

WHAT IS A FARM? IS CENSUS QUESTION

Agriculture Section of the 14th Decennial Census the Most Important in Nation's History.

Washington, November 3.—What is a farm?

Seems a foolish question to ask, doesn't it? Almost anyone can tell off-hand just what a farm is and knows one when he sees it.

But do you happen to know the interpretation Uncle Sam places on the word "farm" for census purposes? No? Then read how his Bureau of the Census defines the word:

"A farm for census purposes is all the land which is directly farmed by one person conducting agricultural operations, either by his own labor or with the assistance of members of his household or hired employees."

In further explanation of this definition the Census Bureau points out that the term "agricultural operations" is used as a general term referring to the work of growing crops, producing other agricultural products and raising domestic animals, poultry or bees.

From this definition it will be seen that a farm may consist of a single tract of land or of a number of separate and distinct tracts. And these several tracts may be held under different tenures as, for instance, when one tract is owned by the farmer and another rented by him. Thus if a man who owns 100 acres rents an additional ten acres from some one else and operates both the 100 acres and the ten acres, then his "farm" includes both tracts of land comprising 110 acres.

By the same token when a landowner has one or more tenants, renters, croppers or managers, each different tract of land operated by any such tenant, renter, cropper or manager is considered a separate and distinct farm by the Census Bureau. Or, to give an example, if a man owning 120 acres of land rents 40 acres to a tenant and farms the remaining 80 acres himself, his farm is the 80 acres which he operates, not the 120 acres which he owns, while the 40 acre tract which he rents to a tenant comprises a separate farm to be reported in the name of the tenant.

Another question to be determined is how important does an agricultural enterprise have to be in order to secure recognition in the census as a farm? A small vegetable garden or a chicken yard accommodating a few busy hens will not be allowed to qualify as a "farm" in the census no matter with what pardonable pride and satisfaction the proprietor may view his agricultural enterprise.

But if the garden or chicken yard expands until it covers not less than three acres of ground, or until it requires for its care the continuous services of at least one person, or yields products annually to the value of \$250 or more, it comes within the census definition of a farm and will be recognized as such and counted.

The agricultural schedule contains many questions regarding farm values, expenses and live stock as well as the acreage and quantity of crops raised in the year 1919. Census Bureau officials are urging farmers everywhere to prepare for the census enumerator by looking over their books and records so that accurate answers may be furnished to questions.

In this connection the Bureau of the Census emphasizes the fact that the information furnished to census takers is absolutely confidential, made so by Act of Congress, and that under no circumstances can any such information be used as a basis for taxation.

"Co-operation between farmers and the census officials next January is more necessary and vital than ever before," declares Director of the Census Sam L. Rogers. "The world war and the part that the farmer played in it and will continue to play in the rehabilitation of Europe serve to make the agriculture section of the Fourteenth Decennial Census the most important in the Nation's history. Absolute accuracy and completeness in the census returns is the goal toward which every citizen should strive."

Forest Service Offers Help In Marketing Hardwoods

If you have oak, ash, maple, myrtle, alder, cottonwood and other minor Northwest species growing on your land and wish to sell it, the Forest Service may be able to help you find a purchaser.

The Forest Service at Portland has frequent inquiries in regard to these woods, the inquirer almost invariably wanting definite information as to where he can purchase the stumpage in question. In the main accessible trees of these species are found only outside the National Forests, in relatively small quantities and scattered stands, making it difficult to always furnish satisfactory information. As a means of improving this service, the District Forester invites those who have stumpage of this character for sale to send their names and addresses, giving the name of the species they have for sale, its size, quality, and the approximate price. It is felt that the stumpage holder and prospective purchaser might often be brought together by such co-operation.

I will have a car of the best quality of potatoes that I will sell at \$2.20 per 100. These potatoes will be in Heppner in 8 or 10 days.
HARRY CUMMINGS.

HOME COMING WEEK AT OREGON NOV. 15TH

University of Oregon, Eugene, October 28.—How would you go about it to prepare a luncheon for 2,500 persons? That is the task that confronts one of the committees for Homecoming week-end at the University of Oregon, November 15. The committee, nothing daunted, would be glad to see the number even 4,000. News from all parts of the state indicates a tremendous influx of visitors, perhaps the largest that ever came to the University. There is going to be plenty of entertainment for them. To begin with, there will be that big bonfire, with the pep-inspiring speeches, on Friday night. The Freshmen in charge have been instructed to see that the blaze, out there on the old football field, is a record-breaker. Around this great fire the assembled alumni will hear addresses by President Campbell, Professor H. C. Howe, of the faculty athletic committee, Coach Charles ("Shy") Huntington, Trainer "Bill" Hayward, Charles Robinson, of Astoria, and Walter Winslow, of Salem. Robinson and Winslow are prominent alumni. Governor Olcott has been invited to take part.

Saturday morning the visitors will be taken over the campus, which for hundreds of them, will have much that is new. At noon they will be the guests at that big campus luncheon. In the afternoon the big game of the year, with Oregon Agricultural College, Oregon's old rival, will be the central feature. The contest will mark the opening of Oregon's fine new football field, with grandstand accommodation for 4,000 and bleachers to seat 6,500. Special trains will bring the visitors.

The closing feature of the big week-end will be the informal dance in the armory, Eugene's largest hall. Arrangements are now well under way for this, and a ten-piece orchestra is assured.

C. L. Sweek and Dr. Harold Bean are on the local committee for Home Coming Week.

A Hunt That Netted Something

Dwight Misner, the near lone farmer in an old experienced Rocky Mountain hunter who knows all the ins and outs as well as the joys of the chase. To an independent representative he confided the account of a hunt from which he and a few companions returned last week, and which he declares was the most enjoyable outing he ever had.

He was accompanied by Mrs. Misner.

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Misner, C. W. Stacy, a banker of Akron, Mich., and wife, old friends of the Misners. They motored to Roseburg via Portland, leaving the car 27 miles east of the former place, where they procured pack horses and traveled 18 miles up into the mountains, establishing their camp on the Umpqua. They were in camp 12 days and besides enjoying every moment of the time each of the party killed the limit of two bucks. Mrs. Misner got a big four-point while he was running at full speed, the most difficult shot made by any of the party; she also got a spike. Mrs. Stacy, though never before having

hunted big game, made good by bringing down two fine specimens.

The men, being experienced hunters, easily got their quota, and they declare they did not favor the ladies at all, they killing their game in a truly sportsmanlike manner.

Mr. and Mrs. Stacy left for their Michigan home last Friday, more than pleased with their visit and the royal sport they had while here.—*lone Independent.*

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