

FARM

Soft White Wheat Has Slow Demand

Lagging demand for Pacific Northwest soft white wheat is causing concern among Oregon wheat growers and has prompted Oregon State University to field a task-force of experts to do something about it.

Responding to requests from the wheat industry, county agents, research agronomists, and extension production and marketing specialists met recently in Arlington to inventory the ills of Oregon's most important cash crop and prescribe treatment.

The \$3 million dollar industry supports not only the economy of the Columbia Basin, but each ton shipped generates an estimated \$13 for the pockets of brokers, truckers, longshoremen and shippers in Portland and the Columbia river ports.

Stiffer competition, dwindling world demand, and stricter quality specifications are cutting deeply into the market for Pacific Northwest wheat, says Ray Teal, extension international seed and grain marketing specialist at Oregon State University. World food grains production is increasing faster than the market demands, the special ist observed.

For three consecutive years, bumper crops have been harvest-

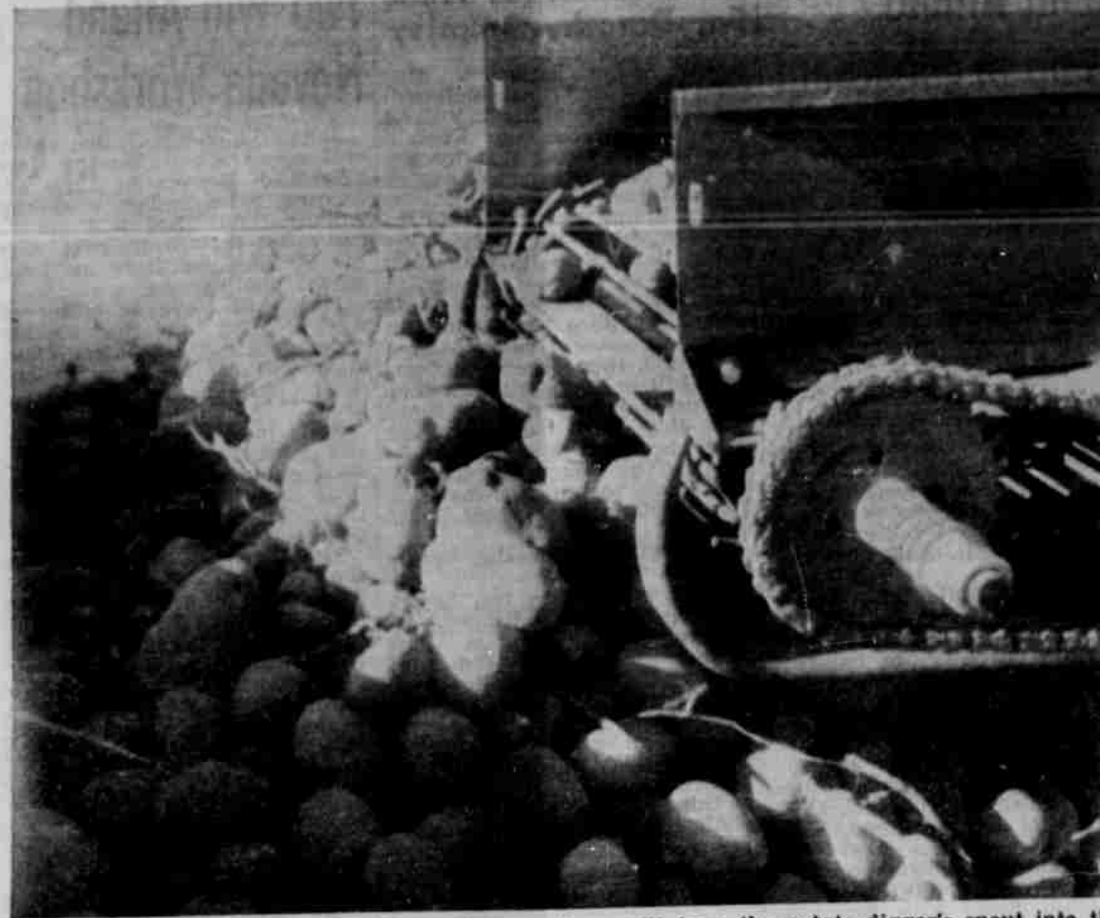
ed by the major producing nations of the International Grain Agreement—France, Canada, Argentina, Australia, and the U. S. Common market counties have sharpened the competition and Australia has refined its grading system to woo Japanese wheat buyers away from the U. S.

To meet this new competition agencies including the Western Wheat Associates, Pacific Northwest Grain Dealers Association, and state organizations in Idaho, Washington, and Oregon are cooperating in long range marketing studies. Oregon State University school of agriculture has assigned a force of extension specialists, research scientists, and county agents to look into market studies, variety tests, livestock feeding trials, irrigation development, and crops that might replace soft white wheat.

Improved dwarf varieties of wheat and rice are rapidly making India and Pakistan, self-sufficient for Northwest wheat. In Japan, Taiwan, and the Philippines, rising living standards have been reflected in decreasing consumption of rice and soft white wheat for pastry and noodles. Instead, there is a growing preference for bread wheats, now grown in the Columbia Basin.

