

Better Markets Are Predicted for 1950

Oregon's fruit and nut crops are expected to find somewhat better market conditions in 1950 than existed in 1949 according to the latest agricultural situation and outlook circular issued by the Oregon State college extension service. The circular is ready for distribution by county extension agents.

What happens to national income will have much effect on prices, but prospects beyond 1950 are more favorable for fruits than for nut crops because nut production will increase faster, according to L. R. Breithaupt and M. D. Thomas, extension economists.

Large crops in Oregon and the nation sent prices tumbling in 1949 but production in 1950 is likely to be smaller. Carryover of canned and frozen fruits at the start of the processing season is also expected to be less than last spring. Retail prices of canned fruits have been low compared to other foods.

Fruit production in this country has almost doubled in the last 3 years but the bearing acreage declined a little. The sharp decline in apple and prune acreage is now being reflected in smaller crops. Further increases in national production of pears, peaches, cherries, oranges, and all kinds of tree nuts are expected. Strawberry market prospects are considered favorable but production may soon be back to the prewar level. Except for gooseberries, production of other small

fruits is up to or above the prewar average.

Altogether, the outlook report contains three charts, several tables, and sections discussing the immediate and long-term prospects fruit and nut crops which have been worth around \$30,000,000 to Oregon growers in each of the last two years.

Airplane Dusters and Sprayers to Meet

To see ways of using the airplane more efficiently in the state's agriculture, airplane dusting and spray operators will meet with research and extension service personnel at Oregon State college Monday, February 20, announces W. L. Teutsch, extension service assistant director.

The one-day meeting, starting at 9:30 a.m. in the campus Memorial Union building, will be sponsored jointly by the Oregon Flying Farmers, Oregon state board of aeronautics, and the Oregon Aerial Dusters.

Including 100,000 acres of forests which were sprayed to control tree pests, Teutsch estimates that 360,000 acres were covered this past year in some type of air operation related to agriculture. This includes applying weed sprays, fertilizer applications, and spraying and dusting for insects.

Chairman of the morning session will be Claude Williams, Prineville, president of the Oregon Flying Farmers. The afternoon will be headed by Richard Williams, Portland, president of the Oregon Aerial Dusters. Dr. A. L. Strand, president of O.S.C., will discuss work underway at the college to bring together research and extension work with airplane use.

Forest insect control will be discussed by Robert L. Furniss, Portland, USDA entomologist. Effects of insecticide applications on bees will be told by Dr. H. A. Souton, O.S.C. experiment station entomologist.

Other topics to be discussed include Oregon's major insects and insect control measures, mosquito control from the air, aircraft equipment for dusting and spraying, and pilot safety.

Virgil Freed, O.S.C. experiment station agronomist in charge of weed control work, will speak on newest developments in herbicides.

James M. Sutherlin Is Buried Wednesday

Services were held Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 in the Litwiller funeral home in Ashland for James Marion Sutherlin, 45, 147 Nutley street, Ashland, who passed away suddenly at his home Friday night. He was employed by the O'Blenness Auto company and had worked at his employment Friday and attended the junior high school basketball game that evening.

Sutherlin, who was born April 25, 1904, had been a rancher, realtor and auto salesman and had lived in various parts of the valley, including Central Point, for over 25 years. He had operated the Bellview dairy, Ashland, for two years. On August 23, 1923, he was married to Josephine Buck in Jacksonville.

He is survived by his wife and three children, Marian and James Richard, at home, and Mrs. Elaine Berge, Crescent City; his mother, Mrs. Pollie S. Sutherlin, Medford; 4 sisters, Mrs. Bertie Holt and Mrs. Alma Matthews, Central Point; Ruth Sutherlin and Mrs. Eldee Lacy, Medford, and 5 brothers, Ray, Pleasant Lake, Ind.; Herbert, Los Angeles, Edgar, Selma, Cal.; Sammie, Medford and William, Jacksonville.

Interment was in the Siskiyou memorial Park, Medford.

Mr. Sutherlin will be remembered here as having purchased the former Hatfield building and stock, which latter he sold out at a big closing out sale and later disposed of the building.

Unemployment In Oregon on Decrease

Thousands of workers have resumed their jobs all over Oregon as a result of recent moderating temperatures, according to reports from 26 local offices of the State employment Service.

Most optimistic reports on the early spring pick-up came from lumber and logging districts of Western Oregon, while the re-opening of many large construction jobs shared responsibility for the first upward swing in employment since the holidays.

Initial claims, denoting layoffs, dropped from 11,880 to 9,665 the first week of February, and several large offices—including Astoria, Coos Bay, Eugene and Grants Pass—reported fewer requests for weekly compensation. Nearly every office on the western side of the Cascades predicted rapid resump-

tion of seasonal operations, mainly because of a good demand for lumber and many postponed building jobs.

In Eugene, center of the Douglas Fir industry, claims dropped 600 in one week with several mills and logging outfits resuming activities. Around Lebanon three big lumber and plywood mills re-opened. Despite a shortage of logs, now being supplied on a day-by-day basis where possible, Grants Pass reported 250 men back at work and more being called.

Coastal offices were unanimous in reporting increased activity even with bad roads and lingering snow that handicapped loggers in the foothills. Around Toledo several mills and logging outfits again were working, while construction men

were expecting to start on several new schools and the Depoe Bay job soon. Nearly 400 fewer claims came from Coos Bay, where some large employers were re-hiring workers. A similar report was issued at Astoria, while Tillamook also joined the back-to-work movement.

Increased construction operations brightened employment outlooks at Hillsboro and Salem, while Oregon also reported many workers returning to activities interrupted by the unprecedented January weather.

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