

Most Klamath Turkeys Held For Christmas Market

BIRD LOSS IN KLAMATH HELD LOW THIS YEAR

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Present indications are that Oregon's production of turkeys this year will be the largest on record. According to the USDA Marketing service, reports from growers on September 1 indicated a crop of 1,533,000 birds or one per cent more than the 1,318,000 raised last year. The production of turkeys in Oregon has been increasing steadily since 1933 and this year Oregon is expected to be the fifth largest turkey-producing state in the Union.

However, it is anticipated that this year's slaughter will be smaller than in 1940, because fewer turkeys were carried over from last year for marketing in early 1941. The prices of turkeys in 1941 will average materially higher than in 1940, which will probably lead to further expansion in the industry next year.

Turkey growers in Klamath county report a favorable year for turkeys, with very little loss. Some growers will have birds for the Thanksgiving market, but the majority of them will be going into the Christmas market. Throughout Oregon, the weight of turkeys continues to increase due to the growing popularity of the broad-breasted type. The average live weight of turkeys at time of marketing this year is expected to be about one-fourth of a pound heavier than last year, 12.2 pounds for hens and 18.6 pounds for toms, as compared with 12.0 pounds for hens and 18.3 pounds for toms last year.

Killing, picking and preparing the birds for market are important factors in the turkey industry.

In many cases where these things are neglected and not done with care, the grower usually suffers a loss due to the lowering of the grade, which might have been avoided. Bleeding the turkey is very important and should be done thoroughly so that the turkey will not have blood clots at shoulders and neck or dark spots under the skin. If the turkey does not bleed thoroughly and freely, blood will collect in the shoulders and neck and reduce the grade of the bird. The bird should be hung by its feet, and with a sharp knife sever the veins and allow to bleed a few moments before sticking the brain, which kills it.

Poor bleeding shows up in bright pink colorations on the wings and rump of the birds, as well as the other places mentioned above.

Great care should be taken in the picking operation to prevent bruising, and tearing of the skin, and to prevent rubbing the body before the bird quits bleeding, so the skin will not be discolored. Carelessness in this respect is sure to lower the grade of the birds.

Occasionally during picking, the skin may be torn sufficiently to make the bird unsightly and subject to heavy reduction in grade. In order to overcome much of this damage, a slightly torn skin may be stitched back with white thread, which will prevent further tearing.

After the birds have been properly dressed and thoroughly cooled overnight, the heads and throat should be cleaned thoroughly, removing all blood. After this is done, the heads should be wrapped with a turkey head wrapper made of sturdy brown paper. Some growers use a small paper sack of heavy material and fasten them on with a rubber band.

It should be remembered that proper handling of these birds at all times helps in holding up the grade, which in return,

Record Set in September Legume Inoculation Sales

An all-time high for the sales of legume inoculation for one month was reported in September by G. V. Copson, head of the department of bacteriology at Oregon State college. With the increase in winter cover crop seed, the demand for vetch inoculant soared to the point where plenty was ordered in that one month to treat 54,000 pounds of seed.

The rapid increase in popularity of subterranean clover is also indicated by orders for enough inoculation to treat 27,000 pounds of seed. Orders were also placed for the rare inoculation for the two strains of lotus, inoculant for which is now available only at the Oregon and New York experiment stations.

NEW DISEASE OF SHEEP DISCLOSED

Much of the unexplained sheep loss in western Oregon is believed due to a new disease just discovered by Dr. O. H. Muth, associate professor of veterinary medicine at Oregon State college. This disease is known as listerellosis or listeriosis.

The trouble has also been known as circling disease because infected sheep wander around in circles butting into fences and other objects. These peculiar symptoms are caused by bacteria which enter the brain stem and cause an inflammation of the brain and spinal cord.

While this disease had previously been reported from England, New Zealand, and some of the eastern parts of the United States, this is the first record of its appearance in the western states, says Dr. Muth.

These same listerellosis bacteria are also known to affect cattle and poultry. Dr. Muth added, "A slightly different type of the organism has been reported to attack humans in Australia, Sweden, Iowa, and other places throughout the world."

It is suggested that any symptoms such as these be reported promptly to the county agent or county veterinarian.

