

WPA Farm Labor Survey Is Made

The third in a series of research reports dealing with Oregon farm labor problems has just been issued by the agricultural experiment station at O. S. C. in cooperation with federal relief projects. The new report is entitled "Preliminary Information Concerning Employment of Berry Pickers in the Gresham Berry District," and was prepared by C. S. Hoffman, assistant state supervisor of research, under the direction of L. R. Breithaupt, extension economist and state supervisor of rural research under the federal relief set up.

The Gresham area is recognized as one of the farm labor problem regions of the state, requiring a large amount of seasonal labor to handle strawberry and raspberry crops. Professional berry pickers ordinarily come only for the strawberry season as a higher average daily wage can be paid than for raspberries.

The preliminary report just published is a result of detailed study of the records of the past two seasons in the Gresham district. It is estimated that approximately 7000 pickers are annually employed during the strawberry and raspberry seasons and that most of these are residents of the metropolitan area surrounding Portland.

In the seasons studied, more than 90 per cent of the resident labor was from within a 30-mile radius of the city of Portland and well over half of the total labor came from that area. For the 1935 raspberry season, out-of-state pickers represented 32.4 per cent of the total pickers employed though more than one-fifth of these out-of-state pickers came from Washington.

On Oregon Farms

Extension of the export subsidy on wheat flour from Pacific northwest states for one year has been approved by Secretary Wallace, giving promise of the removal of more than two and one half million bushels of wheat from Oregon, Washington and Idaho by this device. The subsidy applies only to exports of flour to the Philippines.

This program was launched last March, and by the time it expired by limitation of time June 30, there had been 190,206 barrels exported by means of this aid. As it takes about 4.6 bushels of wheat for one barrel of flour, this was equivalent to approximately 875,000 bushels of wheat. The new program is limited to 575,300 barrels, or a movement essentially in proportion to that attained in the past four months.

Funds for carrying on this type of export assistance come from custom receipts, 30 per cent of which were made available through AAA amendments for use in stimulating export or other use of surplus commodities, and in encouraging production of crops needed for domestic consumption. This same source is responsible for the recently announced fiber flax subsidy program and for the diversion of walnuts to unusual channels of trade.

Although final returns have not yet been compiled, number of work sheets turned in by Oregon farmers will exceed 18,000, according to preliminary estimates made by county agents and other extension workers. This is a far larger number than participated in the former AAA crop control programs in Oregon, though it is expected that some of those who turned in work sheets will not qualify for later payments.

Now that work sheets have been turned in, the next step for growers is to be sure and keep proof of compliance. All records or other evidence bearing on compliance had best be kept, say those in charge of the program, particularly where a crop failure may have occurred.

Among items that may prove helpful are receipts for purchase of seed or other materials, proof of the kind and amount of seed sown, date and method of seeding, number and identification of acres, and, at times, signed statements of neighbors.

VOLUME HOLDING UP IN BUILDING FIELD

A report received by State Director Parker, of the Federal Housing Administration, states that manufacturers anticipate a sustained volume of sales of building hardware throughout the summer. Building operations, they explain, are increasing at a rate that will not permit of the usual seasonal lull in sales of builders' hardware and machine tools.

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