

Pear Production Up To Season Estimates

Pear pack-out tabulation closely approaches the pre-season estimate of 2,850,000 boxes, industry spokesmen said today.

An initial figure of 2,400,000 packed boxes of pears is reported. This does not include canneries, tonnage and comice varieties. Figures in the latter two categories are expected in the next two days, an industry spokesman said.

An appraisal of season's production shows total Bartlett pack-out somewhat under expectations. D'Anjou and Bosc are on par with the pre-season estimate with Comice crop expected to exceed the figure given by the prognosticators.

Pears led the fruits in Oregon cash farm income, according to the state department of agriculture's 1956 figures showing an increase of 7 million dollars over the previous year's total. Pears and peaches were the only fruits which showed gains in sales in 1956. Income from strawberries, apples, cherries and plums and prunes dropped.

Local agricultural authorities estimate that half the pear crop in Oregon is grown in the Medford district.

Filberts and walnuts also showed marked sales decreases for the past year.

Sale of forest products cut from farms declined almost \$4 million in 1956. Green house and nursery products in the state increased slightly for the past year.

Gross income figures for the state showed cattle topped the livestock category, and wheat headed the crops division.

Total cash sales of Oregon farm products in 1956 was \$407,852,000, about \$6 million above Oregon's gross cash farm income in 1955. Pears showed a gross income in 1956 of \$20,438 compared to \$13,317, the state department of agriculture figures show.

Among the states, Oregon ranks 29th in cash receipts from 1956 marketings, it was reported. Ten seed varieties brought Oregon growers more money in 1956 than 1955—perennial ryegrass, bentgrass, chewing fescue, Merion bluegrass, alsike clover, red clover, alfalfa, crimson clover, red fescue and tall fescue. Seed sales went down in only three varieties—common ryegrass, hairy vetch and common Willamette vetch.

Forest products income dropped from \$17,585 in 1955 to \$13,635 in gross income, according to the agriculture department figures.

Explaining the figures Robert J. Steward, director of the state department of agriculture, said there is a wide difference between the gross farm income and the net farm income. The report just received shows a total net farm income after all expenses in Oregon of \$162.5 million. This figure is \$14.8 million greater than the net farm income here in 1955.

Farm and Garden

Tree Seedlings Short For Autumn Planting

Corvallis — Shortages of tree seedlings for commercial plantings continue this year with rationed supplies from the Oregon forestry nursery expected to fall far short of demands for the fall planting season, says Charles Ross, Oregon state college farm forestry specialist.

An inventory of about 734 million conifer seedlings at the forest nursery is reported by the state forestry department. More than five million of these are Douglas fir seedlings earmarked for state forest rehabilitation, mainly the Tillamook Burn.

Applications Ready

The remaining conifers and about one-quarter million broadleaf species will be available for sale at prices ranging from \$9 to \$12 per thousand seedlings. Applications for order blanks can be made now with the state board of forestry, Salem.

Order blanks will be mailed out in October, according to Charles Ladd, chief farm forester, state forestry department. Purchase limits for each species are shown on order blanks so supplies can be stretched among as many persons as possible, Ladd explains.

Douglas fir purchases are limited to 50,000 seedlings per order, and other species range from

1,000 to 5,000. Shipment of seedlings will begin in November.

While the forestry nursery is small in relation to demand, Ross says it is 1 1/4 million larger than last year. In addition, Woods' Nursery, Salem, expects to have a limited supply of seedlings available, mostly Christmas tree planting stock. Ross says this is the only known private source in Oregon offering trees in commercial quantities.

Meanwhile, attempts to boost seedling supplies in the Pacific Northwest have resulted in an estimated 76 million seedlings this year in Oregon and Washington compared to only 20 million last year, according to the Industrial Forestry association, Portland.

Further expansion in Oregon is slated next year with the new Oregon state forest nursery at Elkton planning to offer about 15 million seedlings next fall.

