

FARM NOTES

Washington—UPI—Farm prices inched upward almost 1 per cent in mid-February under the impact of higher prices for meat animals and most fruits, the Agricultural Department reported Monday.

Lower prices for dairy products, cotton, most vegetables, eggs, and turkeys were only partially offsetting.

The overall increase left farm prices about 4 per cent below those of February, 1959.

Washington—UPI—James J. Patton, President of the National Farmers Union, told Congress Monday world food needs are growing so rapidly U.S. farm surpluses will not be a problem very long.

He put his organization on record in favor of a bill by Rep. W. R. Poage (D-Tex.) and 15 other House Democrats. Designed to cut government farm costs while boosting farmers' income, it would authorize a wide range of marketing orders and stabilization plans to tailor supplies to domestic and export needs. It would forbid future pileups of surpluses in government ownership.

Washington—UPI—The agriculture department has adopted a new official seal for pet foods prepared under government supervision. The new seal replaces separate inspection seals used previously on the two main types of pet food.

Purpose of the new seal is to indicate that the ingredients and manufacturing process used to prepare the product have been supervised continuously by meat inspectors of the Agricultural Research Service.

Washington—UPI—Agriculture department production reports today indicated the supply of broiler-fryer chickens would go up this year while the egg supply would get smaller.

The production of broiler-fryer chickens during January totaled 160,709,000, up 6 per cent from January, 1959. Production of egg-type chicks totaled 23,687,000 down 33 per cent from a year ago.

Washington—UPI—The Agricultural Marketing Service said today farm groups spent about 87 million dollars for promotion of farm products during fiscal year 1959.

An AMS survey showed that more than 1,000 organizations engaged in this promotion. The groups included farmer cooperatives, commissions, associations, and state departments of agriculture. Individual growers, shippers, and private firms processing and marketing farm products were not included.

Washington—UPI—A vegetable research and marketing advisory committee said the agricultural department must increase its basic research effort immediately if the nation is to meet the food and fiber requirements of the next generation.

The committee said the fundamental studies must be started right away because it takes nearly a generation to work out solutions to practical production and marketing problems.

Expanded research is needed to develop new and improved methods and instruments for measuring the quality factors used in setting vegetable grade standards, the committee said. The methods should be non-destructive and aimed at developing improved automatic sorting equipment, it said.

The committee also urged revision of grade standards so that they will reflect more accurately the actual market qualities that affect transactions between buyers and sellers.

Washington—UPI—Eggs and pork top the list of foods due to be plentiful in March, the Agriculture Department said today.

Egg production will be increasingly seasonally until April. Quality will continue high and prices to consumers were expected to be favorable.

Pork will be in heavy supply next month. Pork from the fall pig crop, third largest on record, will start coming to market in late February. Storage supplies of pork already are heavier than last year.

Washington—UPI—The Agriculture Department estimates there were a record 101,520,000 head of cattle on farms

and ranges on Jan. 1. This was an increase of 5 per cent over Jan. 1, 1959.

The department Friday placed the value of this year's record number at \$13,840,860,000, compared with \$14,783,754,000 a year ago.

Hogs on Jan. 1 totaled 58,464,000 head, and were valued at \$1,084,239,000. The total was up 3 per cent over a year ago.

Inventories of all sheep and lambs were up 2 per cent to 33,621,000 head.

Washington—UPI—The Agriculture Department said that a Jan. 20-25 cold spell in Florida caused serious damage to tender vegetables.

It is too early, however, to determine how much of the winter vegetable crop was destroyed. The department estimated on Jan. 1 that the winter-season harvest of 20 commercial fresh vegetables would be about 9 per cent larger than last winter and 7 per cent above the 1949-58 average.

Washington—UPI—The farm population declined in all regions of the United States and in all geographic divisions during the 1950-59 decade, according to statistics compiled by the census bureau and the agricultural market service.

The total farm population as of April 1, 1959, was 21,172,000, the census bureau said. This was a drop of 15.5 per cent from the population in April, 1950.

The 1,972,000 farm residents in the West in 1959 were 8.8 per cent fewer than the 1950 farm population in that area.

Changes in farm population were the result of a natural increase of about 347,000 persons annually excess births over deaths and a net annual loss through migration and change of residence classification of 805,000.

Washington—UPI—A research advisory committee has told the agriculture department that improved equipment and methods are needed in some areas for applying pesticides to farm crops.

The committee said there was evidence that failure of some commonly recommended pesticides to give satisfactory control might be due to a lack of accurate knowledge of the best methods of application.

The committee said studies were needed of the influence of environment on farm animals and poultry.

