

# Noel Bennion to Speak at Poultry Meet Here March 5

Klamath county poultrymen and those interested in raising poultry for egg and meat production during the coming year, are asked to attend a meeting in the Shasta View school Friday, March 5, at 8 p. m. Speaker will be Noel L. Bennion, extension poultryman, Oregon State college.

Bennion will spend two days in Klamath county, March 4 and 5. The Friday night meeting will be of special value to those cooperating in the Food for Freedom program.

Klamath's poultry production goals for 1943 compared with 1942 are as follows: 5 per cent increase in egg production, 15 per cent more chickens raised, 20 per cent more chicken meat produced.

It will require all-out production to approach these goals, according to Bob McCambridge, assistant county agent. Some of the obstacles and a few suggestions to overcome them are as follows: (1) shortage of breeding stock; (2) lack of brooder houses and equipment; (3) shortage of farm labor; (4) a deficiency of protein and vitamin-bearing concentrates.

The shortage of breeding stock can be overcome to a certain extent by increasing the length of the hatching season and by better feeding and management of the breeding stock.

The labor situation will be serious, especially with commercial producers. Some large growers may have to cut down. Many smaller operators, however, may be able to increase. Every effort should be made to use labor-saving devices. The small producers are the ones who can help get the needed increase.

The feed situation has been uncertain, due to a shortage of protein and vitamin-bearing concentrates. The protein shortage should be believed to a certain extent when the large supply of soybean meal that is in the county becomes available. Several substitutes for the regular vitamin-bearing concentrates are producing fairly good results.

There is an adequate supply of feed grains on hand. Producers will have to depend more or less upon their feed dealers to provide them with the best ration possible under the circumstances.

The government is supporting the price of eggs at 90 per cent of parity, but in no event less than an annual average farm price of 34 cents per dozen and not less than 30 cents per dozen during the spring months.

Turkey and chickens over three pounds are to receive price support of not less than 90 per cent of parity. Permanent ceiling prices have been established on all poultry, including turkeys, that are sold for human consumption. The ceiling prices range from 115 to 120 per cent above parity. This should enable producers to make a good profit in raising poultry for meat consumption.

Families that are not considered poultry producers should be encouraged to keep a small flock of at least 25 hens if equipment is available. A flock of 25 mature pullets housed each fall will supply the average family of five with their egg and poultry meat requirements.

Those who are planning such an enterprise should attend the meeting Friday evening.

**Food Dehydration To Be Talked at OSC Conference**  
CORVALLIS, Feb. 25 (AP)—A three-day conference on commercial and community food dehydration will be held at OSC, March 11-13, E. H. Wiegand, head of the food industries department announced today.

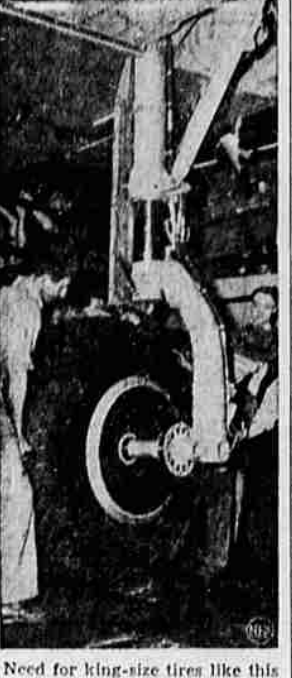
The conference will deal with problems of manufacturers just starting in this field. The program will cover production handling and storage - raw materials, preparation, dehydrating, testing and packaging.

**VEGETABLE PAYMENTS**  
Commercial truck crops for fresh consumption which will qualify for production payments of \$50 an acre are: carrots, snap beans, lima beans, table beets, tomatoes, cabbage, onions and green peas. Acreage on which two or more fresh vegetable crops are grown in succession between February 1 and September 1, 1943, will also qualify for payment. These payments will be made on the acreage between 90 and 110 per cent of the farm's goal.

**CROP INSURANCE DEADLINE**  
March 1 is the final date for spring wheat growers to insure their 1943 crops under the federal all-risk crop insurance program.

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## Oregon Asked to Increase War Food Production by Two to 67 Per Cent of '42

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP)—Oregon is asked to increase its production of war foods by percentages ranging from 2 to 67 per cent of the 1942 production.

The list of goals asked of Oregon producers was furnished to Senator McNary (R-Ore.) by N. E. Dodd, director of the western division of the agricultural adjustment agency.

The agency suggests 44,000 acres of potatoes, which would be 122 per cent of the 1942 planting and 98 per cent of the 1935-39 figure; 28,000 acres of dry field peas, which is 112 per cent of last year's planting and 933 per cent of the acreage for the five-year pre-war period; 5,000 acres of dry edible beans, which represents percentages of 167 and 250, 2,000 acres of flaxseed, equal to the amount planted last year and 87 per cent of the five-year average.

It proposes 49,000 head of spring farrowed sows and 34,000 head of fall farrowings, which would increase the 1942 production by 15 per cent and represent a 48 per cent increase over the five-year period in each case.

The agency wants 422,000 head of cattle and calves for marketing and farm slaughter, representing an increase of 14 per cent over last year and 37 per cent over the five-year period. It proposes 774,000 head of sheep and lambs for the same use but the number is only 85 per cent of the total slaughtered last year and 66 per cent of the five-year average.

