

Average Crop With Steady Prices Likely

Near average crop prospects, with food crops somewhat more promising than feed crops, is the general agricultural situation in the United States at mid-summer as indicated by a report just released by the O. S. C. extension service. Considering the somewhat reduced numbers of livestock, the feed supply is expected to be about adequate in the country as a whole.

Despite some improvement in crop prospects compared with a month ago, the general farm price level in the whole country and in Oregon appears not to have continued during the past few weeks the decline which was apparent during April and May. Farm prices are generally considerably higher than a year ago, being supported by substantially higher consumer purchasing power.

The decline in the general level of farm prices during April and May, without a similar decline in farm costs, resulted in a decline in the index of farm purchasing power of approximately 8 per cent since January, as measured by the ratio between prices farmers receive for farm products and the prices they pay for commodities used in production and living. The June index of purchasing power of farm products stood at 93 per cent of the pre-war average, compared with 101 at the high point in January, 1937.

The report, which is available from county agricultural agents, contains much detailed information on farm prices and market outlook for numerous commodities, including wheat and rye, corn, oats and barley, potatoes, truck crops, fruits, nuts, hops, flax, hay, pastures, hogs, milk, and eggs and chickens.

Better Crop Practices Revealed in AAA Report

Acreage of soil depleting crops on 14,209 Oregon farms that participated in the 1936 agricultural conservation program decreased by an average of 13.5 per cent, which was accounted for by increase in soil conserving crops or practices, according to the final summary of the 1936 program submitted by N. C. Donaldson, secretary of the State A A A committee, to the recent conference held at Oregon State College on compiling recommendations for the 1938 program.

This is considered an excellent showing in view of the lateness of the season when the 1936 program was announced. A much wider participation will be shown in the 1937 program, he said, even though the percentage shift from soil depleting crops may not continue at the first year rate.

The statistical summary, which includes more than 99 per cent of the participating farms, shows a total of 905,408 having been paid to co-operators in the program for carrying out land diversion and soil building practices. Of this amount, approximately \$263,000 was paid out under the range improvement program. Total expenses deducted from the sum distributed, to care for county administrative work, amounted to \$127,349, or considerably less than 1 per cent of the total.

Donaldson estimated that, considering the sign-up under the 1937 program, totalling 35,421 work sheets, total payments to be earned by Oregon farmers this year should exceed 3½ million dollars. Comparing the farms represented by 1937 work sheets with the total crop land in the state as shown by the 1934 census, approximately 93 per cent of the crop land is represented in this year's sign-up, even though only about 55 per cent of the actual farms, as recognized by the census takers, have signed up.

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Vesper message, "Why Be Christian?" 8 P. M.

SIMPLE CLOTHING FOUND BEST FOR HOT WEATHER

Hot-weather clothes that are easy for the child to get into and out of are enjoyed by both mother and child Maud Morse, clothing specialist at Oregon State College, says. Such clothes have as few fastenings as practicable, low-cut necklines and armholes. For this active season, too, it is an advantage for garments to have plenty of room in the seat

Missing Youth Found Near Lost Lake

After being lost for two days and nights in the forest adjacent to Lost Lake, William Kennedy of The Dalles was found last night on the Lake Branch of the Hood River after an all-day search by forest rangers and Hood River Crag Rats. Kennedy, about 24 years old, was tired and hungry, but had apparently suffered no ill effects from his long exposure in the woods.

Sunday evening he had wandered off to do a little exploring, leaving behind his companion, Melvin Crowder, also of The Dalles. He apparently became so confused in his directions that he was unable to find his way back to camp.

to allow for playing such games as leap frog and for climbing.

Commenting on the popular one-piece sun-suits with matching dress or blouse, Mrs. Morse suggests that the simplest type of overdress or blouse is the most satisfactory. They are cooler, not so easily mussed, and not so troublesome to launder as garments with fussy little frills and

sashes.

Many mothers are finding that their children appear at their best in simply designed clothes made of soft, smooth yet durable materials. It is advisable to be sure the fabric has been fully shrunk before the garments are made and that the colors are fast to both sun and washing. Gay colors are easily seen by motorists, which is a protection for the child.

NEEDLECRAFT CLUB MEETS

The Cascade Locks Needlecraft Club met Wednesday afternoon for a delightful desert-sew at the home of Mrs. Jim Layne. Those present were: Mrs. Elton Hatton, Mrs. Lester Sprague, Mrs. Vic Wigren, Mrs. Art Warren Mrs. John Thompson, Mrs. L. M. Morgan, Mrs. John Foulkes, Mrs. Charles Saunders, Mrs. Turnipseed, Mrs. R. J. Wuner, Mrs. Ives and Mrs. Warren Davidson.

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