

Big Supply Seen Of Holiday Bird

CORVALLIS — The holidays are coming and turkey—the traditional main feature of holiday dinners—is in generous supply this year, reports Stephen C. Marks, Oregon State University extension agricultural economist.

A larger poul hatch early in the year and earlier-than-usual slaughter rushed Oct. 1 cold storage holdings five per cent above the same level a year ago, he noted. However, the larger inventory poses no great problem to the trade in view of the coming holiday season, he adds.

Turkey prices have been holding fairly stable, with quotations to growers about the same as last year at this time. The 1963 turkey crop is estimated at about the same size as 1962.

For the year ahead, U.S. turkey growers are planning adjustments in size and composition of breeder flocks to be kept for the 1964 hatching season, Marks noted. Breeders in the 15 leading turkey producing states plan to keep about the same number of heavy-breed hens for the coming hatching season as in 1962, but intend to hold 10 per cent more of the light breed hens.

To Keep More
In Oregon, turkey breeders expect to keep slightly more heavy white breeds for egg production, but not so many bronze and heavy types as last year, he said, and 10 per cent more of Beltsville and other light breeds.

On the broiler scene, broiler

marketings continue heavier than a year ago, due to the larger placements during summer months. However, they are not as large as earlier this fall and prices have somewhat improved, although they are still slightly below levels of a year ago, the economist said.

Hatchery production of egg-type chicks continues larger than last year, which means there will be more pullets available for flock replacement right after the first of the year, Marks pointed out. The number of pullets on farms and still to come into production as of Oct. 1 was up one per cent from last year, with increases reported in all regions of the nation.

'Back to School' Is Set at St. Mary's

A "back to school" night for parents of St. Mary's High School students is scheduled Wednesday, Nov. 13, at the school.

From 7:30 to 8 p.m. faculty members will be in their rooms to talk with parents. At 8 p.m. a short business meeting will be held in the activity room. Following this, parents will proceed through their child's class schedule, visiting each room for a five-minute period.

The evening will close with refreshments served in the activity room.



RECEIVES AWARD—Mrs. R. W. Badcock, Rogue River, is shown above receiving a 15-year service award from Warren Bayless of the U.S. National Bank during the annual recognition banquet for 4-H club leaders at the Rogue Valley Country Club last week. (Knackstedt Photo)

Leaders of 4-H Clubs in County Recognized at Annual Banquet

Jackson County 4-H Club Leaders, some of whom have been with the program for more than 20 years, were honored recently at a leadership recognition and award dinner at the Rogue Valley Country Club.

There were 194 persons attending the annual event for adult and junior leaders for which the Pacific Power and Light Company was host.

Bill Bigham, who has completed 26 years as a club leader in the Antelope community, was oldest in years of service at the dinner. He received no special award this year but will be eligible for a 30-year pin in four more years.

Floyd Charley of Central Point, second in years of leadership with a 26-year record, was unable to attend the dinner but will receive a diamond inset in gold. He started leading the Central Point Beef Club in 1936. During the past 17 years during which records have been kept he supervised 241 club members.

Two women, Mrs. John Bohner of Central Point and Mrs. R. W. Badcock of Rogue River, were recipients of the "pearl inset in gold" recognition for 15 years of leadership. Mrs. Bohner was not present to receive her award. She has directed 267 members in the Antelope community in cooking, food preservation and forestry clubs. Mrs. Badcock is leader of the Happy Hoppers Rabbit Club with 164 members.

Several leaders were introduced for completing work in the between years for which no particular awards are offered. In this category were John Bohner, 18 years; Francis Krouse, 14 years; Charles Elmore, Mrs. Francis Krause and Clifford Moore, 13 years; Mrs. Everett Gibson, 12 years; Arion D. Christensen, Mrs. James Cornutt and Lawson Scott, 11 years.

Leaders, who have devoted nine years to the work, were listed as Mrs. Don Anderson, Mrs. Don Bradshaw, Don Bradshaw, Mrs. M. L. Frink, Morris Frink and Victor Stewart.

Eight-year workers announced were Mrs. Robert Fisher, Mrs. Leonard Franek, J. Allen Harris and Mrs. Lawson Scott. Leaders who have served for seven years were Mrs. John Anhorn, H. W. Barker, Mrs. John Carnegie, Mrs. James A. Dunn, James A. Dunn, Keith Krambeal, Mrs. C. H. Moore and Mrs. Walter Ricks.

Four leaders were noted for having completed six years. They are Mrs. C. D. Wiley, Mrs. Harlan Cantrall, Raymond C. Dowell and Lee Merriman.

Receive Commendation
The number receiving commendation for five years of leadership included Mrs. Dwight Albright, William R. Bagley, Eldred Charley, Robert Fisher, Don Geren, Edward Goodwin, Mrs. Rudolf Gunther, Mrs. Galen Hackett, Mrs. O. E. Hayes, Mrs. John Hochstatter, Will Hubbard, Mrs. Nelda Sutton and Mrs. R. L. Weide.

