

Agent Explains Incentive Pay, Potato Orders

POTATO REGULATIONS
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So many orders and newspaper articles have been published and later changed that it is desirable to try and clear up a few of the many misunderstandings that have been created in the minds of potato growers.

INCENTIVE PAYMENTS

Last January the department of agriculture passed an order establishing "incentive" payments for the production of potatoes in 1943. A wire was sent to the Klamath Potato Growers association from the department stating that goals would be established for potato growers and that potato growers passing their goal would receive an incentive payment of 50 cents per bushel for all potatoes above 90 per cent but not to exceed 110 per cent of their goal. This was to be based on average production of the farm. This was to work out about this way: for instance, if a potato grower had a goal of 20 acres, with an average yield of 300 bushels per acre, and he actually grew this 20 acres, he would receive 50 cents a bushel for all potatoes above 90 per cent. Since he would grow 100 per cent, the last 10 per cent of this acreage, or two acres, would receive an incentive payment of 50 cents a bushel. With an average yield of 300 bushels, this would be 600 bushels or \$300. If he decided to increase his goal 10 per cent he could double the amount of the incentive payment.

About a month after this announcement was made by the department of agriculture, congress refused to provide money for incentive payments on agricultural products and therefore incentive payments are not in the program at the present time. Many growers who read the original announcement are confused and believe that the incentive payments will be paid. It should be definitely understood that they will not be paid unless congress provides money for this purpose, and the general feeling is that congress will not do so—so, incentive payments should not be counted upon.

SUPPORT OR FLOOR PRICES

On February 3, the following wire was received from A. E. Mercker, of the food distribution administration, Washington, D. C.:

"Potato floor price US ones Klamath basin \$2.00 September October November, \$2.15 December January, \$2.30 February March April. Dime less 85 per cent US ones."

Following this wire, Mercker was contacted relative to support prices of U. S. No. 2, but he stated by letter that it was the feeling of the administration that if a substantial support price be maintained for U. S. ones, the price of U. S. twos would automatically adjust itself. Since combination grades are not shipped from Klamath county, the dime less for 85 per cent U. S. ones perhaps would not be effective here. This support or floor price is particularly important to Klamath growers. It was established by the food distribution administration and therefore apparently is official. It means that prices of U. S. No. 1 Klamath potatoes will be supported at the above figures throughout the season. To maintain this support, it has been stated that the government will either purchase potatoes at these figures if the price is sagging or will loan money at the above rate. This is particularly important and it means that potatoes will not be sold below these prices during the season. This should not be confused with the ceiling price, which is a regulation of the top prices rather than a support of floor.

PRICE CEILINGS

Undoubtedly a definite ceiling will be placed on potatoes for the year 1943 but just what this will be is not yet clear. It has generally been stated that parity will prevail as a ceiling, but parity has not been fully determined, as long as the question of including labor cost in establishing parity has been before congress. It might be well for growers to watch the papers very closely as something definite on potato ceiling prices for late crop potatoes should come out soon.

Of all of the things mentioned and discussed, the support or floor price is by far the most important to growers as it will enable them to plan their operations knowing something about what the price—at least the minimum price—of potatoes will be for the 1943 crop.

ELBOW GREASE BEATS GADGETS FOR GARDENING

While many good gardeners take pride in a variety of tools and plain and fancy gadgets, it is possible to grow a Victory garden successfully with a few simple tools.

For a small garden the only



Fancy tools are hard to get, and they reduce the profits of Victory gardening. This girl could tell you that careful, regular work with simple implements produces results.

essential tools required are a spade, or spading fork, a steel rake, a common hoe, and stakes and a strong cord. A trowel is a convenient tool to have, but it is not necessary.

During wartime, gardeners are reminded, of course, that metals and many tools are scarce. Purchases of scarce items should be held to a minimum to make the supply go as far as possible.

Where possible the garden plot should be plowed rather than spaded, as spading is time-consuming and laborious. However, even those gardeners who can have their plots broken with a plow will find many good uses for a spade or spading fork. It can be used for moving dirt, for turning up the earth in odd corners, and for many other purposes.

A wheel cultivator is a labor saver, but it is not essential for small gardens.

Stakes and a cord are needed to line the rows and space them properly. This helps the garden's appearance and, or more important, makes the job of cultivation easier when the garden gets started.

SHARE THE TOOLS

A wheelbarrow is useful in many ways, particularly in connection with larger gardens or vacant-lot or community garden plots some distance from the gardener's residence. Equipment such as wheelbarrows and wheel cultivators often may be shared by several gardeners in the same neighborhood to good advantage.

In view of the scarcity of many metal items of equipment, the share-the-tool idea probably will be popular in many neighborhoods. Sprayers and dusters for use in combating insects during the growing season also may well be shared by groups of gardeners.

Small compressed-air sprayers that may be carried by a strap over the shoulder of the operator are very satisfactory for use in the small garden.

In wartime, especially, it is wise to take good care of tools. Some items that are scarce today may not be obtainable later. Tools should be kept in a safe and convenient place when not in use. All tools should be cleaned before being put away and a small amount of oil should be used on them to prevent rusting. No tools should ever be left outdoors.

Stubble-Mulch Farming Held Wise Policy in Oregon

Straw or stubble burned is plant food wasted, while all plant residues worked into the soil mean "banking" that much plant food for present war crops or future peacetime needs, point out tillage men of the soil conservation and OSC extension services in announcing a new federal bulletin entitled "Stubble-Mulch Farming for Soil Defense."