DIET VALUE NOT SET BY EXPENSE

The amount a family spends for food by no means determines whether it will have a good or poor diet, says Dr. Helen Mitchell of Washington, D. C., who recently attended the state nutrition institute in Portland and later addressed several groups at Oregon State college. Dr. Mitchell is chief nutritionist in the national organization concerned with furthering nutrition for defense.

Studies carried out by Dr. Hazel K. Stiebeling of the bureau of home economics, were cited by Dr. Mitchell as showing that families over the country are getting diets varying widely in quality even when they spend exactly the same amount for food. Whether on the farm or in the city, the homemakers who provide their families with good diets are those who spend their grocery dollars wisely, are good cooks, and smart meal planners, she said. The difference between good diets and poor diets is largely in the amounts of the protective foods used, such as milk, eggs, green and leafy vegetables, and those fruits and vegetables rich in vitamin C.

brings a better price per pound. Anyone desiring further information on killing, picking and dressing turkeys may secure it at the county agent's office.

SCRAP STEEL, IRON ASKED OF FARMERS

Oregon farmers have been asked to participate in the nationwide campaign for the collection of scrap iron and steel to aid the defense program. Farms of the United States are considered one of the most important sources of scrap supplies, which are now urgently needed for use by steel manufacturers for combining with pig iron.

Robert B. Taylor of Adams, chairman of the Oregon USDA defense board, is asking the cooperation of all county boards in carrying on a drive for the collection of scrap in connection with the current campaign to see that usable machinery is repaired early for use next year.

A graduated scale of prices for farm scrap throughout the United States, based on distance from consuming centers, has been set up so that farmers will know approximately what they will receive for their material at the various assembling points. For Oregon a price of 81c per hundred pounds at Portland has been established. The amount received by the farmers, however, will be this price less the cost of shipping to Portland and the cost of preparing the scrap for shipment to the steel mills, the latter being approximately 12 cents per hundred pounds.

The prices paid would not alone be enough to insure the thorough combing of the rural areas for scrap, points out Chairman Taylor, but farmers will profit in other ways by helping provide an adequate supply of iron and steel scrap. If the flow of scrap is not sufficient to meet needs, steel output will be further reduced, which will mean that farmers will encounter still more difficulty in obtaining machinery and other steel products. Besides, it will be a patriotic service.

The OSC extension service is cooperating by urging county agents and 4-H club organizations to help in the scrap collection campaign in every way possible.

COTTON HOSE OF SHEER TYPE SOLD

The new type cotton stockings in full fashioned sheer and light weights, as well as those for heavier service, are now available in larger shopping centers in Oregon, reports Miss Lucy Lane, specialist in clothing and textiles at Oregon State college. The many new styles now appearing were designed by the bureau of home economics of the U. S. department of agriculture, and were ready when the shortage of silk and nylon developed.

These new stockings are full-fashioned, which means that they are knitted to shape to the ankle and curve of the leg so that they fit snugly. Numerous other construction features include foot reinforcements for soles, heels and toes, and two-way stretch tops. The new hose are provided in many popular colors and styles, both for everyday wear with house dresses and slacks, or in designs so sheer that they are suitable with dressier clothes and light weight shoes.

Humane Society Notes

Interesting Stories About Klamath Animals and Efforts in Their Behalf

By Ida Momyer Odell

PAT THE PUP

Pat lay outside his kennel. The sun beat down on his passive body, warming him to a feeling of contentment and well being which only a righteous dog with a clean conscience could attain. His head rested on his outstretched paws, his eyes opened and closed lazily. A fly buzzed by and stopped on his nose. Pat wrinkled the nose just enough to dislodge the fly. The world was a good place to live in—Pat's particular yard was a good yard, in fact the best of all yards. Pat was happy.

A white kitten romped after a butterfly. Pat sat up. The kitten's paw slapped at the air. With a bound Pat made for the kitten, caught it in his mouth and tossed it into the air. The kitten gathered itself huffily out of the lettuce bed and started off with intent to catch a field mouse. Pat watched it a moment, then ambled after it. Again he picked it up with his mouth and tossed it. The kitten rolled over on its back, snarling and clawing. Pat took his paw and turned it over, picked it up and tossed it. The kitten was wet with Pat's slobbers and exceedingly annoyed. It started to back off. Pat put a big paw on it and held it down. Pat's mistress caught up with him about this time and the ruffled kitten was allowed to finish its journey after a field mouse without further molestation.

