

Beef Council Gets Legislative O.K., Effective Oct. 1

Salem—An Oregon Beef Council, supported by voluntary fees and for promotion of beef on a statewide basis, was authorized by the 1939 legislature and will become effective Oct. 1, this year.

The seven-man council, composed of three cattlemen, two dairymen, one handler and one feeder, will be appointed by the governor from recommendations submitted by the various producer groups.

Backers of this legislation, now Chapter 685 Oregon Laws, were the Oregon Cattlemen's association, the Western Oregon Livestock association and the Oregon Dairymen's association.

In addition to statewide promotion in Oregon, the sponsors are hopeful that the Oregon group will be able to cooperate with other beef councils on a regional basis. The law also authorizes support of the National Beef Council and the National Livestock and Meat Marketing board program.

"Support of this program will be absolutely voluntary, with no strings attached, but we hope for the support of the entire beef industry of the state," says Ted Hyde of Bly. Hyde is chairman of the beef promotion committee of the Oregon Cattlemen's association.

He points out that the voluntary contributions will be made uniformly at the rate of 10 cents per head collected with the brand inspection fee through cooperation of the selling agencies and the state department of agriculture.

Beef producers voted down a compulsory assessment for promotion two years ago when major arguments advanced against that move were that support should be on a voluntary basis and promotion should be tied in with regional and national programs.

OSC Sets Expansion Of Hog Research

Corvallis—Oregon farmers' bid for a bigger chunk of the Pacific Coast's wide-open pork market gained strength this week with announcement of further expansion in the swine research program at Oregon State college.

Purchase of 10 purebred Yorkshire gilts will open a new breeding line at the college to help speed findings for better and more economic pork production, reports Dr. David C. England, OSC animal scientist in charge of swine breeding research.

Other developments in recent weeks include approval of an industry-sponsored swine testing station near Hermiston to test about 250 hogs annually. The Oregon Wheat commission is financing construction of the station to be operated by OSC scientists in cooperation with Oregon swine producers.

New swine research facilities were also added recently at OSC for swine feeding and production experiments including testing of Oregon-grown feeds.

Pacific Coast states now ship in about 70 per cent of their pork needs, mainly from the midwest. Oregon farmers are attempting to supply coastal markets through rapidly increasing swine production.

Dr. J. C. Miller, OSC dairy and animal husbandry department head, says establishment of the Yorkshire line is part of a stepped-up swine research program to help farmers produce the quantity and quality of hogs needed to meet regional market demands.

OSC has for many years conducted research with Berkshire swine recognized as one of the outstanding herds of Berkshires on the Pacific Coast. Dr. England said the Yorkshire herd is a supplement to the Berkshires to add a "broader base for genetic studies."

The Yorkshire gilts were selected from the purebred herd of Earl Simantel, Cornelius, for high production and high-quality, meat-type characteristics. Three Yorkshire boars are on order from the midwest, and the first litters of their foundation stock will be farrowed next spring.

Two midwest Berkshire boars are also on order to broaden the genetic base of the OSC herds and provide a wide range of inheritance for selective breeding. Research emphasis is on genetic studies that will bring rapid improvement of economic traits in meat-type hogs.

Research will also be conducted with crosses of Berkshires and Yorkshires to provide up-to-date recommendations on crossings for commercial producers, Dr. England said. The new herd will provide added material for instruction in livestock judging, swine production courses, meat classes, and other animal husbandry subject matter, Dr. Miller stated.

1859 Gardens Said More Exotic By OSC Curator

Corvallis—1859 gardens were more exotic than the gardens of today. Dr. Albert N. Steward, curator of the Oregon State college herbarium, found this to be true when he "dug-up" history of early gardens for our Centennial year.

Many early Oregon garden plants served as "reminders of homes" left by the settlers and came from seeds and cuttings brought west. Most other plants were from foreign countries via boats that came to Portland for lumber and farm products.

Herbs were grown for perfume and condiment use. Lemon balm, catnip, lavender, hoarhound, sage, ox-eye daisy, and feverfew were among the aromatic herbs grown.

Foreign trees, shrubs and herbs were widely used. The weedy Scotch Broom from Europe was one of them. Very few native plants were used then. Dr. Steward says the use of "natives" is a "modern" innovation.

Other plants from abroad were sweet briar, hyacinth, daffodil, and periwinkle (Europe), bridal wreath (China, Japan), camellia (Asia), sweet william and peony (Eurasia), sweet pea (Italy), marigold (Mexico), and Irish yew.

