

Food-for-War Cry Gets Remarkable Response Locally

"Food and Supplies for Fighting" was the main subject of discussion at the regular monthly meeting of Grange agricultural committees and masters, held at the county agent's office December 9.

Summarized figures of the recent Food-for-Defense, now Food-for-War, campaign were discussed. These figures indicated a wholesale increase in agricultural products, particularly those needed at this time for successful war operations. The intentions of operators of 93 1-2 per cent of the farms of Klamath county, producing 98 per cent of the county's produce, showed the following increases intended in 1942 over 1941:

Milk	31%
Dairy cows	30%
Eggs	69%
Cattle and calves for slaughter	21.9%
Hogs	77%
Sheep	31 1/2%
Oats	13.6%
Barley	67%
Flax seed	51%
Commercial vegetables	56%
Farm gardens	15.8%

These figures indicate the most intensive year of agricultural production yet undertaken in the Klamath basin. In practically all cases, these figures were an increase over the goals established for the county and the district. It was the opinion of committee members that this increase would be brought about through more intensive work, shifting of crops, by increased acreage production, and better feeding and handling of livestock. The matter of cheese production was of outstanding importance to the committee, with interest in increased production of this product.

More Clubs

The combined committees approved a suggestion by Clifford Jenkins, 4-H club agent, that granges sponsor additional garden 4-H clubs and canning clubs in their respective communities. Bert Morrison pointed out the necessity of having complete instruction work on adequate farm storage in order that vegetables be preserved in this manner as well as by canning. L. Alva Lewis stated that the home economics clubs of the granges no doubt would be interested in cooperating with the agricultural committees in organizing the canning clubs along with the garden clubs. It was agreed that the master of each grange should appoint the necessary committees to provide instruction and leaders for these projects. Jenkins indicated that these clubs could be organized after the first of the year. Mr. Ferguson of Fort Klamath pointed out that while the grange was sponsoring and aiding in the establishment of these clubs, the clubs of course would be open to all children whether members of the grange or not, explaining that it was a community problem and every person was interested.

The matter of scrap iron was discussed and a request made that all old scrap iron be gathered up before covered by snow and disposed of through commercial channels. It was pointed out by John Taylor that all metal scrap piles should be carefully gone into for machinery repairs and the balance disposed of immediately. So much scrap iron has been shipped overseas in recent years that the supply in the United States is all needed for both defensive and offensive purposes.

Repair Work

The immediate repair of farm machinery was considered an absolute essential for the harvesting of next year's crops. Repair parts will be extremely hard to get, if available at all, and all old equipment should be repaired this fall and winter, using as much home equipment and repairs as possible. It was pointed out that Smith-Hughes vocational instructors in Klamath county will plan on making as many repairs as possible for farm machinery operators in their school repair jobs. This is an excellent piece of work and one that should be taken advantage of by farm operators as far as possible. These schools, however, perhaps cannot take care of the major part of needed repairs in their own districts.

J. R. Beck, land use planning specialist, Oregon State college, in a brief talk stressed the importance of maintaining the grange organization and the part it will play in providing the nation's food supply. "Farming plans and programs undoubtedly will be changed under the stress

COMMITTEES ON AAA MEET AT OSC SOON

Farmers who adapt and direct the AAA farm program in Oregon's 36 counties will meet at Oregon State college December 15-17 to discuss the past year's achievements and problems and express their ideas on the make-up of future programs.

Work at this year's state AAA conference, the second annual such event, will be led and directed by farmers and ranchers who make up county AAA committees. With few speakers on the program, most of the three-day conference will be taken up with committee meetings and reports. Committee chairmen, all farmer-committeemen, were announced as follows:

Education, Glen Cumberland, Clackamas county; county office management, Layton Mann, Umatilla county; range and pasture development, Jack French, Grant county; soil building practices and conservation materials, Chester Wendt, Jackson county; crop insurance, wheat and statistical, Henry Baker, Morrow county; seed purchase program, Robert Pence, Polk county. Agriculture's all-out program to provide abundant food supplies for American defense workers and military workers and lend-lease aid to Britain imposes a new responsibility on AAA committeemen. County and community committeemen have recently completed a farm-to-farm survey of potential 1942 production. The results of this survey and problems attendant to achieving the production called for under the food for freedom program will receive considerable attention at the conference.

Stirring Appeal

A pamphlet containing a stirring appeal to Americans, entitled, "You Can Defend America," was read in part and discussed. This pamphlet had been received in the county agent's office from M. L. Wilson, director of extension work, in Washington, D. C., with recommendation of leading Americans in every walk of life that this pamphlet be placed in the homes of all Americans. This pamphlet was prepared by a group of volunteer representatives of religious groups, business and labor leaders and army and navy officials, and was published by Judd & Detweiler, Washington, D. C., and can be secured at 5 cents per copy. Several granges ordered a supply.

