

LAMB MARKET GOOD AS SHEEP NUMBERS DWINDLE SHARPLY

Market prospects for 1946-crop of Oregon lambs are improved by reduced national lamb production and the advanced marketing season for California lambs this year, according to a review of farm market, price outlook information by the O. S. C. extension specialist. Most of the California crop is either already marketed or under contract.

National income is continuing at a high level and government purchases of meat for shipment to Europe are expected to be as large as last year. These factors and a sharp drop in lamb production will give strength to the lamb markets. Current returns are also supported by subsidy payments. Returns to producers during the last half of 1946 will depend partly on what price and subsidy measures may be in effect at that time, the review indicates.

Oregon's present sheep population is only about 45 percent of the 1935-39 average. Practically all of the reduction in sheep in Oregon occurred east of the Cascade mountains. While farm flocks in western Oregon have been fairly well maintained, range sheep in eastern Oregon have declined sharply. In 1935-1939 Oregon had four percent of the nation's sheep, while the present number is only slightly more than two percent.

In the three Pacific northwest states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, sheep numbers are down to about six percent of the national total, compared with nearly 10 percent prewar. Including California,

the four Pacific states have 11 percent now compared with nearly 16 percent in 1935-1939. The human population increased 27 percent during the same period in the four states.

Nationally, the number of sheep on hand on Jan. 1, 1946 was only 79 percent as large, per capita, as the 1935-1939 average. There was a reduction of seven percent in numbers during 1945. The peak in sheep numbers was reached in 1942.

AUXILIARY MEETING A WEEK EARLY THIS MONTH

Due to the fact that the regular business meeting of All Saint's Women's auxiliary falls on the first day of Convocation, the meeting has been scheduled for Friday, May 3, at the parish house.

A. W. Gammell of Eugene was visiting with friends and old neighbors the first of the week. He came up for a bit of eastern Oregon sunshine and to look over the crop prospects.

A couple of little boys, a horse and a bicycle, a race a fall and a broken leg. That's the story of David Miller's hobbling about on a pair of crutches this week. The accident occurred last Friday evening near the library about supper time.

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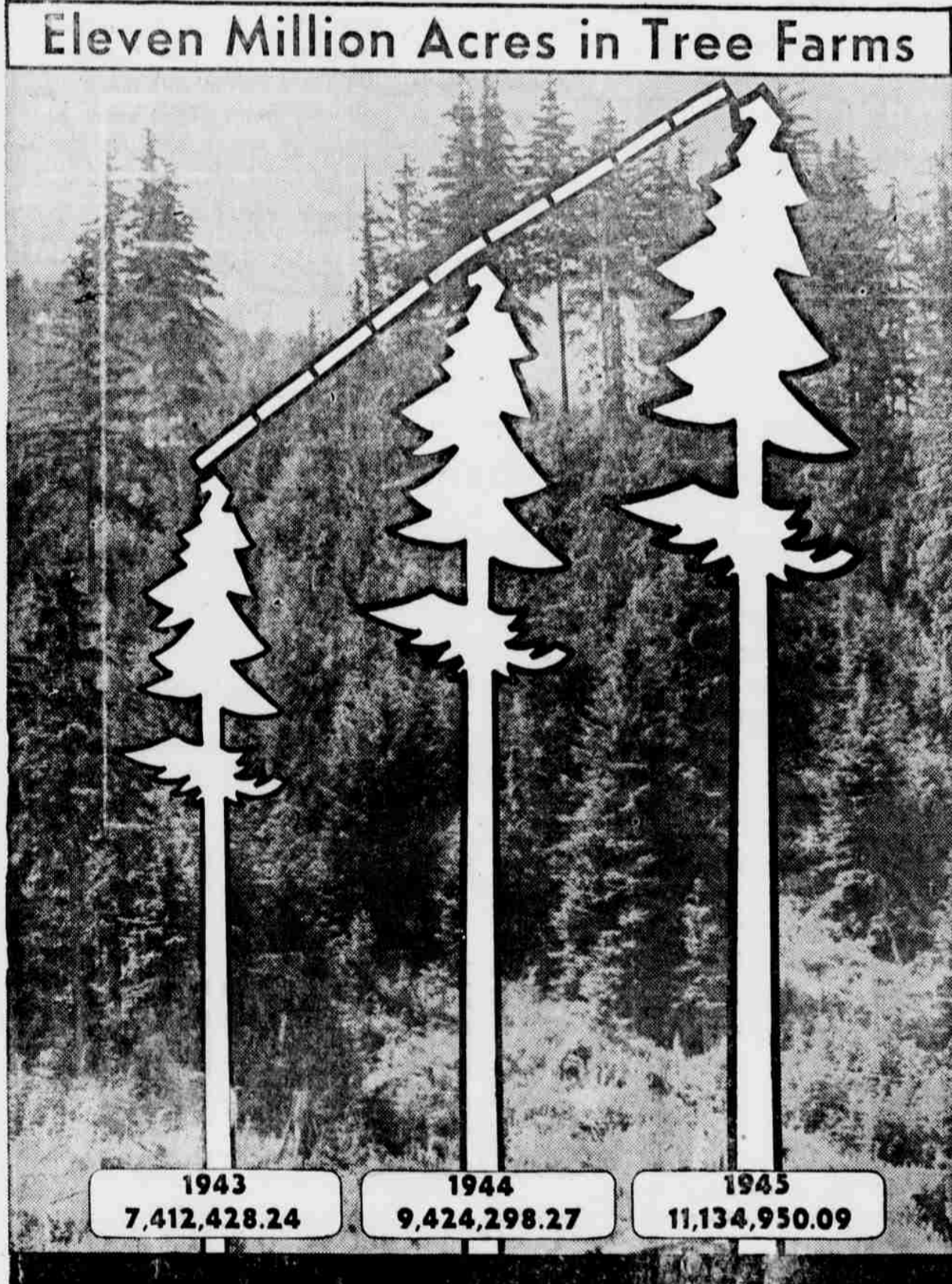


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Alabama leads the South with 303, Arkansas is in second place with 257. Other states are Mississippi, 143, Texas, 90, North Carolina, 14, Florida, South Carolina, Tennessee, West Virginia, Maryland and New Jersey inaugurated the program last year. The background of this chart shows a dense stand of second growth Douglas fir on a Western tree farm on land from which harvests of old growth have been taken on a continuous yield basis.

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