

FEED REGULATIONS AND MILL PRICES

Many requests have come to the county agent's office in regard to the price and quality of mill-feeds available this year. The millers on the most part are putting out instead of bran, shorts and middlings a combination of these feeds under the name of mill-run. This has just begun to come on the local market from this year's grinding. As the indications now are there will be a fair supply of this mill-run as long as the mills are in operation to full capacity. The following are the rules governing the sale of mill run and other wheat mill feeds as issued by the United States Food Administration office for the Northwest by W. B. Ayer, Food Administrator for Oregon.

Maximum Permissible Margins
Over basis of various classes of sales of mill feeds for Oregon, Washington and Idaho, each mill having a different base price according to its location. The base price at Portland for mill feed in bulk at mill door is \$24.44.

1. The base price will be determined according to location of mill as established by the United States Food Administration Grain corporation.

2. Mill sale to anyone, wheat mixed feeds, carload lots bulk mill, with or without screenings, cash or draft attached to B-L, base price.

3. Mill sale to anyone, mixed carloads of feed and flour (containing at least 40 per cent of feeds and (or wheat flour substitutes) 50c per ton over base.

4. Mill sale to wholesale feed dealers, less carloads, less carloads and 2000 pounds over, \$1.00 per ton over base.

5. Mill sale to retail feed dealers, less carloads and 2000 pounds or over, \$2.00 per ton over base.

6. Mill sale to all feed dealers, less than one ton, \$3.00 per ton over base.

7. Mill sale to consumers at not more than \$1.00 advance over above schedule of prices to retail dealers.

8. Price of shorts and middlings, with or without screenings, 75c per ton over base. Bran with or without screenings, \$1.25 per ton under base.

9. All mills are permitted, upon certifying, to the Federal Food Administrator of the state where the mill is located, that they are manufacturing wheat mill feeds containing not less than 50 per cent soft winter wheat, to charge not more than \$2.00 in excess of the maximum fair price schedule for other wheat mill feeds; provided that all shipments or deliveries of such mill feeds are made in packages which are plainly marked "Manufactured from Soft Winter Wheat."

10. A charge of \$5.50 per ton for sacks, twine and packing shall be allowed over bulk price for all wheat mill feeds.

11. No licensee selling wheat mill feed as a broker shall charge more than a reasonable brokerage, not to exceed 25c per ton, and no licensee shall charge a brokerage on any wheat mill feed on which a brokerage has already been charged.

12. No licensee selling wheat mill feed as a commission agent for the sale of consigned wheat mill feeds, making sale, delivery and collection, shall charge more than a reasonable

commission, not to exceed 50c per ton, and no licensee shall charge a commission on any wheat mill feed on which a commission has already been charged.

13. No licensee buying and selling wheat mill feeds as a wholesaler or jobber shall charge more than a reasonable advance over cost at warehouse door and shall not exceed the following:

In carload lots 50c per ton.
Less carload lots and 2000 lbs. or over \$1 per ton.

Less than one ton at the rate of \$2 per ton.

14. Retailers buying and selling wheat mill feeds shall not charge more than a reasonable advance over cost and shall not exceed the following:

Shall not charge more than \$1 per ton to consumers in carload lots.

Less carload lots and 2000 lbs. or over, shall not charge more than \$2 a ton over cost.

Less than one ton lots shall not charge more than at the rate of \$3 per ton above cost.

15. A reasonable charge may be added for delivery.

16. Interest permissible on credit sales.

"By a war-profits tax we mean a tax upon profits in excess of those realized before the war.

"By an excess-profits tax we mean a tax upon profits in excess of a given return upon capital.

"The theory of a war-profits tax is to tax profits due to the war.

"The theory of an excess-profits tax is to tax profits over and above a given return on capital. The excess-profits tax falls less heavily on big business than on small business, because big business is generally overcapitalized and small businesses are often undercapitalized.

"The war-profits tax would tax all war profits at one high rate; the excess-profits tax does and for safety must tax all excess profits at lower and graduated rates."

The above extract from Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo's testimony before the House Ways and Means Committee gives his differentiation between war-profits and excess-profits taxes and explains his position in arguing upon Congress an excess-profits tax with an alternative war-profits tax in the forthcoming revenue legislation.