Tree planting on marginal Oregon cropland under the soil bank program is expected to take a large chunk of the expanded seedling supply next year, reports Robert Madsen, soil bank forester, state forestry department.

The soil bank not only makes annual "rental" payments to farmers for placing such land in the conservation reserve but pays up to 80 per cent of planting costs the first year. Contracts are offered for 10 years when plantings are made for forestry purposes.

Starting in 1958, the soil bank will offer five or ten-year contracts, at the option of the producer, for tree or shrub plantings for shelterbelts, windbreaks, or wildlife habitats. The present ten-year contract requirements remain in effect on tree plantings for forestry purposes.

Spraying Arbor Vitae Should Be Done Now

Central Point — Now is the time to spray Beckman's arbor vitae, advises C. B. Cordy, county horticulture agent.

This conical-shaped evergreen shrub should be sprayed now with neutral copper to control a fungus disease which creates brown areas on one side of the tree. Recommended solution is three pounds of the neutral copper to 100 gallons of water or an ounce in two gallons of water.

Each shrub should be sprayed thoroughly and followed up with a wetting agent, either commercial or a household detergent.

Spraying is desirable now since with the coming of the first fall rains the fungus spore will take root and grow.

The same spray should be used on Boysen berries and apricots at this time, Cordy added.

Registration Open For New Soils Course

Central Point—Local farmers who are interested in getting better crops from their farm lands are invited to enroll in the farm crops and soils course starting at 8 p.m., Monday, Oct. 7 in the vocational agriculture room in Crater high school at Central Point.

"This is a chance for farmers to relax and learn new ideas from top-notch instructors and specially selected movies," Ed Griggs, vocational agriculture instructor at Crater high school, said.

Coffee and doughnuts will be provided. Enrollment fee is \$5 for the series of 10 classes. Further information may be obtained by calling NO 4-1103 at Crater high school.

Well Registration Required By Law, Authorities State

Those farmers in Jackson county who have not registered their wells should do so now, county extension agents advise.

"For a small registration fee, farmers can protect themselves and save considerable expense in legal fees later on," it was explained. "In fact, a lawsuit was reported as pending in the West Hills section of Portland. An injunction is asked against the drilling of a well for water to be used for domestic purposes. Reason for the suit has been given as possible interference with existing domestic wells."

Registration Required

The registration is required under the Ground Water Act of 1955, according to Marvin N. Shearer, irrigation specialist at Oregon state college. This act requires all persons claiming a right to appropriate ground water because they have used it prior to Aug. 3, 1955 in western Oregon must register their wells by Aug. 3, 1958, Shearer said.

"The state engineer estimated that considerably less than half the wells eligible for registration have been registered to date," Shearer wrote. "Failure for any person to register his well by Aug. 3, 1958 will be interpreted as abandonment of all claims to the right of appropriating such water by reason of use prior to Aug. 3, 1955."

Situation Serious

"This situation becomes increasingly serious because of the number of farmers reporting water tables lowering," he added.

According to the official summary of the act, the law is concerned with development and use of all ground in Oregon except for use of ground water for stock watering purposes, lawns and non-commercial gardens if less than a half-acre in area, single or group domestic purposes in amounts not exceeding 15,000 gallons per day, and single industrial or domestic purposes in amounts not exceeding 5,000 gallons per day.

Instructions Listed

According to the official release, those persons in western Oregon who have wells constructed prior to effective date of this act should:

1. Write to the state engineer requesting forms for registration of well. (Within three years of effective date of this act.)
2. The state engineer will then issue a certificate of registration as evidence the registration is complete.
3. A ground water right certificate is issued after a final determination is made.

Other Procedure Given

Those acquiring wholly new right to appropriate ground water or to enlarge upon the existing right should follow this procedure:

1. Obtain a permit from the state engineer before construction is started.
2. If approved the endorsed application is a permit to appropriate ground water and construction may be started.
3. Construction must begin within one year from date of application approval.
4. It must be completed within two years from approval date on application.
5. Within 30 days after completion, the permit holder must file a certificate of completion.
6. A ground water right certificate shall be issued by the state engineer after the appropriation has been perfected.

