there was 15.5 inches of snow with 6.4 inches of water. This indicates another low water year in Butter Creek.

The Walla Walla Tanks station has 17.3 inches of snow with 5.4 inches of water as against last year which had 16.7 inches of snow with 3.3 inches of water. There is 46 inches of snow with 14.1 inches of water at Toll Gate summit.

Mr. Irwin stated that the cause for the small amount of water even though the snow is about the same depth as last year, is the dryness of the fall. Early fall snows, when the weather is comparatively warm, contain a lot more water than the later snows which fall when the weather is quite cold.

The condition of the grazing ranges in the Umatilla forest will naturally suffer from this lack of moisture, Mr. Irwin said.

Entertaining Program
See Africa with the Cohens and Kellys! Not a Cook's tour but the funniest comedy Charlie Murray and George Sidney have ever made for the silver screen. The Vox Theatre has announced the coming of "The Cohens and Kellys in Africa" which will be the feature attraction beginning Friday, February 20th. Initiating Universal's hilarious series with "The Cohens and Kellys" Murray and Sidney, and Vera Gordon and Kate Price have left a trail of laughter which has been doubled and trebled with each successive picture. If their adventures and antics in Atlantic City, Paris and Scotland were funny, their escapades in Africa are to be considered a perfect riot.

Want Uniform Statute
A uniform warehouse act for Oregon, Washington and Idaho is advocated in a house joint resolution introduced by Representative Swift of Baker and adopted by the house. The resolution calls for appointment of a committee of two representatives and one senator from Oregon to confer with similar committees of the Washington and Idaho legislatures in an effort to draft a uniform code.

Musk Oxen Are Pets
Fairbanks, Alaska.—Too much mollycoddling has spoiled the taste for wild life of 34 young musk oxen which recently arrived at Fairbanks from Greenland. To the surprise of I. A. Palmer, biological official in charge of their extensive inclosure, they come to his beck and call every morning for their bran mash and alfalfa hay.

High School Notes

Fever Symptoms (Marjorie Douglas)

Spring is almost here with its multitude of duties, flowers, and birds. The pussy willows are out and several robins have been seen. The spring gardens will soon be spaded and planted. Of course this will mean weeds which will have to be gotten with a hoe. Then is the time when the workers will begin to complain about broken backs and blistered hands. The nice fresh, damp earth will be fairly brimming with angle worms for the fisherman. Then the school student feels like playing hockey, but doesn't dare for fear that the principal and teachers have never liked to fish. It might be a good idea to put the boys to raking yards after school. The fresh spring air will make them feel like doing something, and raking would help keep them in shape for the next school sport since basketball is about over. The girls will be enlisted in the service of housecleaning. The farmers have their tractors repaired, so they will be ready to start the spring work. They will soon be heard chugging away night and day. And it is only February!

Lincoln Assembly Held
An assembly was held February 12th, in honor of Abraham Lincoln. A few short talks were given by the students. These were: "The Boyhood of Lincoln," Aaron Douglas; "Lincoln-Douglas Debates," Marjorie Douglas; "Lincoln During the War," Mildred Hansell; "Captain My Captain," a reading, Natelle Miller; and "Death of Lincoln," Betty Eager.

A few patriotic songs were sung and the high school students went to their fourth period classes.

Band
The band is working on their numbers for the vodvil show. More rehearsals are now being held weekly and the band is advancing rapidly in mastering the mysteries of the sharp and the flat. Each member is working very hard; his efforts can be detected among other evening and sun-down noises.

Band Plays for Lodge
Last evening the band made an appearance at the anniversary program of the Knights of Pythias lodge. The following numbers were played: Melody, Strifren; "Amaryllis" Gavotte, Ghys; America.

Glee Club
The glee club is rapidly organizing its numbers for the coming vodvil show. The boys and girls are practicing, as a group, their parts separately as well as together. The club has also practiced the selections required for the state music contest with very pleasing results.

Classes
The senior class held a meeting on Wednesday, February 11, and discussed the school gift and the class flower.

Grades
The pupils of the first grade are starting on their fourth book. The third and fourth grades entertained at a Valentine's party the first and second grades Friday afternoon. Games were enjoyed by all and at the close refreshments consisting of sandwiches, pickles, cookies and milk were served.

Grizzlies Win Hard Battle
The Grizwold high school of Helix defeated the Athena quintet Friday evening, February 13, on the Helix floor by a score of 25 to 10. The Grizzlies took the lead by making the first basket and the Athena locals were not able to overcome the lead. Both teams played hard and checked closely. The Athena boys were unable to locate the basket and were off, which gave the Grizzlies the advantage. Crowley of Athena was high point man making 8 points.

The lineup was as follows: Hansell and E. Rogers, guards; Lowell Jenkins and Crowley, forwards; Huffman, center; Geissel, Rogers, Murphy, Pickett, Weber, Campbell and Jenkins, substitutes.

Pendleton Defeats Athena
A basketball game which proved to be an exciting game, although slow in the first half, resulted in a score of 18-33 in favor of Pendleton, Saturday night.

It seems that Athena could not get started in the first half. At the half last Saturday night the score was 19-2 in Pendleton's favor. In the second half Athena showed real basketball ability and succeeded in making 16 points to Pendleton's 14 which left the score 18-33.

Crowley was high point man for Athena with 10 points.
Athena 18 Pendleton 33
Lowell Jenkins.....F.....Erwin
Crowley.....F.....Stroble
Huffman.....C.....Hill
Rogers.....G.....Tergeson
Leland Jenkins.....G.....Witherell
Substitutes for Athena were Weber, Geissel and Pickett.

Athena Fresh Defeat Pendleton
The freshmen of Athena defeated the freshmen of Pendleton, Saturday evening, February 14, on the home floor by a score of 15-8. The freshmen of Athena took the lead but were soon overcome by the Pendleton group. Both teams played hard and fast. At the half the score was 4-4. The second half found the Athena

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freshmen looping the ball through the basket which the Pendleton boys could not stop. Geissel of Athena being high point man making all the Athena score.

The lineup was as follows: Geissel, Rogers, forwards; Singer, Campbell, guards; Weber, center; Murphy, Bud Miller Substitutes.

Helix Girls Defeat Athena Girls
The Athena girls' basketball team was defeated by the Helix girls, last Friday, on the Helix floor. The first half was a close, hard fought battle. In the last two quarters Alma Karstens, star Helix forward, began to find the loop at too frequent intervals. The lineup for Athena was: forwards, Myrick, Campbell; centers, V. Ross, Douglas; guards, M. J. Miller, Goldie Miller; substitutes, Barrett, Taylor, Trump and Weaver.

Livestock Producer Is Favored in Amendment

Salem.—The house adopted an amendment to the "gasoline cowboy" act of 1929, by which the producer would be permitted to enter into the competitive resale trade along with the retailer.

Under the amendment a producer may dispose of his stock by securing from the sheriff of his county a tag, for which a fee of 10 cents is charged, and which shall be held as proof that a carcass has been sold. The original act prohibited the producer from selling to anyone other than a licensed retail meat dealer, but the amendment opens the way for him to increase his trade.

Idaho Ships Food
Idaho shipments of food to the drought areas for distribution by the Red Cross amount to 50 carloads already and are likely to exceed 60 carloads before February 19 when the free freight privileges end, Lee Johns, commissioner of agriculture estimated.

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