To the average citizen Secretary McAdoo's position seems well taken. Most small and local corporations are capitalized at an actual valuation. Many of the very large corporations are greatly overcapitalized; the stock of some of them has been repeatedly watered. With only an excess-profits tax a corporation earning 10 per cent on grossly watered capital will pay the same tax as another corporation not overcapitalized earning 10 per cent on the real, actual valuation of the money and property invested in its business. The profits of the first corporation might be 30 per cent on its actual valuation, and it is to cover such cases that a war-profits tax is urged.

As many of these large corporations are engaged in Government work and drawing huge sums from the United States, it seems particularly just that they should pay taxes on the same actual basis as corporations not overcapitalized. A tax that taxes equally a 10 per cent profit on watered capital and a 10 per cent profit on unwatered capital is not equal and uniform and scarcely just.

TRACTORS ARE SOLVING THE FARM PROBLEM

By E. E. FARILLE,
Editor of Western Farmer.

A problem that confronts the farmer of the Pacific Northwest today is help. The help that the shipyards have left on our farms is, in the main, expensive and inefficient. As a result of this condition, many progressive farmers have been wisely turning their attention toward tractors, trucks and other forms of power driven machinery which do away with the more expensive power of horses and save the feed and labor they entail. How to finance the purchase by the farmer of these tractors and other forms of power machinery has been a problem that not only concerns the farmers, but his implement dealer as well.

Power driven machinery in most cases is expensive and as a business proposition many farmers want two full seasons to pay their tractor bills while most banks are not usually willing to have their money out for so long a time.

There has recently come to my attention a plan for financing the farmer that seems to me most practical and has been successful in those districts where it has been tried. This is the plan of the Western Farm Credit company, which has recently opened offices in Portland. The plan, which has much merit in it, works like this: The purchaser selects the tractor he wishes to buy and pays the dealer a certain amount down on the purchase price, giving his note for the balance. The company furnishes the dealer with a simple business-like contract or form for this use and when the sale has been completed and the sales-contract properly filled out and signed the company takes over the farmer's obligation, giving the dealer the necessary cash. This enables the farmer to secure the needed machinery at once, so that he can start it to work and make it earn dividends for him, so that when the time comes to finish paying for the machinery bought on these easy terms he is in a position to make his payments promptly.

This plan is a great help to the dealer because it permits him to increase the volume of his business by financing sales he might not otherwise be able to make because of the burden of these long time credits. Bankers should favor this proposition because it means the increasing of crop production and means the opening up to them of an opportunity to loan their money for a shorter time for many other lines of farm activities. They should welcome the advent of this plan in their sections.

We have repeatedly pointed out that power driven machinery is supplanting much of the power furnished by horses on the farm and it is doing this on a basis profitable to the farmer. Especially at this time when our country is in such great need of increased production is this plan of time sales worthy of careful consideration on the part of all farmers in the Pacific Northwest who can make use of it in purchasing farm tractors or other power farming machinery.

NEW STUDENT ARMY CORPS INTERESTS

Scores of inquiries have been received by the Oregon Agricultural College relative to the Students army training corps, and an extra stenographer has been employed in the office of the registrar to handle the additional correspondence. Information definitely authorized by the Government is being issued in circular form and will be sent upon request.

Young men are registering for college work and are making application for membership in the students' army training corps. Students will enter the S. A. T. C. after registration date under amended selective service act by individual voluntary induction and not by enlistment, according to a telegram received by President W. J. Kerr from the war department committee on education and special training. This change is in view of the probable reduction of the draft age to 18 about September 10. Except for the changes necessitated by the new legislation, corps will be organized as already outlined. Uniforms, ordnances and other supplies will be issued by the committee direct.

Need for technically trained men is emphasized by a special committee on higher education and industry appointed by Secretary Lane whose recommendations have been received at the College. It is impossible to exaggerate the importance of engineering knowledge and skill, according to the report, not only in the conduct of the military operations, but indirectly in the essential war industries including agriculture.

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Elmer Green and family, who have spent the last few years near Roseburg, have moved into the Crute house and will make their home here in Fairview.

Mr. Wagner, of Portland, is moving his family into the old Piper house. Mr. Wagner works in a shipyard in Portland.

Mrs. J. W. Moller and children have returned home after spending the past week at Washougal, guests of R. L. Robinson and family.

Mrs. Sam Dixon and children, who have been with her father, Mr. Inglis at North Yakima, returned home on Tuesday.

