

Weekly Fruit and Nut Crops Review

August 19, 1952

Lower prices for pears, higher prices for prunes, and a large surplus of filberts were noted during the past week, according to the weekly fruit and nut crops review prepared by the OSC Extension Service from USDA reports and other data.

NW Processors Open On Bartletts.

Processors in Portland and Yakima opened prices on Bartletts during the second week of August. Prices being offered were \$50 a ton for No. 1's, 2 1/2 inches and larger, and for No. 2's \$32.50 a ton.

Dried Prune Crop Harvest Starts

Harvest of California dried prune crop got underway in most districts of the state during the second week of August. Producer price ideas were generally reported strong and only a few scattered crops have been contracted. Packers have been offering to buy at firm prices or on open price contracts with or without minimum guarantees. Most packer offers, made on a firm price or as guarantee, were on a 10-cent basis for size 34/71's. This is one cent higher than last year's opening price. It equals the 1950 opening price, when California's production was 9 per cent larger. Most of Oregon's Italian prunes grade out in the basic size range of 34/71's.

National Sour Cherry Crop Falls

The U. S. Crop Reporting Service in its August 11 release estimated the national sour cherry crop to be somewhat smaller than expected in early June and July. The August estimate placed production at about 106,000 tons compared to same 140,000 tons expected a month earlier. Most of this reduction is due to heavy winds and rains in Michigan. That state's production was cut nearly one-third. Estimates have also gone down in New York, Wisconsin, and most other states.

Oregon's sour cherry crop, now estimated at 2,600 tons, is down some 400 tons from the July 1 estimate.

Board Recommends 34% Surplus

The Filbert control board has recommended that the salable percentage for this year's filbert crop be established by the secretary of the USDA at 66 per cent and the surplus percentage at 34 per cent. The board estimates that these percentages

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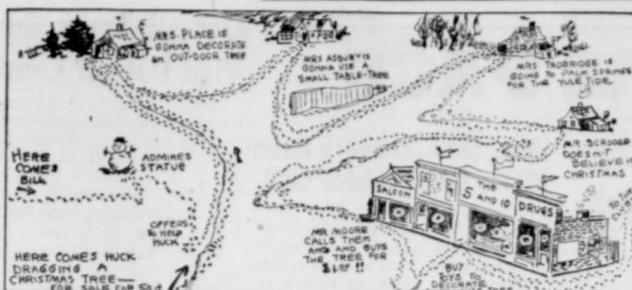
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by Dick Shaw



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would result in 10 to 15 per cent larger offerings of unshelled filberts than domestic outlets have taken in recent years. At the meeting in Portland last Friday (August 15), a minority of the board favored still larger offerings in-shell. But the majority of the board was concerned with chances that larger offerings would break the in-shell market and reduce returns to growers. The majority pointed out that the salable percentage could, with the approval of the ancestry, be increased later if warranted by trade demand. This percentage cannot be lowered later. The recommendation is subject to review and modification by the Secretary of Agriculture before the set-aside becomes effective. Interested parties wishing to submit

views on the Control Board's recommendation may file their arguments with the Fruits and Vegetable branch of the Production and Marketing Administration in Washington, D.C.

Linn County People Without Libraries

Almost three times as large a proportion of Linn county people are without library advantages as in the state as a whole.

Six of every ten Linn county persons live in areas without library service as compared with about two in ten (22% to be exact) in Oregon.

The reason for Oregon's better library coverage is found in the fact that of the state's 36 counties 13 have county libraries. These are Clackamas, Clatsop, Deschutes, Klamath, Multnomah, Tillamook, Hood River, Jackson, Josephine, Lake, Malheur, Umatilla and Wasco.

The first six of these have bookmobiles. With such a mobile library of a thousand or more volumes, a county librarian can take books to all parts of a county, making scheduled stops in rural communities, neighborhood centers, or wherever several families can come to a central point to select books. Books are also taken to rural schools and to town libraries.

County support thus provides library service for rural people living outside those cities and towns which already have their own libraries.

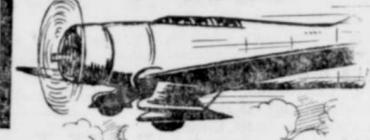
Oregon, with such county library systems in more than a third of its counties compares favorably with the rest of the country. There are 735 county libraries in the 3070 counties of the U.S.

In the state of Washington, 17 of the 39 counties have county library service, all started within the past ten years; all but three have bookmobiles, some large counties more than one. California, a pioneer in the movement, now has 52 county libraries.

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QUESTION: Our walls are finished in a texture paint finish with a stippled surface. We would like to remove this for papering. Can you tell the best way to go about it?

—J. J. B., Woodside, N. Y.

ANSWER: Unless covered with waterproof paint, the surface can be well soaked, scraped as nearly level as possible, and when it has dried, sanded smooth. A power sanding machine used on the dry wall will accomplish the same purpose. In both cases, fill remaining depressions with spackling compound to level the wall for paper.

QUESTION: My house, stuccoed with a scratch coat and an outside coat of 1/4 inch white sand and cement, has broken at the chimney and two corners. I've had this fixed once, but it has broken off again. Can you offer any solution?

—J. N., Carbon, W. Va.

ANSWER: Stucco repairs often fail due to application of stucco to oily or dirty surfaces. Best way is to apply strips of metal lath to the broken area, anchoring them to the masonry, then applying new stucco to this lath.

QUESTION: I added a room to my brick home, but could not match the shingles. Could you tell me where I can get a stain to match the asphalt shingles on the rest of the house?

—T. W., Salt Lake City, Utah

ANSWER: Neither water nor oil stains are apt to penetrate waterproof asphalt shingles—at least with any degree of permanence. Paint that would adhere and color would also be quite conspicuous — probably worse than no stain at all.

QUESTION: Would painting the bare wood with aluminum paint before I put up insulation improve its effectiveness?

—E. A. E., Chicago, Ill.

ANSWER: While aluminum paint does provide a certain amount of heat-reflective quality, it cannot be accurately measured when so applied. Regular foil insulation reflects a measurable 90% by tests, making further treatment unnecessary.

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