George Denton and M. L. Ferguson of Fort Klamath reported that some progress was being made in the mouse poisoning campaign being carried on in this district. "If all land owners will take advantage of this good fall and winter weather to thoroughly poison their property," stated George Denton, "the major portion of the damage sustained this year by mice can be eliminated for the coming year."

C. A. Henderson, county agent, reported that Fred Sankey of the department of fish and wildlife, and Harold Schieferstein, county rodent control supervisor, had checked poisoning operations in Wood River valley and that this checkup indicated that at least a 95 per cent kill was being made where poison was being put out and that approximately one ton had been used to date. Sankey stated there was no danger to wild life in this poisoning program. Ferguson, member of the Fort Klamath committee for mouse control, emphasized the necessity of fall poisoning to be followed by complete spring clean-up campaign on the part of all land owners.

The next meeting of this group will be early in January.

DAIRYMEN MEETING

The annual meeting of the Oregon Dairymen's association will be held at Astoria January 13 and 14, Oscar Haag of Reedville announced this week. Officers and committee members will meet January 12.

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

With fairly heavy receipts again at North Portland Monday, the cattle market was barely steady to 25 cents lower, except for one load of fed steers which brought \$12.35. Most fed steers brought \$11 to \$12, the same as the Monday before, and good heifers sold up to \$10. The San Francisco market, however, was up as much as 25 cents and Chicago prices were 15 to 25 cents higher on fed steers and yearlings, with one load of 1100-pound Illinois yearlings topping the market at \$14.

So far this year cattle slaughter has totaled about 12 per cent more than a year ago, with greatest increase in grain-fed cattle. Cattle slaughter in October was 11 per cent larger than in September and 16 per cent larger than a year previous. The final cleaning up of long-held, excessively heavy steers is proving a strengthening factor on midwest fat cattle markets, and receipts now include an increased percentage of comparatively short-fed cattle. Imports of cattle and beef so far this year have amounted to 7.5 per cent of the domestic production, which is a higher proportion than last year despite the increase in domestic production too.

Sheep and Lamb Markets

Lamb markets were generally strong to 15 cents higher on Monday. At North Portland, with 2200 head of sheep and lambs available for local sale, \$10.90 was paid for four double decks of fed woolled 100-pound lambs, and a double deck of 88-pound lambs brought \$10.60. Top on fed woolled lambs at San Francisco was \$11.50, at Chicago \$12.10, and at Omaha \$11.40.

The downward trend in lamb

prices has been less pronounced than usual this season, and current prices are materially higher than a year ago. Moreover, slaughterings are some five per cent greater than a year ago.

Hog Prices

Hog prices too were generally higher this last Monday. Only 2200 head out of 5500 arrivals were offered for sale on the North Portland market and the bulk of the top hogs brought \$10.75, with a few up to \$10.90. Heavier hogs from 220 to 260 pounds sold at \$9.75 to \$10.25, and odd lots of feeders brought \$9.75 to \$10. At San Francisco butchers of all weights sold at \$10.75 to \$11.25, a rise of 10 cents over last week, and Chicago prices were as much as 25 cents higher, with the bulk of the 160 to 270-pounders bringing \$10.10 to \$10.25.

Current hog prices are \$4 higher than a year ago despite the season decline of more than \$2 from the September peak. On the average a hundred pounds of live hogs will buy about 11.6 bushels of feed corn, so at present the corn-hog ratio, while not as high as in August and September, is definitely in favor of the hog producer. A condition which, of course, tends to increase numbers and weights of hogs fed.

October slaughterings were 42 per cent larger than in September, but 7 per cent less than in October last year. On the other hand, exports of pork and lard

GRAIN FUMIGANTS SAID HARD TO GET

Early ordering of fumigants for protecting grain against insects is recommended by the U. S. department of agriculture in a letter received recently by Dr. Don C. Mote, entomologist of the OSC experiment station. P. N. Annand, chief of entomology and plant quarantine, points out that dealers may obtain fumigants to be used for storing grain, but that they can order only the amounts that will probably be used. Fumigants recommended in-

clude an ethylene dichloride-carbon tetrachloride mixture, or the carbon disulphide-carbon tetrachloride mixture. A new fumigant consisting of ethylene dichloride-carbon tetrachloride mixture plus 10 per cent of methyl bromide is also approved by the U. S. D. A.

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Corvallis to Be AAA Meeting Place

Reporting on another outstanding year for the Klamath county Agricultural Conservation association, members of the county AAA committee are leaving this weekend for Corvallis, where they will attend the annual state AAA conference December 15-17 at Oregon State college.

Representing the county association at the conference will be Fred Rueck, Burrell Short, H. R. Jackman, members of county association; C. A. Henderson, secretary; Mrs. Harold Yancey, treasurer; and Donald P. Hotchkiss, supervisor.

Problems and achievements of the 1941 AAA program in this county will be reported on by the local delegation. Important features of the conference pro-

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