To further complicate the picture, extensive use of fertilizers sometimes result in wheat sufficiently high in protein to be unsuitable for the pastry and noodle trade. Local wheat exports were further jeopardized when, in December, 1968, Japan declared a two and one-half month embargo on U. S. wheat after receiving shipments of weather-damaged grain.

The temporary loss of market cost nine million bushels in cash sales of Pacific white wheat, Teal said.



THE MORNING SUN REFLECTS off potatoes as they spill from the potato digger's spout into the bed of a truck at the Nelson-Tucker Ranch. When full, the trucks hold about nine tons of potatoes to be hauled 31 miles to the processing plant at Hinkley. (G-T Photo).

Farmworkers Get Lowest Wages Despite Increase

Farmworkers still are among the lowest paid in the nation despite increases over the past several years in rates of hourly and piecework pay, according to findings of the U. S. Department of Labor.

The national average farm wage for 1968 was \$1.43 an hour, without room and board, up 10 cents from 1967. This compares with the production worker's average wage for the year in manufacturing of \$3.01 an hour, an increase of 18 cents over 1967.

Production workers engaged in processing farm products in off-farm plants were better paid, but still were not up to the average pay for manufacturing. Workers in the frozen fruits and vegetables industry averaged \$2.23 an hour, up 13 cents from 1967, while those in the canned, cured, and frozen foods industry averaged \$2.36, an increase of 15 cents over 1967.

Both hourly and piece rates showed an increase over the year in most of the 172 crop and other on-the-farm activities reported by the In-Season Farm Labor Reports of the State employment security agencies.

Of the 141 activities compensated by the hour, 112 showed an increase, 1 decreased and 28 were unchanged, while 14 of the 31 activities paid at piece rates increased, 13 were unchanged and 4 declined.

The passage of the Fair Labor Standards Act amendments in 1966 extended minimum wage coverage to a limited number of farmworkers. It provided a \$1 an hour minimum to go into effect February 1, 1967, \$1.15 a year later, and \$1.30 February 1, 1969.

The Act covers approximately 400,000 farmworkers, about one-third of the annual average number of hired-worker farm employment.

The greatest impact of extending minimum wage covering to agricultural workers was felt in the South and Southwest, where wages were lowest. In the Northwest and Northeast, farmworkers generally were being paid at rates above the minimum before the act became effective. A 1968 Labor Department study of selected areas showed that the Federal minimum wage for farmwork, particularly in those areas with pay scales below the minimum rate, had a significant impact on wage rates paid. In these areas of lower wages, the rate of increase in farm wages was greater than in

the country as a whole. Notwithstanding this trend toward increasing wages, more than half of the areas studied during 1968 still had some workers employed at rates below the minimum rate of \$1.15 an hour.

The report was detailed in the latest issue of the Labor Department booklet "Farm Labor Developments," available from the Manpower Administration, Washington, D. C. 20210.

Surplus Permits Go to Hunters

The Game Commission recently advised big game hunters that several early permit deer seasons were undersubscribed at the filing deadline, and surplus permits are now available. These permits will be issued on a first come, first served basis until quotas are met.

Undersubscribed big game hunts include the Wallowa Pack, Douglas Agricultural Area, and the Josephine Agricultural Area. All hunters who previously filed proper applications for these three seasons will receive permits.

As of July 30 approximately 1,000 permits are available for the Wallowa Pack, 1,200 for the Douglas Agricultural Area, and 200 for the Josephine Agricultural Area. No permits are available for the Jackson Agricultural Area.

OREGON FARM CALENDAR

* INDICATES NEW DATES

- AUGUST**
- *2-3 Klamath 4-H Horse Show.
 - *6-9 Tillamook County Fair, Tillamook.
 - 6-9 Umatilla County Fair, Umatilla County Fairgrounds, Hermiston.
 - *6-9 Yamhill County Fair, McMinnville.
 - *6-10 Curry County Fair, Gold Beach.
 - *7-10 Deschutes County Fair, Redmond.
 - *8-12 Benton County Fair, Corvallis.
 - *9-12 Klamath Jr. Fall Fair.
 - 11-14 Wallowa County Fair, Canby.
 - *12-16 Clackamas County Fair, Roseburg.
 - *12-16 Douglas County Fair, Myrtle Point.
 - *13-17 Coos County Fair, Grants Pass.
 - *13-16 Josephine County Fair, Hillsboro.
 - 14-16 Washington County Fair, Rickreall.
 - 14-17 Polk County Fair, Madras.
 - *14-17 Jefferson County Fair, Eugene.
 - *19-24 Lane County Fair, Heppner.
 - 21-24 Wasco County Fair, Tygh Valley.
 - *21-24 Crook County Fair, Prineville.
 - 8/23-9/1 Oregon State Fair, Salem.
 - 28-31 Malheur County Fair, Ontario.
 - *28 Filbert Day, Albany-Corvallis area.
 - *8/29-9/1 Lake County Fair, Lakeview.
 - *8/29-9/1 Wheeler County Fair, Fossil.
 - *29 Walnut Day, Hillsboro.
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