

Jackson County Farm Notes

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Quota Referendum May 2

Vital To Wheat Growers

Informing every eligible wheat grower in Oregon of the importance of casting his ballot in the second wheat marketing quota referendum for May 2 is the goal of county and community A.A.A. committees now holding meetings in 30 counties.

Oregon wheat growers led the nation in approving quotas by a 95.5 per cent favorable vote last year. The goal this year is a 100 per cent turnout of every eligible voter, according to Robert B. Taylor of Adams, chairman of the state A.A.A. committee.

While marketing quotas are important from the standpoint of assuring the wheat grower a fair return for his crop, this aspect is far overshadowed by the importance of quotas to the entire war effort, Taylor believes. He listed seven ways in which quotas will help the wheat farmer do his job properly in wartime and make his maximum patriotic contribution:

1. Quotas provide for an organization of supplies so transportation systems will not be clogged.

2. They make possible more efficient use of storage facilities, now so valuable to the food program.

3. They aid in directing production into the crops where it is most needed, rather than wasting it on over-production of a crop of which there are now big reserves.

4. They help maintain a strong wheat structure for production of wheat as it is needed and at fair prices.

5. They help maintain soil resources for continuing production of wheat.

6. They help alleviate the situation created by a virtual lack of export outlets.

7. They help divide equally the responsibility for adjustment among all wheat farmers, cooperatively and democratically.

With a billion and a half bushel wheat supply in sight after 1942 harvest, as against maximum 1943 needs for 650 million bushels, the United States has ample reserves of wheat to meet any emergency created by the war in the next several years, Taylor pointed out. Quotas provide a fair and equitable way of maintaining this big reserve without injuring the wheat industry, he said.

Turkey Outlook Good

Even With Expansion

Favorable market demand conditions for turkeys are expected to continue during the 1942-43 marketing season, despite prospects for increased pro-

duction of turkeys, chickens and other meats, according to an analysis of the turkey outlook for 1942 released by the agricultural extension service of O.S.C. for distribution by county agents. The report also points out that costs for producing and marketing turkeys will be somewhat higher owing to increases in wage rates, feeds and other items.

Indications are that turkey production will be substantially greater than in 1940 and 1941 when record sized crops were produced which were twice as large as in 1929. In the country as a whole growers reported intentions to increase turkeys eight per cent, but the number of turkey hens to lay eggs was only five per cent greater than a year ago.

The price of turkeys per head was practically the same for the crop of 1941 as for 1929 when the supply was only one-half as large and the purchasing power of consumers was also at a high level. A steady increase in the per capita consumption of turkey meat since the United States has occurred since 1929.

With respect to chickens and eggs, the report contains data showing an increase of 12 per cent in the country's laying flocks compared with a year ago, with producers indicating intentions to purchase 12 per cent more baby chicks this year.

In terms of grain-consuming animal units, the total number of livestock on farms at the beginning of 1942 was six per cent greater than a year before. These conditions suggest a material increase in the meat supply, but on the other hand demand for meat is unusually great and the purchasing power of consumers is high.

The extension service report also shows a favorable potato outlook for 1942 and gives information on the horse and mule situation. That further decrease in work animals will take place is indicated by the fact that only 6.5 per cent of all horses and mules are under two years old, compared with 13 per cent in 1920.

By R. G. Fowler,
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Cabbage Pest Control Given

Cabbage root maggots will soon attack cabbage and cauliflower plants. These maggots hatch from eggs laid at the base of the plants by flies that resemble a house fly but are a little smaller.

There are two practical control measures. Probably the simplest way is to place tar paper discs around the stem of each plant. These discs should

be 2½ inches in diameter and can be made by cutting squares from tarred building paper. A spike should be driven through the center to make a hole for the plant stem then make a slit from the side to the hole so it can be slipped around the plant. The paper must fit snugly against both the stem and the ground. Ready made discs may be purchased.

The other control is to dissolve an ounce of corrosive sublimate in 12 gallons of water, or six tablets in one gallon and pour a cupful around each plant. This must be repeated three times at 10-day intervals. This material is a deadly poison and must be handled carefully. As it corrodes metal, it should be prepared in a glass or wooden container. Thoroughly clean the container after using.

Plant Rhubarb Asparagus, Turnips

It is now time for home gardeners to plant rhubarb, asparagus, turnips and Swiss chard. Early planted crops as cabbage, carrots and beets can still be successfully planted if you have not already done so.

Fifty to 100 asparagus plants will furnish the family with a supply of early spring vegetables rich in vitamins A, B and C. After planting one year old plants you must wait two years

before any asparagus is cut and very little can be cut before the third year. When the plants are four years old, it can be harvested for two to three months each spring. The plants should be spaced two feet apart in the row and the rows three feet apart.

A dozen Victoria or mammoth red rhubarb plants will add another early vegetable to the diet. A fertile, well manured soil is essential for successful rhubarb growing. If you already have rhubarb growing, be sure to keep the seed stalks removed as allowing them to grow retards the production of new leaf stalks.

Turnips and Swiss chard should be grown from seed. Fifty feet of row of each of these will supply an average family. The Swiss chard should be sown so the plants will be spaced six inches apart in the row with 30 inches between the rows. Fordhook giant is a good variety of Swiss chard. Purple top, white globe or golden ball turnips may be seeded fairly thickly in rows 18 inches apart. As the turnips grow and become crowded, the extra plants should be removed and used as greens. The turnip greens are richer in vitamins than the turnips themselves.

Apricot Spray For Spotting

Fruit spotting on apricots can be partially controlled if the trees are sprayed now with an 8-8-100 bordeaux mixture. If you do not want to make the bordeaux, commercially pre-



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pared bordeaux or copper substitutes can be used. Sixteen pounds per 100 gallons or one pound in six gallons of bordeaux

can be used. If a copper substitute is preferred, use five pounds per 100 gallons or 14 pounds in five gallons. If fruit spotting has been severe in the past, this spray should be repeated in about three weeks.

By C. B. Cordy,
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Lake Creek

Lake Creek, April 9.—(Sp.)—Sunday guests at the Tonn home were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tonn and family and Mrs. Ray Grigsby and son Dick and daughter Charlotte of Medford.

Mrs. E. E. Meyer visited Wednesday with Mrs. Ella Meyer, who is ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Pettigrew at Eagle Point.

The Misses Joan Nissenbaum and Virginia Peck, with a team of horses hitched to a top-buggy, joined Edith Hoffert and Joyce Grissom in the horse and buggy parade Sunday.

Mrs. B. M. Bush left Sunday for the Columbia river section near Bon-

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