

# SIGN-UP TIME EXTENDED FOR DEFENSE FOOD

By C. A. HENDERSON, County Agent

The national Food-for-Defense campaign sign-up is rapidly drawing to a close in Klamath county. Time for accepting late plans has been advanced to December 3rd. During the Klamath county campaign a series of meetings was held throughout the county and this followed up by actual farm canvass on the part of county and community AAA committeemen and supervisors. This has resulted in a very heavy sign-up which includes the 1942 farm plan.

To date, nearly 90 per cent of all farm operators in the county have signed up to participate in the increased food-for-defense production and many have signed a work plan with the AAA for the first time. Applications are still being received at the county agent's office on the second floor of the Federal building and will be taken for the rest of the week up to Wednesday, December 3. Anyone who has not had opportunity to attend the meetings or has not been visited on his farm can still get in on the program by calling at the office.

A hurried glance at the farm defense plans now in and being summarized at the county office shows that dairymen are contemplating a tremendous increase in the production of dairy products. While the percentage of increase has not been tabulated individual reports indicate an increase of anywhere from 20 to 25 per cent during the next 12 months. Eggs and poultry production are rapidly increasing if grower plans are put down on their farm plans are to be taken as an indicator. It looks like around 20 per cent more chickens and eggs.

Another development is the interest of dairymen in the increased manufacture of cheese. A letter sent to a number of dairymen in the central part of the county indicates that many are anxious to ship to a cheese factory rather than to butter manufacturing plants, inasmuch as cheese prices are much higher than butter, making a much greater return to dairymen.

A meeting will be held at Klamath Falls or in the Henley district during the first week in December to find out what the dairymen wish to do in this regard. Apparently the government demand for cheese under the lend-lease bill, is having a tremendous effect on the cheese market. This project is being publicized by the USDA Defense board.

# Acute Shortage in Farm Labor Seen in California

By JOHN W. DUNLAP, SACRAMENTO, Nov. 27 (UP)

An acute shortage of farm labor was foreseen today by California farm officials as the result of increased military service and better wages paid in defense industries.

Alex Johnson, speaking for the California Farm Bureau federation, said California farmers had suffered considerable losses through shortages in harvesting crops in 1941 and the necessity of hiring untrained workers during the emergency.

Johnson said farmers will respond to the best of their ability and equipment to increase production "but many of these farmers are hesitating while they try to find the answer to the question of agricultural labor to

assist them in making good on their pledges." He explained that a surplus of cotton pickers could exist while producers of dry beans, carrots, olives, oranges, sugar beets, tomatoes and walnuts found it impossible to get adequate workers.

Factors in the reduced number of workers cited by Johnson were the higher pay of defense industries, men drafted by the armed forces, the number of men, particularly Filipino farm labor, taken by the navy in civilian activities, repatriation of Mexicans to Mexico, and that because of the higher wages farmers are paying, many workers refuse to work steadily after they have accumulated a small stake to last them a week or two.

## Hager

Mr. and Mrs. William Crumrine and daughters, Ruth, Alice and Laura, returned Sunday after visiting a few days at the home of Crumrine's mother at Newberg.

Donald Cramer and brother went to Eugene last week.

Mrs. Margie Howe is slowly recuperating from an injured foot.

Carroll B. Howe spent Saturday at Ness lake hunting.

Martin Snyder returned from Corvallis Sunday where he spent his vacation visiting his mother, Mrs. De Ceu, and brother Larry.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Anderson spent the weekend at the coast and returned Saturday evening.

Ernest Kohler of Summers lane spent Saturday night with Dougie Kohler here.

Rowe Kinny of Olene is reported on the sick list.

Bob Bunyard was in Hager Monday.

## Olene

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grimes accompanied by B. S. Grigby and Mrs. Adah Brown were Sunday visitors in Ashland at the home of Mr. Grigby's sister, Mrs. Ed Bond.

Mrs. Helen Sturman is visiting this week at the home of her parents, the A. L. Marshalls. Mrs. Sturman will return to John Day to meet Mr. Sturman next Friday and they will then leave for Pocatello, Ida., where they will reside.

Thanksgiving day guests at the Rowe Kinny home were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Branch and two sons, Mrs. Schnar from Hornbrook, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. John Schnar and two sons from Modoc Point, and Harry Kinney.

Miss Harriett Bruner returned Sunday to Ashland normal after a week's vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Barnes entertained with a Thanksgiving dinner for Miss Clara McIntyre, Mrs. Mamie McIntyre, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Garriott and two children, Averill and Billie. Mrs.

# FARM INCOME AND COSTS TO RISE IN 1941

Gross farm income in Oregon in 1942 should be materially above the 1941 level if present trends continue, although net income will not increase proportionately because of rising farm costs, according to an analysis made by the extension service at Oregon State college and published in the current agricultural situation and outlook report. Complete copies of the report may be had at any county extension office.

The demand outlook for farm products in 1942 is even better than in the exceptionally favorable year now ending. More business activity, a rising general demand for some products for export all will play a part in the demand situation for next year, the report shows.

Further increase in domestic payrolls and military employment is expected to bring an increase in the per capita consumption of food. On the whole, it is expected that national income in 1942 may exceed that of 1941 by 10 or 15 per cent. With the British government expecting to obtain about one-fourth of its food supplies from America next year, approximately 8 to 10 per cent of the farm production of the United States will be exported, or about twice the exports of 1941.