A permit granted under the old law is considered to be a valid permit. However, their holders must continue to make annual reports to the state engineer. All others should apply to the state engineer for instructions.

A New Winter Wheat Outlined In Booklet

Corvallis—A hard white winter wheat for the medium and low rainfall areas of Oregon is described in a new folder published by the Oregon state college agricultural experiment station.

The new wheat variety, named "Burt," yields more bushels per acre than other hard winter varieties, according to the folder. Burt also resists smut and may turn out to be a more attractive variety on some major foreign markets than medium to high protein club varieties now grown.

The first hard white bread-type winter wheat released jointly by Oregon and Washington, Burt is generally recommended in areas of 14 inches or less rainfall. In higher rainfall areas, the Omar variety is better, the folder says.

Oregon residents can get a copy of the folder at their local county extension office, or from the OSC bulletin clerk, Corvallis.

INSURANCE AUTHOR DIES
Chicago — Dr. Harry W. Dingman, 73, insurance official and author of several books on insurance, died Monday.

Little Price Rise Expected In Future For Turkey Market

Little if any increase is predicted in turkey prices, W. T. Guerts, manager of the Oregon Turkey Growers, told approximately 200 turkey growers at the recent 18th annual meeting of the Oregon Turkey improvement association at Oregon State college.

There may be some increase in the price of hens as the holiday market is approached, he added. However, the large carry-over of big toms is depressing the tom market, he explained. He said that toms stored at present prices may increase enough to pay for the storage but that is all.

This information would affect turkey men here who raise approximately 23,000 birds, in Jackson county, it was estimated.

To compete for the increased chain store buying a producer must have a large, efficient operation with a top quality uniform product, according to Dr. G. B. Wood, head of the agricultural economics department, Oregon State college. Many chains are buying directly from large producers, he explained.

Commenting on controls vs. free enterprise, he stated this issue will have to be decided by the turkey industry.

Jim Hill, manager of the Pendleton Grain Growers emphasized that the turkey industry must integrate or work together to obtain efficiency and reduce production costs. This would be in keeping with the integration or tie-ins taking place in many types of business.

"Growers in this area must be able to borrow money, buy feed and have their turkeys processed and sold as cheap as any place in the United States if we are to stay in business over the long pull," he remarked.

Commenting on the feed situation, Wally Berge, state meat feeds are cheaper than they were a year ago. Corn is now \$10 per ton less, barley \$2, oats \$6 and milo \$7 a ton less than a year ago, he illustrated. Soybean meal is the only main ingredient that is higher than last year, he added. Berge predicted slightly cheaper feeds. This reduction will be offset to some extent by the increase in freight rates. To obtain cheaper feeds in this area the industry should use more home grown grains, he remarked.

LAW BOOK

Columbus, Ohio — A man charged with drunk driving and changing traffic lanes without safety was book as John Law, 39.

New Areas Assigned To Brand Inspectors

Salem—Assignments for five of Oregon's livestock brand inspectors were reported this week by Henry A. Matschiner, supervisor of the state department of agriculture's livestock theft prevention service.

Formerly stationed at Prineville, Lee Perdew will take over brand inspector's duties in the Sutherlin area. Ray Ego has been transferred from the north Portland stockyards to the Prineville position. Vern McCauley, Portland, has been assigned to The Dalles.

Two of the men will do combination inspection work for the department. Jim Campbell, Portland, will carry out auction yard disease inspection, livestock brand inspection and meat inspection in Hermiston. John Wayne Jones, Jr., Portland, will have the same duties in Madras.

Contract Awarded For County Trucks

Contract for two pick-up trucks for the Jackson county road department was awarded Crater Lake Motors yesterday morning by the county court.