Pat lay outside his kennel. He wasn't asleep, but he was filled with inertia after a full meal. A black and white kitten started to cross the yard, intent upon business of its own. Pat raised up lazily and followed it with his eyes. The kitten crossed in front of him. Pat put out a paw and pinned it down without hurting it. Then he gathered it up head first and started across the yard with only the tip of a black and white tail sticking out of his mouth. Again Pat's mistress took a hand in the game and rescued the tail, cat and all, unharmed but displeased to put it mildly.

Pat lay outside his kennel, his forepaws in front of its door. He wasn't asleep. He was as alert as a pup with considerable work on hand should be. From inside the kennel came angry spits and snarls. The white kitten stuck its head out of the kennel trying to escape the prison Pat had put it in. Pat slapped it back with his paw. The black and white kitten put its head out. Pat pushed it back. It was a pleasant game but humans always have to spoil things and Pat's mistress, who keeps in touch with Pat's activities, released the kittens.

Pat lay outside his kennel. His face was wreathed in smiles. From inside the kennel came weird sounds. "Kwaw-kut-kut-kwaw." Can an angry bantam rooster be imitated in print? A

furious little red head pecked sharply at Pat and a little red-feathered body tried to push out of the detention camp to which Pat had carried him. Pat pushed him back with that ever-ready paw. "Kwaw-kwaw-kut-kut-kwaw-kaw." Bantam swear-words by an expert. Pat's mistress came out to see what the row was about. The bantam rooster was released and strutted angrily around the unconcerned pup, wings drumming the ground, long bronze tail-feathers ruffled, disposition practically ruined, but as fearless as if he weighed a ton instead of a scant pound.

Pat lay in front of his kennel with his puppy countenance bathed in innocence as he slept soundly after a perfect day.

Turkey Raisers Plan Salem Meet

Due to the many problems in connection with the turkey industry and national defense the Oregon Turkey Improvement association is sponsoring a statewide meeting for turkey growers producing hatching eggs and for hatchery operators that hatch turkey eggs and sell poult. Many growers and hatcherymen have felt the need for such a meeting to discuss the turkey industry's place in the food for defense program, including other problems such as cost of producing hatching eggs and poult, selling eggs and poult from Oregon broad breasted breeders and management of the breeding flock.

Such a meeting will give turkey growers and hatcherymen an opportunity to get together

PRODUCTION OF FERTILIZER GIVEN STUDY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12 (AP)—Establishment of a consulting committee on northwestern phosphates to investigate possibilities of low-cost production of fertilizer and its distribution to farmers of the northwest, was announced today by Interior Secretary Ickes.

The committee, comprised of representatives from the interior and agriculture departments, Tennessee valley authority and several experts, will be headed by Stephen Rauschenbush, chief of the branch of planning and research, division of power, department of interior.

Ickes said that after preliminary work here the 10-member committee would proceed to the northwest for a study of the

situation, and then would present a plan for his consideration. Among the various tasks assigned to the committee were:

- 1—Procuring estimates of fertilizer consumption in the four northwestern states, basing these estimates on price levels which might be obtained by the establishment of a northwestern fertilizer plant and distribution system.
- 2—The compilation of technical data relating to location, plant size, cost and other pertinent factors.
- 3—Methods of financing such plants.
- 4—Recommendations relative to the distribution of fertilizers on a cost basis.
- 5—Possibility of establishing fertilizer plants in coordination with industrial establishments now located in the northwest, since some by-products of chem-

ical companies are essential parts of fertilizers. Members of the committee include Ivan Oloch, chief of the market development section, Bonneville power administration; Dr. William A. Schoenfeld, dean, Oregon university; A. C. Adams, president, Spokane Bank for Cooperatives, and Dr. Y. F. Yancey, director, Northwest Experimental station, bureau of mines.

I can think of nothing more dangerous than for the people of the United States to believe that Russian resistance gives us just the breathing spell we need, that we have gained time and everything is now safe.—W. L. Batt, director of OPM materials division.

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only one-third down and eighteen months for the balance. The trend is toward even greater restrictions — perhaps to fifteen, or even twelve months.

And then, new cars today are more attractive than they ever have been, but after the first of the year all bright metal may be missing as decorative trim.

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