The native bigleaf maple, cottonwood, and black walnut from eastern United States were often planted trees. Such bright colored flowers as iris, cockscomb, hollyhock, balsam, nasturtium, morning glory and daisy were common.

It's interesting to hear and compare with yesterday. You may have seen this before, but in case you hadn't, we repeated it.

Fruits such as apples, oranges and bananas are rich in sugar values.

State Meat, Egg Laws Now Amended

(This is the fifth and last of a series of articles from the state department of agriculture briefing 1939 legislation it will administer.) State meat inspection will move into all custom slaughter plants, heretofore holding exemption privileges if they wished to exercise them, as result of 1939 legislation now effective.

Already 10 of the 18 exempt custom plants have applied to the state department of agriculture for inspection service. This means renovations and some new equipment will be needed to meet basic inspection standards. When custom plants come under inspection and licensing they are entitled to wholesale meat.

The same law brings non-slaughtering processing plants and animal food slaughter and processing operations under the state meat dealer's licensing law, with annual licenses \$10 and \$20, respectively.

Another tightening up in the meat inspection law requires farm-slaughtered animals farmers sell direct to consumers to bear a tag showing the meat has not been inspected. The department will furnish these tags and as soon as possible combine the new tag with the regular producer's tag.

Farm slaughtered carcasses sold to retailers, restaurants and other places must be submitted to post-mortem inspection and if found unwholesome will be condemned.

The amendments to the egg law bring grade tolerances in line with the federal tolerances and will also require greater producer participation in the licensing and case tax fees which support the state egg inspection program.

Small producers, however, will continue to sell unlimited quantities of their own eggs to consumers on or off the premises without contributing a cent to the state. They may also sell, again without cost, unlimited quantities of eggs to dealers who have the \$2 state permit.

But if producers sell to unlicensed dealers, they will

need, after Aug. 5, to obtain the \$2 license. With this, they may sell without tax up to 6,000 dozen eggs each year to unlicensed retailers, restaurants, eating houses and other food establishments or processors. The 6,000 dozen is on

basis of the exemption of 200 cases each of a maximum of 30 dozen eggs from the 3-cent case tax fee.

The 1939 law also permits the department to audit dealers' records relating to the case tax; requires adequate

equipment for candling and grading eggs if anyone sells eggs under a grade label; and gives the department authority to revise case tax fees downward when funds accumulate above the enforcement needs.

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Special Equipment Used in Research

Corvallis—Special laboratory equipment that simulates high altitude atmospheric conditions is being used by an Oregon State college physicist for basic research on radio wave transmission problems found at 100,000 foot heights.

Dr. James J. Brady is making the study under grants from Boeing Airplane company of Seattle.

He received a \$14,000 grant last year for the project and a renewal grant of \$12,000 this month to continue work for a second year.

St. Catharines, Ont.—(UPI)—Amateur hypnotist William Montgomery, 29, was fined \$20 for touching a lighted cigarette to the palm of 17-year-old Paul Bart's unflinching hand to prove the youth was under his spell.



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Benson Rejects Govt. Purchase Of Eggs, Hens

Washington—(UPI)—Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson has rejected a congressional request to bolster egg prices by government purchases of laying hens and eggs from breeding flocks.

Benson's decision was announced in a letter to chairman Harold D. Cooley (D-N.C.) of the House agriculture committee.

Cooley also had asked Benson to appeal to creditors to declare a moratorium on their current claims against poultrymen. Benson went part way on this by saying his department's Farmers Home Administration will not foreclose its loans to poultrymen-borrowers "as long as there is a reasonable prospect of their eventually overcoming their present financial difficulties."

Benson said private lenders generally follow the same practice "on an individual customer basis rather than by issuing an industrywide moratorium."

The agriculture secretary added his department would urge both government and private lending agencies to help stabilize the poultry industry, presumably by tightening up on loans for expanding production.

In rejecting Cooley's proposal for purchases of hens and breeding eggs, Benson said such steps would slow down the rate at which farmers-in a move prompted by low egg prices—are culling hens out of their flocks.

The Agriculture Department has spent nearly 19 million dollars buying surplus dried eggs since last October. Purchases totalling \$573,000 were announced Friday. The department also is backing a retail promotion drive, Benson added, and "there has been some improvement in prices" since it was launched.

The department also announced Friday a proposed new federal "controlled quality" egg grading program.

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