

TUALATIN VALLEY FARM NEWS

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BULGING GRANARY FORECASTS STRESSES QUOTAS FOR WHEAT

Predictions by the United States Department of Agriculture, according to Charles F. Brannan, secretary, points to the prospects of a bulging national granary during the 1949-50 marketing year and emphasizes the probable necessity of strict acreage allotments.

Explaining the world wheat picture and the impact a record wheat crop in the United States will cause, Brannan recently made the following statement:

If the present conditions for a large 1949 wheat crop continue, the Department may be required by law to proclaim acreage allotments and possibly marketing quotas for the 1950 crop. A final decision cannot be made until after the June crop report is available, but the time is fast approaching when farmers and the Department of Agriculture must make plans for wheat production for the coming year.

State Production and Marketing Administration committees and county Agricultural Conservation Committees have been asked to gather from farmers the crop acreage and production information which will be needed if farm acreage allotments are required and marketing quotas are proclaimed. If quotas are proclaimed, approval of at least two-thirds of the growers voting in a referendum would be required to put them into effect.

The total wheat supply for the 1949-50 marketing year, which starts July 1, is at present expected to be in excess of 1.6 billion bushels. Such a supply might be 30 to 60 million bushels above the level at which a proclamation for marketing quotas would be required by law.

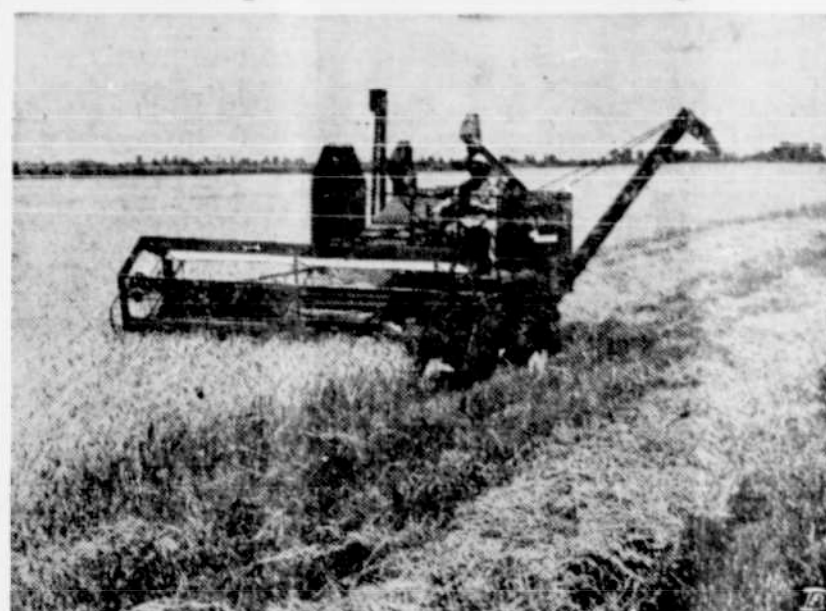
The estimate of a July 1 total supply greater than 1.6 billion bushels is based on an expected carryover of about 300 million bushels and an assumed 1949 wheat crop of more than 1.3 billion bushels. Estimate for the winter wheat crop alone amount to more than a billion bushels. Total supplies minus domestic requirements and probable exports would leave an indicated carryover July 1, 1950, of more than 460 million bushels of wheat.

Even if marketing quotas are not put into effect for the 1950 wheat crop, it is likely that we shall have to use wheat acreage allotments as a practical means of carrying out price support programs. Based on data presently available, our best estimates as to carryover, normal domestic consumption, exports, and a required reserve, indicate the need for a national acreage allotment which would yield a 1950 wheat crop of about a billion bushels.

A comparison with the 1949 crop, now indicated at more than 1.3 billion bushels, points up the almost unavoidable conclusion that it will be necessary to bring about a substantial reduction in the wheat acreage planted for harvest in 1950.

Even a reduction in wheat production to a billion bushels annually would leave a wide margin for export, and we can scarcely hope to maintain exports large enough to absorb this margin in years to come without the export quota of 168 million bushels assigned to United States farmers under the International Wheat Agreement, now before the Senate for ratification.

Heavy Harvest Hopes



SELF PROPELLED COMBINES are a familiar sight on wheat ranches, at the start of what is hoped to be the second largest wheat crop in history, based on Department of Agriculture reports on acreage plantings.

With granaries not yet exhausted of their stored grains, the golden flow of wheat, this year may well tax storage facilities to overflowing.

Arbor Dusting Prevents Fungus On Leaf Surface

Russetting and cracking of grapes on the vine, as a late season effect of unchecked powdery mildew may be prevented by timely application of finely pulverized sulfur dust to keep the fungus in check.