In farm production of milk, the agency asks 1,500,000,000 pounds, which would be 101 per cent of last year's production and 112 per cent of the five-year figure; chickens, 19,130,000 pounds or 115 and 119 per cent; turkeys, 35,945,000 pounds or 115 and 174 per cent; eggs, 40,876,000 dozen or 102 and 120 per cent.

## 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 remained strong on Monday, when some of the best from among 1050 head offered locally sold up to \$16, a new high for the season reached last week. Most of the medium to good steers, however, brought \$14 to \$15.50. Total receipts last week of 1300 head showed some advance over the week before, but were under last year's figure.

The condition of livestock on farms and ranges declined during January, though death losses have not been much heavier than usual. The February 1 condition of cattle was the lowest on record except for 1932, however. This somewhat reflects the low condition of ranges and shortage of feed in some sections. The February 1 condition of range feeds in Oregon was the lowest in 20 years except for 1936. In eastern Oregon many ranges were under six inches or more of hard crusted snow, while exposed ranges afforded little feed that early. Stockmen are reported feeding an unusual

amount of grain to supplement dwindling hay supplies.

**SHEEP AND LAMB MARKETS**  
The 1000 head of sheep and lambs offered for local trading at North Portland Monday lacked considerable quality, resulting in a market condition steady to weak compared with Friday's close. A few good to choice woolled lambs brought \$15, though only a few offerings met this grade. A somewhat lower trend in the market prevailed at Chicago, while at Omaha slaughter lambs were July 25 cents lower than last week's close. Most of the good and choice fed woolled and wheat field lambs sold at \$15.50 to \$15.75.

Marketings of sheep and lambs are holding fairly even with those of a year ago. Contracting was active in California last week so that a high percentage of the crop from the Stockton area south is now sold. Estimates are that more than 350,000 head of the early lamb crop in the San Joaquin valley are now under sale contract. Prices called for are mostly around \$15 straight across for all merchantable lambs for late April through May delivery. Most of the contracted lambs that will be in slaughter condition on delivery date are expected to go to west

## CONGRESS MUST ACT ON FEED WHEAT PROGRAM

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to be an excellent feed grain for all types of livestock and poultry, Short said. He believes that availability of feed wheat at a moderate price has been an important factor in increasing county production of meat, eggs, milk and wool, all vital war foods.

## Hager

Robert Kohler of White avenue, Klamath Falls, spent Saturday night and Sunday with relatives here.

Mrs. Gus Hilyard left the first of the week for Grants Pass for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Anderson were business visitors in Merrill on Friday.

It is reported that Mr. and Mrs. Pound have purchased the Charles Green property here.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Hess, who recently went to Lovelock, Nev., are planning on selling their trailer house here and residing in Lovelock indefinitely.

Ervin Moore, who worked around this vicinity last summer, is at Cottage Grove working on a chicken ranch.

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## 'A' GROWERS GET PRIORITY ON FERTILIZER

CORVALLIS, Feb. 25 (AP)—Immediate arrangements with dealers for nitrogen fertilizer needed by farmers for this year's crops is recommended by Arthur S. King, extension soils specialist at Oregon State college.

Crops are now divided into class A and class B, with dealers required to supply the needs of class A growers first.

**Crops Listed**  
"Unfortunately many class B crops in Oregon need nitrogen before the important A crops," said King. "While dealers will do their best to hold back supplies for class A growers, they can be expected to protect only those who cooperate by placing advance orders for their needs."

Growers of class A crops can get fertilizer whether they have grown them before or not. Crops include, for Oregon, flax, hybrid corn for seed, dry or snap beans, lima beans, beets, cabbage and carrots. Class B crops are all other crops except cucumbers for fresh market, melons and grain, on which use of nitrogen fertilizer is prohibited. Only those who have previously used nitrogen fertilizer for class B crops can get it for them this year.

**GOALS AND PAYMENTS**  
Oregon goals and incentive payments for the four crops for which war needs have increased are: dry smooth peas, 28,000 acres, \$15 an acre; potatoes, 44,000 acres, 50 cents a bushel on the normal yield; dry beans, 5,000 acres, \$20 an acre; flaxseed, 2,000 acres, \$10 an acre. As previously announced, payments will be made on the acreage between 90 and 110 per cent at each farm's goal for the crop.

## Tulelake

Mrs. Hugh L. Bronson and Mrs. Viola Nelson were hostesses at a waffle supper for members of the Christian Endeavor society of the Presbyterian church following the meeting Sunday night. About 12 young people were present for the social hour.

## Comedy Planned By Merrill High School Students

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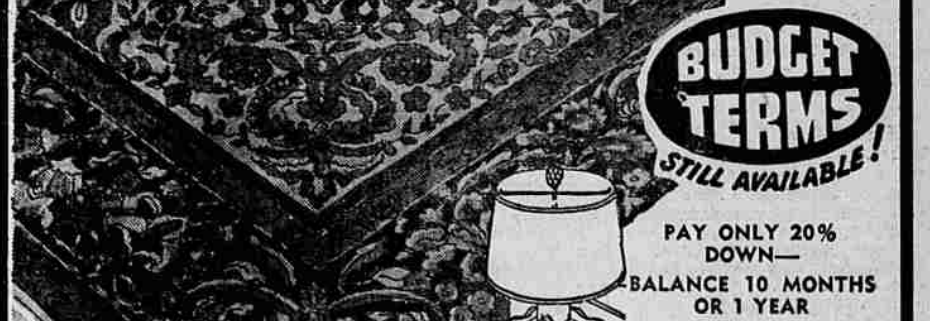
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