Fairview school will open on September 9. The rooms are being calcimined and painted and the roof is being reshingled. Harry Thomas of Gresham and J. W. Moller of Fairview are doing the work.

Mrs. D. Dunbar and Mrs. Julia Snover spent a few days in Portland with Mrs. Christine Fitzgerald. They also visited Mrs. Johns who is at the hospital with a broken leg.

Mrs. Backus, who was taken suddenly ill on Friday night, was removed to the hospital on Saturday where she underwent an operation.

Mrs. J. M. Davis, who is also in the hospital, is reported as getting along nicely.

Fairview are congratulating their new postmaster, R. Wilcox.

LUSTED

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Northrup, of Clearwater, Wash., attended the G. A. R. encampment in Portland last week. They also visited their daughter, Mrs. Harris Hamilton, a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hamilton and family had the pleasure of meeting old time friends, J. E. Green from Nebraska and his friend Captain Pratt, of Illinois, and John Prouty also of Illinois. They are all old soldiers and came to Portland to attend the G. A. R. encampment.

W. B. Davies has been on the sick list for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hamilton and family visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hamilton, Sr., at Montavilla last Sunday. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Winnie Johnston, Mrs. Edna McKeown, Mrs. Dallas Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hamilton, Jr., and daughter Irma, J. E. Green, Captain Pratt, John Prouty and W. A. Jones.

Mr. Brown is fixing the extra room in the schoolhouse this week by patching the plaster, getting ready for the opening of the school which will be September 9.

Mrs. John Hossner and her grandfather, Mr. Howard of Ione, Oregon, were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Hossner this week.

COTTRELL

Mrs. Grant Sloop and Mrs. Miller spent Friday, August 23 with Mrs. Jos. Manary, it being her birthday. A number of her children were also present.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Pitts entertained a number of their friends on Wednesday evening at their home. The evening was spent in singing patriotic songs and instrumental music. Everyone reports a most unusually pleasant evening.

Miss Hazel Goger has returned home after spending the summer in Portland.

Mrs. Gilmore, of Portland, and brother Mr. Howe, of Colorado, a G. A. R. veteran, spent Wednesday with the former's grand-daughter, Mrs. L. E. Craswell.

CORBETT

Mrs. Clara E. Smith has been appointed insurance agent for Columbia grange No. 267.

Robt. Benfield from British Columbia, is visiting his mother Mrs. L. Benfield and other relatives. Geo. Dressell was a guest at the Rasmussen home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Stewart and Mrs. D. A. Sprague spent last week at Ferndale Place. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart left Saturday for an auto trip to Rainier National park.

Mr. and Mrs. Harmon, of Portland, were guests of the Lewis Reed and Leland families, Sunday.

MELROSE AND VICTORY

Members of the Red Cross auxiliary are requested to meet at the work room for an all-day meeting on Thursday, September 5.

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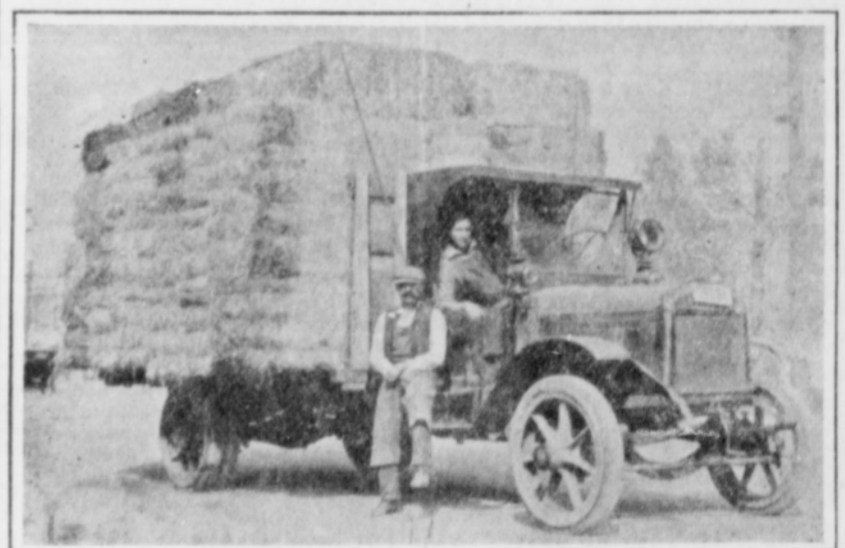
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