Net price for the two six-cylinder trucks was \$2,709.28. The trucks will be delivered in the immediate future, County Judge Rodney Keating said. A trade-in allowance of \$450 was allowed on a 1946 Dodge pickup truck and a 1941 GMC pickup truck.

Crater High Student Receives \$25 Check

Central Point — Lyle Bigham, vice president of the Crater High school chapter of the Future Farmers of America, placed sixth in the United States in the Lincoln Arc welding competition.

Bigham received a check for \$25. His entry was a hydraulic three-point lift.

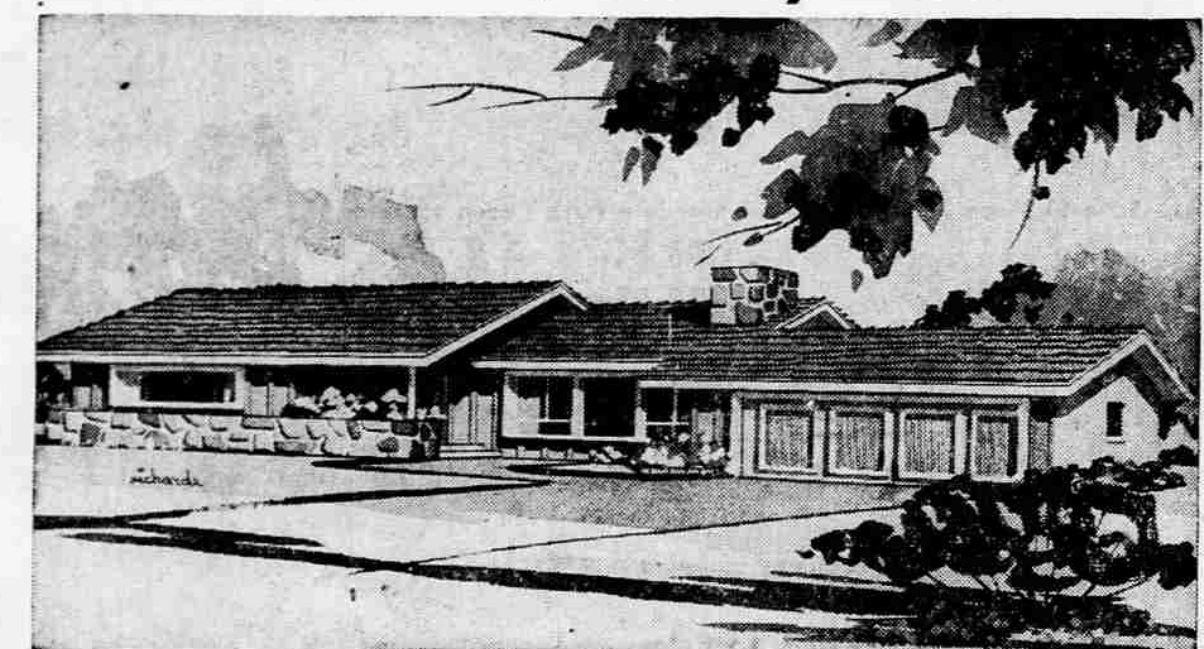
Last year Lyle won fourth place in the nation in the same contest. Then he built a hay and grain elevator. He received a check for \$100 for this entry.

Oregon Farm Woodlands Bring \$1,421,741 Gross

Salem—Farm woodland owners in the state of Oregon benefited to the extent of a gross income of \$1,421,741 during the fiscal year ending on last June 30 from the sale of forest products on the farm woodland, according to Assistant State Forester Don Maus.

By far the greater part of the income came from the sale of stumps, Maus pointed out, with 50,198,000 board feet of sawlogs bringing cash in the amount of \$1,010,092 to the farmers. Other stumpage products included 4,788 pieces of piling and 42,250 fence posts, hop poles and bean posts, the forester added.

