

ADVICE TO APPLE GROWERS FROM FEDERAL BUREAU

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—According to the Office of Markets, Department of Agriculture, present indications are that the commercial apple crop of the United States is much larger this year than last, but less than that of 1912 by several million barrels.

Attention is called to the small quantity of American apples—less than 2,000,000 barrels—taken by Europe in normal times. Both the growers and dealers are urged to view the situation with optimism and to prepare for the disposal of Europe's usual portion in other ways.

Pick Fruit Uniform. Growers should pick the fruit in uniform condition, cleaning the trees only for what is ready to come off, repeating the process until the crop is harvested.

Cut Out Cull Stock. Inferior grades should be eliminated from the green fruit markets, not only for the reason that the demand for such grades will be very limited, but also because their presence in the markets will undoubtedly hamper profitable disposition of the better fruit.

All apple growers, operators, dealers and associations should arrive at an estimate of true values in order to secure a quick movement. It is explained that if arbitrarily high prices rule in the beginning of the season, the crop will not pass readily into consumption, but that on the other hand, abnormal accumulation and congestion will occur throughout the channels of trade, with disastrous results to all concerned.

Only standard varieties well packed should be placed in cold storage for the reason that prices likely to rule in the late fall and early winter, as the inevitable result of liberal offerings of common storage stock, will probably limit the demand for cold storage apples until mid-winter.

Supply Small Towns. An effort should be made to supply small towns by direct sales in order to secure a more uniform distribution and avoid congesting the large markets. Attention is called to the practice in some sections of growers who go with cars of apples to poorly supplied towns and sell on the track. Growers or dealers who desire to use this system should apply to the town and railway authorities for information as to regulations controlling such sales, and, if conditions justify shipping, the arrival of the car should be preceded by judicious advertising.

Growers who live in communities where co-operative organizations are operated should do all possible to strengthen these exchanges. It is asserted that the disloyalty of members is the chief element of failure in co-operative enterprises, and growers are strongly urged to support their association as the best way to effect satisfactory distribution.

Watch Steamer Space. Those who grade, pack and brand their barrels in accordance with provisions of the Sulzer law should be more successful in making quick and satisfactory sales than otherwise.

With respect to Europe, the office of markets urges exporters to carefully watch the movement and assure themselves of steamer space and a demand on the other side before making shipments. Latest announcements of steamship companies are to the effect that fairly regular schedules will be maintained between America and the United Kingdom.

FORESTERS COLLECT FOREST TREE SEED

A camp of a dozen men and boys has recently been established about thirty miles north of the Columbia river, on the Columbia national forest, for the purpose of collecting tree seed for the use of the forest service.

Western yellow pine, Douglas fir and noble fir are the species desired. In the process of gathering the seed, the men climb the trees and pick the cones off, for the seed is hidden in the cones. It will not do to wait until the cones fall from the tree, because then the cones are open and the seed lost. After the cones have been gathered, the next step is to extract the seed. This is quite a process. If the weather is favorable, the cones are spread on a sheet in the sun and allowed to dry. If the weather is wet, the cones must be dried and opened by artificial heat.

The seed itself must go through a still further process. It is passed through a fanning mill and all the chaff removed. This leaves the seed in final shape for sowing or storage. Ultimately it will be used in the Wind River nursery, near Carson, Wash., where the government raises two million trees each year with which to reforest the denuded areas in Oregon and Washington national forests.

The service does not propose to collect seed on an extensive scale this year, as 300 or 400 pounds will be sufficient for present needs. This amount may be obtained easily in the vicinity of the present camp.

MARKET REPORT

- Prices Paid by Dealers. EGGS—35c. BUTTER—Creamery, 34 1/2c; dairy, 65c two pounds. POTATOES—\$1.50 per 100 lbs. ONIONS—1 1/2c per lb. HONEY—14c per lb. CIDER—25c. PORK—10c to 11 1/2c. BEEF—9 1/2c to 11 1/2c. LARD—11c. BACON—20c. SHOULDERS—14c. HAM—21c. BUTTER FAT—25c. SWEET CREAM—30c. Livestock. HOGS—Dressed, 11c; alive, 7 1/2c. SHEEP—46c. STEERS—Alive, 5 1/2c@6c. COWS—Alive, 4 1/2c@5c.

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