Washington—UPI—The farmer's share of each dollar grocery customers spent for beef and pork declined last year, the Agriculture Department reported today.

National 4-H Club Week Noted For March 5-12

By GLENN KLEIN
County 4-H Agent

"Learn, live, serve, through 4-H" is the theme 4-H'ers throughout the United States will be striving for as they observe National 4-H Club Week, March 5 to 12. Jackson County 4-H'ers are joining in this observance with window displays throughout the county of their 4-H activities.

Stores in Ashland, Medford, Central Point, Talent, Phoenix, Eagle Point, Gold Hill and Rogue River are making window space available for these displays.

Nationally, 4-H Club Week will be highlighted in Washington, D.C., by six selected members who will present the annual 4-H "Report to the Nation." The report will summarize in story and pictures outstanding 4-H accomplishments and current projects. The three girls and three boys, while in the nation's capital, expect to review the report with President Eisenhower at the White House. They also plan to visit Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson, C. M. Ferguson, administrator of the federal extension service, and various senators and congressmen on Capitol Hill.

Adult Leaders Honored

The two and a quarter million 4-H'ers everywhere will share honors with the 296,000 adult volunteer leaders who guide 4-H work in local communities throughout the 40 states and Puerto Rico. The main purposes of 4-H Club Week are: to acquaint more young people with opportunities available to them through joining or forming 4-H clubs, to assist new members in starting projects in farming, homemaking, community service, and other activities, and to inform the public about 4-H aims and methods.

Jackson County 4-H'ers reached new heights in their program this past year. More than \$208,600 was invested in 4-H projects. Of this amount, \$62,500 was a profit or savings to 4-H'ers and their families. They raised 1,900 head of beef, dairy, sheep, swine, horses and rabbits. 1,245 chickens, cooked 8,980 dishes of food and 1,480 complete meals, and made over 1,300 garments in sewing and knitting projects.

In his annual letter to 4-H'ers, President Dwight D. Eisenhower said, "This changing world places new de-

Markets Open To Area Produce

By DON BERRY

Every spring there are a number of farmers and part time farmers looking around for new crops to grow on their land.

Recent local surveys of the vegetable markets indicate there is some opportunity for expansion of local grown vegetables for local markets. Retail people in the stores indicate that fresh produce sales in this area varies from \$3,000 to \$10,000 a week. Nearly all of these vegetables are imported.

These merchants further indicate they would prefer to buy locally grown produce if they could get high quality produce in sufficient quantity and in uniform packages to meet their market demands.

This area produces excellent root crops, crucifers, tomatoes and squash. Therefore crops like onions, turnips, rutabagas, could be expanded locally. Growers looking for new crops might consider growing these if they are interested in horticultural crops for local markets.

Brand Inspector Is Advanced

Salem — Advancement of Gene Kunkle to the position of state brand inspector, effective March 1, was announced last week by Fred Pope, animal division chief, state department of agriculture. He will be in charge of the brand inspection program and field personnel.

Kunkle has been on the department staff since August, 1950, and in the latest promotion comes to the Salem office as livestock officer in the Ontario district. He served as a brand inspector at Grants Pass and Redmond, and in 1957 was advanced to livestock officer and spent six months in charge of the Salem district before going to Ontario.

He is a Marine Corps veteran of World War II, entering the service after graduation from Benson Polytechnic school in Portland. He was born in Woodburn.

mands upon the spirit and abilities of our people. Therefore, the opportunities offered to 4-H Club members to grow in citizenship and in practical skills are especially valuable to them and to the nation."

"Learn, live, serve, through 4-H" is the aim of every Jackson County 4-H'er.

Broiler Growers To Vote March 14

Salem — Registered broiler growers throughout the state will vote between March 14 and 26, inclusive, on whether to eliminate the assessment of the Oregon Fryer commission.

The referendum results from a petition of growers to remove the 17/100th of a cent per pound assessment which has been in effect since growers formed the commission two years ago.

Frank McKennon, director of agriculture, said the voting will be by mail ballot.

He said 196 producers representing more than 80 per cent of the Oregon fryer production registered for the referendum between Feb. 1 to 23. Only growers registering in that period are entitled to vote.

McKennon said any registered grower who fails to receive a ballot in the mail before March 14 should contact the division of market development, state department of agriculture, Salem. Or ballots may be obtained from county extension agents' offices in Eugene, Albany, Salem, McMinnville, Oregon City or Hillsboro between March 14 and 26.

Growers may return their ballot by mail or deposit them in ballot boxes in one of the named extension offices. If mailed, they must be post-marked not later than midnight Saturday, March 26.