This Week's Town, Country House Plan



BY HIAWATHA ESTES

This is IT!—the home you've been waiting for! In 1668 square feet it incorporates all the features you have ever wanted.

The modern ranch style is tastefully carried out, from the interesting lines of the stained shake roof to the stone planters across the front. Grooved plywood panels lend textural accent to the doors of the double garage. The deep front porch is semi-screened from the street.

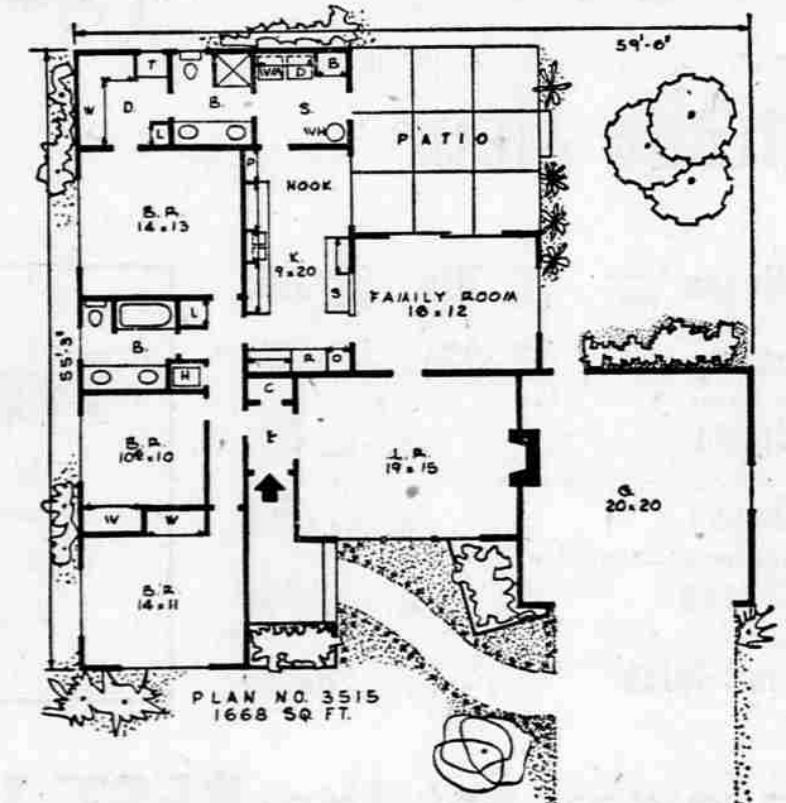
A bank of windows brightens the living room, affording a complete view of the street. Centered on the end wall is the large stone fireplace. A space-saving sliding door leads to the family room.

The family room and kitchen will undoubtedly become the center for family activities. Open except for a half-wall behind the built-in range, this area affords a place for little ones to play within mother's view, yet not under her feet. When adults entertain, it can serve as a dining room, or it can be completely closed off from the living room.

Wide glass doors merge this all-purpose room with the large rear patio. With the service door opening to this terrace, it would be easy to serve meals out-doors in warm weather.

A large pantry and an unusually large amount of cupboard space help to make kitchen work easy. The corner breakfast nook has a view of the patio and garden.

From the service area a door



leads to the three-quarter bath that is part of the master bedroom suite. The dressing room contains a built-in dressing table, linen closet and extra large wardrobes.

Large windows and ample wardrobes are features of the children's bedrooms.

In the family bath, as is the smaller one, double pullman lavatories are provided and the

water closets have been made semi-private by partitions.

Complete working drawings of the above plan can be obtained at a cost of \$7.50 for the first set and \$5 for each additional set, when ordered at the same time. This plan will be available for a period of four months from this date. Please allow two weeks for delivery. If the above home does not entirely meet with your satisfaction, a new home plan book, TOWN & COUNTRY HOMES may be purchased for \$1. Send all orders for either plans or books to: Hiawatha Estes, P. O. Box 494-T, Northridge, Calif.

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