

# FSA LOANS TO AID IN 'FOOD FOR FREEDOM'

Farm security loans in Klamath county are being concentrated on financing of sound expansion of dairy, hog, poultry, feed crops and garden enterprises to aid FSA borrowers and disadvantaged farm families in meeting the "Food for Freedom" quotas set up by the county agricultural defense board, reports Earl A. Gardner, county FSA supervisor, federal building, Klamath Falls.

"Every effort will be made to help farmers unable to secure adequate credit from other sources to purchase the cows, hogs, poultry, seed, feed and equipment necessary to place their farms on an all-out defense production basis," Gardner said. "Where facilities for defense food expansion are available, farmers will not only be able to add to their incomes but prevent inflation by producing food for which there is increased demand."

Modifications of the neutrality act, making American ships available for carrying food to Britain, is expected to substantially increase present demand for defense foods, it was pointed out. Another important consideration, said Gardner, "is the fact that the machinery for supporting defense food prices, crop controls and need for feeding Europe and replacing breeding herds after the war, minimizes possibilities of a post-war slump in farm prices."

"FSA families are also planning to increase food production through machinery cooperatives, better sires, improved dairy and poultry practices, increased feed crops and expanded live-at-home program for meeting family food needs. All farm plans now being revised for the coming year, will consider food for freedom AAA work sheets as one of the most important steps in doing their part for national defense."

# PASTURES ASSIST IN SAVING LABOR

The more nearly dairy farmers can arrange for a year-round pasture system, the less they will be bothered by labor shortage next year, points out E. R. Jackman, extension farm crops specialist, in listing a number of ways Oregon farmers can prepare in advance to cheat next year's labor shortage bogie.

When dairy cows are on pasture, labor is reduced by more than one-half, as compared with feeding harvested crops, Jackman points out. Hogs can also get part of their feed from pasture, with alfalfa and rape being the best bets for them. Pigs on such pastures need only half as much protein supplements for balanced rations.

For dairy farms a high percentage of land in hay and pasture has been found most profitable. Coast farms particularly have adopted this plan, preferring to buy grain produced in regions where growers specialize in grain crops.

# OAKLAND'S TURKEY SHOW DATES SET

The Northwest Turkey show at Oakland, Ore., is scheduled from Tuesday, December 9 to Saturday, December 13, inclusive. Saturday, November 29, was closing day for entries in the live division. Monday, December 8 will be entry day, delivery and copping of all entries to be completed by 9 p. m.

The main public feature of the turkey show will be the banquet at Oakland on Friday night, December 12. Rollie Truitt, former west coast sports announcer, will be the toastmaster. The principal speaker will be Palmer Hoyt, publisher of the Portland Oregonian. The banquet will be broadcast over Station KOAC.

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# 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

Cattle trading was fairly active in North Portland Monday although the offering of 2900 head constituted a fairly liberal supply. Most of the good fed steers sold at \$11 to \$12, while grassers and short fed stuff brought \$9.50 to \$10.75. The market was also reported strong to slightly higher in San Francisco, although actual trading was slow. A good clearance was also reported from Chicago, although top prices were little if higher than in Portland.

Until recently the average weight of steers at Chicago has been at a record high, but now receipts are running somewhat lower in this respect. Numbers of cattle slaughtered continue large and, because of the former liberal percentage of heavy high yielding steers, the total tonnage of beef slaughtered this year may establish a new record.

## SHEEP AND LAMBS MARKETS

Fat lambs were steady to 15 cents higher at North Portland where 1700 head were offered on Monday; some strictly good to choice 90-pound wool lambs sold at \$10.75. The highest price last week was \$10.50. Good to choice truck-ins moved Monday at \$9.75 to \$10.25. Higher prices prevailed at San Francisco, although in Chicago the market closed 15 to 25 cents lower on Monday, as it did in Omaha. Highest price for choice fat native lambs in Chicago was \$11.25. The Chicago prices last week were about \$2.50 higher than a year ago.