First dusting in this control program should be done as soon as new shoots are 6 to 8 inches long; when they average 15 to 18 inches; when they are 24 to 30

inches long; when the grapes are as large as peas and when they are two-thirds grown.

Powdery mildew appears as whitish spots on the underside of grape leaves. Application of sulfur dust will not cure the blight but its presence on the leaf surfaces will prevent the fungus from becoming established.

About 12 to 15 pounds of sulfur per acre is recommended. Care must be exercised that too heavy an application is not made as this will cause burning of the leaves. It is not necessary to see the sulfur in order to safeguard the plant from the mildew.

Potato Meeting Features Study Late Varieties

Forty-five different potato samples taken from the 1948 aphid control plots and 11 central Oregon eye-index plots will be shown at the annual Corvallis potato field day Monday, June 27. J. A. Milbrath, Oregon State college experiment station pathologist has announced.

Visitors are asked to meet at the plots located on the east farm one and one-half miles east of Corvallis at 10 a.m. daylight saving time.

Various potato diseases that affect netted gems, Burbanks, and white rose will be labeled for study. A collection of new potato varieties will also be discussed. Milbrath states. Plans call for a group luncheon at noon followed by a general discussion period.

Bee Colonies In Production Down Says U. S. Report

Reports indicate that the total number of colonies of bees in production this year may be under that of last season according to Department of Agriculture reports. Many beekeepers have not made up winter losses. There is not much effort to make up losses by division of colonies.

Also, the southern package-bee and queen producers report the demand for package bees has been far below that of recent years. Some report this has been the poorest package bee year in the history of their operations.

The demand for queens has been fair, but generally at prices below those of the past several seasons.

Condition are generally favorable for bees in all sections of the country. The mountain and desert areas of California and Arizona have been unusually dry and production is below average.

Rabbit Breeders Up In Arms Over Disease Threats

Duty free, wild Australian jack-rabbits, brought in as ballast in ships returning from down under to Portland have rabbit breeders of the Northwest up in arms at the serious disease threats they imply and because of the unfair competition they bring to the rabbit market, according to the Northwest Rabbit Breeders, Box 182, Gresham.

Secretary Cliff Bottleson, secretary, invites all commercial rabbit growers to attend a meeting of the organization on June 23, 8:30 p. m., at 4519 S. E. 65th Ave., Portland, at which time strategies will be mapped for overcoming the Australian menace.

"The Northwest," Bottleson declares, "has been in need of a commercial organization to further the requirements of rabbit breeders." This need has been made even more necessary by the threat to the industry by the importation of Australian wild rabbits.

"Since Oregon does not have an adequate inspection law, it is essential that a lot of groundwork be done before the next legislature meets. In addition, marketing methods, publicity and cooperation among breeders must be improved. Commercial and fancier clubs must coordinate and present a comprehensive program to increase the efficiency of the industry on a state-wide basis."

According to the information on D. C. Wilke, inspector in charge of meat, wild rabbits are taken in drives, in Australia. After the abdominal viscera is removed, they are frozen with hide on and brought to the United States as ballast in ships, duty free.

The rabbit breeders are alarmed over the possibility of disease and parasites being introduced into this country, which will affect the general health of the rabbit industry here. It also creates unfair competition on account of the unsanitary dressing and handling of carcasses. The price being asked for these rabbits, it is claimed, seriously harms the rabbit industry of this locality.

Mr. Wilke reports a rabbit car-

Cherry Pickers Turn To As Crop Harvest Readies

This week should see cherry harvest in Washington county fully underway, reports Palmer Torvend, county agent, as the fruit ripens under favorable conditions. As far as could be judged from early reports, recent rains have not occasioned more than slight damage to county orchards.

The cherry picture is bubbling with pro and con evaluation of Senator Wayne Morse's contention that eastern buyers are trying to depress prices for Oregon cherries because they anticipate a 50% reduction in import duty of foreign shipments. Such action, it is said, will result in a flood of Italian cherries on the U. S. cherries.

Morse grabs a hot potato and claims that the U. S. State Department should determine the possibility of such tariff lifting. And a statement on the matter should be clearly given so that if there is no likelihood of such a reduction, eastern buyers "can be prevented from using the state department in such a manner during negotiations with Oregon cherry growers."

Demand for pickers has been increasing this week. Labor 14 years and older is wanted and unless contacted otherwise is asked to contact the county agent in Hillsboro.

From the Agricultural Research Administration, department of agriculture, Washington, D. C. B. T. Simms, chief of bureau, replied in the matter that local public health regulations do, or could probably be amended to, take care of the situation.

Rabbit breeders, however, refuse to be satisfied with such a pigeonholing reply. They have decided to take hold of the problem themselves. It is to this end that they invite all interested breeders to their June meeting.

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