Advance estimates indicate that the 1941 gross farm income will exceed that of 1940 by about 25 per cent, making it the greatest since 1929. The increase in farm costs, however, is expected to be a little more in 1942 than it was in 1941. The average of about 15 per cent increase this year was caused mostly by higher prices for labor, rent and feed.

In 1942 the increases are expected to be felt in purchases of seed, automobiles and tractors, building materials, feed, containers and other items of equipment and supplies.

The Oregon farm price index at mid-October showed the general level of farm prices at 94 per cent of the 1926-30 average and 125 per cent of the 1910-14 figure.

**NEW RUBBER**

There are about 4500 tire retreading plants in the United States, according to the Oregon State Motor association. Annual volume of business of this industry is \$45,000,000.

# Weekly Market Trends

(Editor's Note: The following market information is supplied from material obtained over the government leased wire in the office of the extension economist at Oregon State college. The material, in the form of a weekly summary of trends in the livestock market, is not intended to replace spot day by day market reports.)

## CATTLE MARKETS

The cattle market at North Portland was steady to higher on Monday, when 2400 head of cattle were available for local trading. A few loads of fed steers sold at \$11 to \$11.50, while one lot of 976-pound fed steers brought a top of \$12.35. Grass-fat and short fed steers moved at \$9.50 to \$10.50. The top last week was \$12.50 for an exceptionally good load.

Over the west generally, cattle are in very good to excellent condition, showing the highest condition for this time of year since 1927. While the late curing of feed, together with heavy fall rains, has retarded cattle from reaching expected weights, those marketed have been in good flesh and good weights generally. Large feed supplies have had a tendency to delay marketings. Oregon ranges continue to be in unusually good condition, with favorable late fall and winter feed prospects. Pastures are providing an abundant supply of green feed and are in the highest condition on record for November. Hay and other feed supplies are ample for a normal winter in all areas, although much of the hay was rain damaged. Western ranges generally have the best supply of feed since 1927.

## SHEEP AND LAMB MARKETS

Only 1100 head of sheep and lambs were offered locally on Monday at North Portland, where good and choice fat woolled lambs sold at \$9.75 to \$10.50. Total sales last week reached only a total of 1585, with a top price reported of \$10.25. Prices at San Francisco Monday reached a top of \$11, with sales generally about 25 cents higher than last week. An increase of 10 to 25 cents was also noted at Chicago and Omaha.

## HOG MARKETS

Hog prices made some recovery on Monday, when 2400 head sold at quotations averaging fully 25 cents higher than last Friday. The bulk of good to choice 175 to 215-pound butchers sold at \$11. The highest price reached last week was \$10.75. Prices slumped somewhat in San Francisco, however, although at that

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some choice grades reached a top of \$11.35. At Chicago best price paid was \$10.30, a drop of 10 to 15 cents compared with last week's close.

## WOOL MARKETS

A fairly active week on the Boston wool market found most interest centered on the fine and half-blood grades. A fair volume of wool moved at firm to slightly higher prices. The graded fine and half-blood territory wools continued in demand, with the fine wools of average to good French combing length selling mostly at \$1.10 to \$1.12, scoured basis. Graded half-blood wools of average to good French combing length brought \$1.05 to \$1.08, scoured basis.

Imports of wools from Australia, New Zealand, and Union of South Africa in the first six months of 1941 were three times as great as the total imported in that period the previous year. The federal government has now arranged for a stock pile of imported wool in this country totaling 301 million pounds owned or stored. Recommendations are that this country should have a stock pile substantially in excess of this amount.

## CLUB HOLDS CARD PARTY AT CAL-ORE

DORRIS — The Dorris Federated Woman's club had a representation of 16 members at the annual luncheon at Cal-Ore. Later whist was played.

High score was held by Mrs. Agnes Shaw, the second highest score by Mrs. Clarence Mutschbacher, while Mrs. Alice Cooper won the consolation.

The Woman's club will hold another card party in the city hall Monday evening, November 24.

We won't have a man's world after this war. But neither will it be a woman's world. It will be a people's world.—Thomas A. Beck, president Crowell Publishing company.

Government has asked manufacturers to eliminate steel cover lids from cook stoves. A few more taxes and they may as well eliminate the stoves.

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# TURKEY CROP IN OREGON LARGER

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 26 (UP)—

The state of Oregon's turkey crop this year is estimated at 1,533,000 birds by the United States department of agriculture, a yield slightly higher than last year's crop when this state produced 1,518,000 birds.

Oregon has been making steady progress in turkey growing, as is evidenced by comparison of current figures with the five-year average for the state during the period of 1933 to 1937, inclusive. That average was but 924,000 birds.

It is expected that final figures for the 1941 crop will show that Oregon ranks fifth in turkey production, with California in the top spot and Texas, Minnesota and Iowa following in that order.

Average weights of turkeys grown along the Pacific coast are greater than for birds pro-

duced elsewhere. Pacific coast turkeys, according to the USDA, average 10.9 pounds and hens 12 pounds. But averages for Oregon and Washington will run somewhat higher than for the coast as a whole.

Approximately 125,000 hens will be held off the market in Oregon this season.

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