Junior leaders were commended for one, two, three and four years of service. Linda Gibson,

Georgia Hubbard and Kay Stephenson were the three who had completed the four year period.

The program opened with a flag salute led by Mike Reid, Jacksonville 4-H member. Jay Elliott acted as master of ceremonies and a welcome was extended by Frank Benesh, district manager of Pacific Light and Power Company.

Mrs. Everett Gibson, president of the 4-H Leaders association, gave the response. Don Gail, Gold Hill, gave a humorous reading, and Warren Bayless of the Medford Branch of the U.S. National Bank of Portland, made the leadership awards.

Andrew Schmidt, agriculture engineer of Pacific Power and Light, gave the address of the evening, choosing "Make the Best Better" as his topic.

NEW SAUCE MIXES

NEW YORK (UPI) — New sauce mixes are for fish and seafood fans. Lemon sauce is a tart, seasoned 1 ounce dry mix that reconstitutes without lumping to be served hot. Cocktail sauce for seafood, in a 1/2 ounce package, reconstitutes with water and catsup or chili sauce, to make a spicy sauce. (French's)

Efforts to Boost Beef Grade Contained in New Proposal

CORVALLIS — Although dual grading of beef carcasses has been ruled out by the Secretary of Agriculture, efforts to improve official U.S. Department of Agriculture standards for beef are continuing, reports Stephen C. Marks, Oregon State University extension agricultural economist.

Secretary Orville Freeman announced his decision on dual

grading after a one-year trial by the meat packing industry. At the same time, he revealed a new proposal which would retain the established grading system in its entirety while adding a separate cutability designation as part of the official USDA grade.

Under the proposal, there would be no change in the present criteria used for evaluation of carcass quality and conformation. Quality would be evaluated on the basis of marbling, color, texture, firmness and maturity of the lean. Conformation would still be evaluated on the basis of relative development of various parts and thickness of the carcass.

Quality and conformation would be combined into single quality grades such as USDA Prime, Choice, Good, etc., just as they are under present grade standards, Marks explained.

Only Change
The only change would be the addition of a cutability designation to the official USDA grade. This would be based on four carcass characteristics: 1. thickness of the fat covering over the rib eye; 2. size of the rib eye; 3. amount of internal carcass fat; 4. carcass weight.

The proposed cutability designation would range from 1 to 5, with the number 1 identifying carcasses of the highest retail cut-out yield and value, Marks said. The cutability number would appear on each carcass. It would provide an estimate of the yield of salable meat from a given beef carcass.

In announcing his decision on "dual grading," Secretary Freeman noted that a majority of

comments supported the idea of identifying difference in yield of salable meat from beef carcasses, but many livestock producers strongly opposed omission of carcass conformation as a factor in determining quality grades.

Some packers also pointed out the desirability of including a consideration of conformation within the quality grade in order to make carcasses more uniformly acceptable to retailers.

Copies of the proposed grading modification may be obtained from the Livestock Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposal by April 1, 1964. They should be addressed to the Director, Livestock Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, Marks advised.

Children's Book Week Opens Today

"Three Cheers for Books," is the theme of Children's Book Week for 1963, which opened today with the Public Library of Medford and Jackson County and the 10 branch libraries participating in the observance.

There are displays of new books, both fiction and non-fiction, for every age group, from pre-schoolers through high school, being featured at each library. Programs for visiting school classes have been scheduled throughout the week.

Parents and children are invited to visit the Junior department of the Medford central library any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. and until 9 o'clock tonight.

The Tuesday story hour was cancelled for today because of other visitations. It will be resumed next week.

Fireman Instructors Group Set Meeting

The Jackson-Josephine Counties Fireman Instructors Association will resume activities Wednesday, Nov. 13, following the summer recess.

The group will meet at the main station of the Medford Fire Department at 7:30 p.m.

The association formulates, maintains and supports standards of fireman education. Membership is open to any person interested in fireman education and training.

\$50,000 in Damages Sought in Complaint

A complaint seeking \$50,000 general and \$4,373.80 special damages has been filed in Jackson County Circuit Court by Edward Watson Kubli, Route 4, Box 413C, Medford.

The damages are sought from Fawn Loraine Cox, 784 Ashland Ave., Ashland, as the result of an automobile accident March 5 in Medford at the intersection of Riverside Ave. and McAndrews Road.

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Most folks today realize that a periodic physical check-up can help keep them in shape, and hopefully ward off illness and big medical bills. "It's the same with houses," says home-planning authority, A. M. Watkins, author of "The Complete Book of Home Remodeling, Repair and Improvement," and other books and articles in his field. Mr. Watkins has now prepared a booklet especially for the New York Life Insurance Company entitled "How To Hold Down Home Maintenance Costs."

Avoid Unnecessary Repair Bills. "Certain stitch-in-time maintenance checks can pay off in handsome dividends," he points out. "They can sharply cut your annual house operating bills, as well as forestall a major repair bill." By keeping a home in tip-top shape, you preserve its resale value, and also reap the most living enjoyment.

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