## HOG MARKETS

Although an extra heavy run of 4100 head of hogs arrived in Portland Monday, only 2600 head were offered locally. Good to choice light butchers brought mostly \$10.40 to \$10.50, with a few at \$10.60. Last week a flurry in trading carried prices to \$11.15, a gain of 65 cents over the week previous. The market on Monday was slightly higher in San Francisco and Chicago, with a top price of \$9.90 on the latter market.

Receipts at the 12 large markets of the midwest in recent weeks have contained less than the usual proportion of sows. This suggests the possibility that farmers are saving breeding stock for expansion. From mid-March through September the Federal Surplus Commodities corporation bought 200 million pounds of lard and 317 million pounds of various kinds of pork. This is about enough lard to supply 15 million persons the average amount consumed by Americans in a year, and enough pork to supply four million the annual American consumption of pork.

## WOOL MARKETS

The total volume of territory wool sold on the Boston market last week was lower than the week before, although buyers with immediate needs took moderate quantities at firm prices. Average to good French combing length graded fine territory wools moved at mostly \$1.10 to \$1.12, scoured basis. This was equivalent to 37 to 40 cents in the grease for wools shrinking 64 to 66 per cent, and equal to 34 to 35 cents for grease wools that shrink around 69 per cent. Original bag territorial wools

running mostly fine and average to good French combing lengths brought \$1.08 to \$1.12, scoured basis.

Wool prices stimulated by the heaviest demand since the first world war, have advanced steadily for the past several months and in early November were at highest levels in more than a decade. Prices received by producers for wool shorn last spring were 25 to 30 per cent higher than a year earlier and the highest since 1928.

# INSURANCE ON CROPS HEADED FOR BIG YEAR

Expanding each year since its introduction in Oregon in 1939, federal all-risk wheat crop insurance is headed for its greatest volume in 1942, from the standpoint of number of farms covered by policies, according to Clyde Kiddle, crop insurance assistant with the state AAA office.

Applications for insurance on winter wheat have been received from 5563 farms. Spring wheat policies are yet to be written, the closing date being February 28. For the 1941 crop year, 4691 policies were in force for both winter and spring wheat.

The loss record for 1941 represents a sharply contrasting picture between eastern and western Oregon, Kiddle reports. Of the 1228 loss claims paid up to November 15, only 122 came from the nine Columbia basin wheat counties. Most of the losses were reported in the Willamette valley, where insects and plant diseases hit many farms. Hail and excessive moisture led as the causes of eastern Oregon losses.

Nearly every kind of crop hazard is represented in the losses paid so far. Percentages of the total indemnities paid for each cause of loss were given as follows:

Plant diseases, 29.2 per cent; excessive moisture, 18.2 per cent; insects, 16.9 per cent; hail, 9.9

per cent; drought, 8.4 per cent; frost, 5.6 per cent; weeds, 2.5 per cent; volunteer vegetation, 2.5 per cent; migratory birds, 1.4 per cent; rodents, 1.2 per cent; winter kill, 1.1 per cent; fire, 1 per cent; crusting, .7 per cent; wind, .5 per cent; flood, .4 per cent; lack of irrigation water, .3 per cent; stray stock, .1 per cent; poor farming practices, .1 per cent; dust storms, .05 per cent.

# Preparations End On Turkey Show

ROSEBURG, Ore., Dec. 4 (AP)—Final preparations for the opening of the 13th annual North-western turkey show at Oakland, Ore., December 9, were in progress today as entries were pouring in for the exhibit of live birds, in which divisions the total thus far is 438. Manager E. G. Young reported. The time for making reservations for the show will expire the last of this week.

The exhibit from the greatest distance so far registered consists of a display of six standard bronze birds from the flock of Herbert Brodman, Sanborn, N. D., Mr. Young states. Exhibitors from all parts of Oregon and western Washington also have

filed entries. The list of exhibitors so far completed also includes a large number of Douglas county breeders who will offer entries for the first time. Young advises. The show, opening Tuesday next, will continue through Saturday, December 13.

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