Vegetable Growers To Hold Meeting

All vegetable growers are invited to attend a meeting Friday afternoon at 1:15 p.m. in the court house auditorium, March 11, according to Don Berry, county agent.

The topics to be discussed will include chemical weed control in vegetables by Garvin Crabtree, horticulturist at Oregon State college; control of onion maggot and other vegetable insects by Dr. Gentner, Southern Oregon Branch Experiment Station; fertilizer and variety trials at the Southern Oregon Experiment Station by John Yungen; and new developments for vegetable growing in Oregon by Andy Duncan, OSC vegetable production specialist at Oregon State college, Berry said.

The meeting will be opened up to discussion of questions and problems from local people. Anyone interested in vegetable growing is invited.

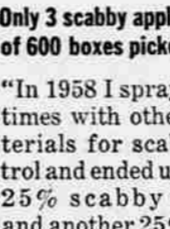
OREGON GROWERS REPORT RESULTS WITH CYPREX



"Couldn't find a scabby apple at thinning time"

"One block of my 1958 Newton crop had a high percentage of pin point scab, so it all went to the cannery — none to the fresh market. This, in spite of the fact that I had applied a delayed dormant plus three other scab sprays to this crop. In 1959 I applied one Cyprex spray and followed it with another Cyprex spray ten days later. Cyprex sure took care of the scab. It stopped the scab on the fruit and on the leaves. I couldn't find a scabby apple at thinning time. My Newtons in 1959 were the nicest I've ever grown — good finish, foliage slick and healthy. I'll use Cyprex to control my scab in 1960."

Wilfred Walter
Box 89, Route 2, Hood River



"Only 3 scabby apples out of 600 boxes picked"

"In 1958 I sprayed 10 times with other materials for scab control and ended up with 25% scabby fruit and another 25% russeted fruit from the use of these materials. This past season I sprayed four times with Cyprex and found 3 scabby apples out of 600 boxes picked so far. Cyprex has made it possible for me to continue raising apples in this area."

Alfred Hopper
Box 112, Route 1, Freewater-Milton



"Cyprex is our most economical fungicide"

"In 1959 we used three Cyprex sprays in one block of trees and three sprays of other fungicides on the other block. Tim-

Hob Deuel, Jr.
Del Rio Orchards, Gold Hill

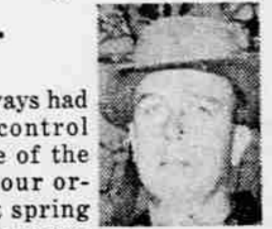


"Cyprex is our scab fungicide for 1960"

"In 1958 we did not pick the north half of our interplanted block of d'Anjou and Bartlett because it was almost 100% scab. The south half was not as bad, 15% to 20% scab. This year we put on a delayed dormant of lime-sulphur and oil, a pre-pink and a calyx spray. We tried Cyprex for the first time in 1959. It was applied in the worst scab spot, the north half of the pear block, at pre-pink and calyx. Two non-Cyprex sprays were used on the south half at the same timings. The control was not holding on the south half so we applied one Cyprex spray. Later, a Cyprex spray was applied on the whole block. Our Bartletts had the smoothest, most shiny finish that they have ever had. Some fungicides curl our young leaves, making insect control more difficult, but Cyprex does not. On apples we used a dormant and pink of non-Cyprex fungicides. Then we put on two Cyprex sprays. Before our first Cyprex there was a scab spot on every leaf, even the small ones. The Cyprex stopped it. The scab was dead three to four days after spraying. We are convinced that without Cyprex we would not have harvested half our pear crop or held our apple scab in 1959. Cyprex is our scab fungicide for 1960."

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Hob Deuel, Jr.
Del Rio Orchards, Gold Hill

Consult your local agricultural authorities for further information. Or — write for leaflet PE 5061, American Cyanamid Company, Agricultural Division, Los Angeles 54, California.

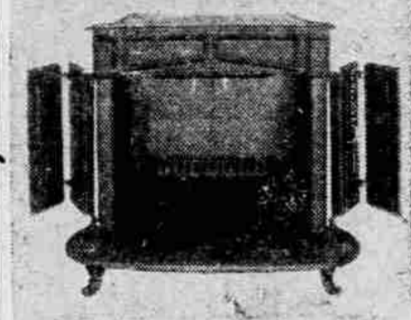
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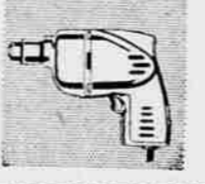
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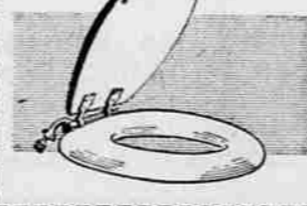
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