

State Grange Backs Move to Remove Slaughter Quota

The Oregon State Grange has wired both Senators Morse and Cordon, requesting them to give their full support to the Patman amendment to the law extending the life of OPA, which would remove slaughtering quotas from Class II slaughtering plants and would permit non-federally inspected meat to move in interstate commerce.

"If this amendment is enacted into law, one of the biggest hurdles in the meat production program will be cleared," stated Morton Tompkins, State Grange Master, in announcing that the Grange is supporting the amendment. "Bottleneck in the meat picture for the past several years has been the disinclination of the large packers to slaughter to capacity and the inability of the small, Class II killers to operate in that manner due to quota limitations.

"There is plenty of meat in the country, but most of it is on the hoof, backing up on the farms when it should be on its way to market. With the large packers deliberately operating at from 25 to 40 percent of capacity and with small plants limited by arbitrary and unnecessary quota restrictions, it is small wonder that producers have been unable to carry forward an orderly marketing program.

"As long as two years ago, the Oregon State Grange urged that these larger plants be forced to operate at full capacity, even if it became necessary to have the army take over the plants. We felt then and we feel now that in wartime the farmer's responsibility ends when he has his livestock ready for market. At that time a market should be waiting for him. If the large packers had lived up to their responsibility, there would always have been a market. They did not, so, in my opinion, it is high time to remove slaughtering quotas from the smaller plants and let them show the public what can and should be done."

More Crawler Tractors Due, Still Too Few

Oregon's third quarter allocation of crawler tractors, although larger than for any quarter since rationing began, still is considerably short of the number needed by farmers who depend on crawlers for power, according to a report from the state AAA committee.

The quota for July, August and September is 92 machines, 20 more than for the previous quarter. Applications now on hand are more than sufficient to take up the entire quota. In most cases, consideration can be given only to applications for new equipment to replace worn-out crawlers, state AAA officials say.

Grain, Hay Crops Rank High in State

Oregon's grain and hay crops still constitute the most important group of farm products in terms of both acres of land used and sales value, though the relative importance has declined steadily as the state has diversified its agriculture.

This fact is emphasized in the latest statistical yearbook dealing with this crop just issued by the U.S.C. Extension service as Extension Bulletin 654. It contains state estimates of acreages, production, price and income by periods from 1869 to 1944. Certain county estimates are also included in this report compiled cooperatively by the Extension service and the U.S.D.A.

In 1944 the value of marketings of grain and hay crops amounted to around 13 to 14 per cent of the total value of all farm scales of crop and animal products, the bulletin shows. This compares with approximately 15.9 per cent during the 1935-39 period and 23.3 per cent in 1926-30.

Wheat is the most important cash crop in the group with all but two of Oregon's 36 counties harvesting wheat for grain. These two are Curry and Tillamook. Five leading counties of the Columbia basin have in recent years produced more than half of the state crop, and in 1943, 99 per cent of the wheat for grain was grown in eastern Oregon. Umatilla leads all counties by a wide margin with 177,000 acres in 1943, followed by Sherman, 98,000; Gilliam, 97,500; Morrow, 93,000, and Wasco, 55,000.

Farm Lumber Quota Is Slightly Raised

Oregon has been given a quota of eight million board feet of lumber for farm construction, maintenance and repair during July, August and September, reports N. C. Donaldson, executive assistant to the state AAA committee.

Although the third quarter lumber allocation is slightly larger than that of the previous three months, Donaldson said that it will not be enough to take care of all farm needs. Increased demand because of recent easing of WPB restrictions on building will more than offset the increased quota, he believes.

The lumber is distributed for essential farm uses on AA-2 and AA-3 preference rating certificates issued by county AAA committees. No certificates can be issued for lumber to be used in construction or remodeling of farm dwellings, except for emergency construction to replace farmhouses destroyed by fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Faber are expecting guests Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Ramsey of Albany and Mrs. Belzina Newman of Salem, the last of this week.



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PEAR THINNING NOW ON—

Thinning is now the order of the day in the pear orchards. It is estimated about 200 boys, girls and adults are engaged in the work.

The pear crop is developing favorably under present weather conditions with but little blight reported, growers say. It is anticipated picking of Bartletts, the first crop, will start between August 10 and 15 in most of the orchards. The Bartlett crop is larger than last year.

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Health Officer Reports Sickness in County

One case each of scarlet fever and undulant fever and two of amebic dysentery were reported during the week ending June 22 according to the office of the county health officer, Dr. A. Erin Merkel. The undulant fever is the second reported recently but according to Dr. Merkel, both are very old cases just now determined and both are extremely light. The scarlet fever and undulant fever were reported from Medford and the two cases of dysentery from Ashland.

Also reported were two cases of whooping cough, one in Medford and

one in Gold Hill; five cases of chicken pox in Medford and one case of measles here.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Killura received a letter from their son, Junior written June 11. They were happy to hear from him as they knew he was in the thick of the fighting.

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