Both burning and complete plowing under of stubble and crop residues are discouraged in this bulletin, which is the result of experiences and experiments with stubble mulch, trashy fallow, or straw farming, as this type of tillage is variously referred to throughout the western states.

The bulletin is by L. S. Carter and G. R. McDole of the SCS. McDole is a member of the staff of the Pacific coast regional office in Portland.

Even with a shortage of farm machinery, growers can frequently modify their present equipment to apply the principles of stubble mulching, pointed out McDole recently in elaborating on the methods outlined in the bulletin.

OPA UPS JUNE, MAY PRICE OF WHITE SPUDS

WASHINGTON, April 9 (AP)—OPA today increased the May and June prices on white potatoes 20 cents per 100 pounds and dry onions 20 cents per 50 pounds over original schedules, saying the action was necessary to spread out shipments during the late season and discourage growers from trying to sell off their crops before May. Compared with current prices, the increase will be 10 cents per 100 pounds of potatoes or 50 pounds of onions.

The increase was authorized on prices charged by country shippers but wholesalers and jobbers are permitted to pass the extra costs on to consumers.

Original schedules provided that prices had to come down 10 cents per 100 pounds on white potatoes and a similar amount per 50 pounds of dry onions after April. Instead, prices will go up by the same amount, making a net increase of 20 cents.

Phosphate Used in Vegetable Push

Part of the 8000 tons of phosphate allocated to Oregon for distribution under the 1943 AAA conservation materials program will be used to increase production of commercial vegetables, potatoes and other crops in the "A" group of fertilizer priority regulations. County AAA committees will sell the phosphate to "A" crop growers who cannot obtain fertilizer from dealers. Price will be \$31 a ton at the car door, plus any handling charges.

Feed Wheat Price Set at \$1.05

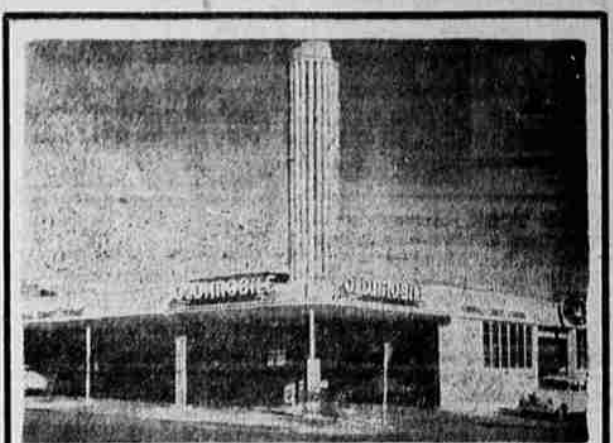
Commodity credit feed wheat will be sold in Klamath county for \$1.05 a bushel during the month of April. Orders for not to exceed a 90-day supply may be placed with the county AAA office, the Portland office of the Commodity Credit Corporation, or dealers. Farmers may redeem farm-stored wheat under loans for use as feed at the feed wheat price.

FARM POWER CONNECTIONS

Regulations providing for power line extensions to farms where electricity is needed to operate production equipment have been changed. Ten animal units were formerly required. Extensions now can be made to farms having as few as five animal units.

FENCING FREED

Farm fencing has been removed from rationing, and now may be purchased from any dealer without a purchase certificate as formerly required.



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Sprague River

Mr. and Mrs. Byrd Tompkins and son Sidney, have returned from Yuba City, Calif.

Mrs. Fred Mullenaux of Bonanza visited Mrs. William Tompkins Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Thrasher and children of Prineville, Ore., visited Mrs. Thrasher's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William George. Mrs. George returned to Prineville with them.

Mrs. Emma Stevenson, first grade teacher, was on the sick list last week. Mrs. Emma Tompkins substituted during her absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Eden spent the weekend in Klamath Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanton Pool and Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Short were in Klamath Falls Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Tompkins Jr., have moved to Malin, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Hammons have moved to Prineville, Ore.

Don Hunsaker, S 2/c in the navy visited friends in Sprague River Saturday.

FOOD FRONT SHORTS

About 150,000 pressure cookers are being manufactured to aid Victory gardeners in canning their crops. . . . The guayule rubber program in California is being curtailed to free land for food production. . . . The department of agriculture has requested abandonment of Easter stunts which would waste eggs. . . . British civilians are still limited to an egg or two a month, if they can find them. . . . Fortune magazine's "public opinion poll" shows 54 per cent of farmers approve of farm program, and only about 16 per cent disapprove. . . . Russia and Great Britain shared equally lend-lease shipments of U. S. food in January and February.

We shall achieve the largest common measure of the integrated life of Europe that is possible without destroying the individual characteristics and traditions of its many ancient and historic races.—Winston Churchill.

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Vegetable Crops Improving Rapidly, Says Ag Department

WASHINGTON, April 9 (AP)—The agriculture department had good news today for housewives who have been experiencing difficulty in getting fresh vegetables.

It said vegetable crops, after undergoing heavy losses from severe frozes in Florida and other southern producing areas in late February, are now improving rapidly.

Acres that were replanted following the February frozes should come into production about the middle of April and should furnish heavy supplies about May 1, the department said.

BUILDING RULES

War production board regulations on construction have been changed, and reports are that the building rules will be strictly enforced. Farmers are urged to contact the county USDA war board before starting any building. The war board can supply full information on the regulations, and assist with preparing applications for necessary WPB approval or priorities.

FARM BATTERIES

Farmers who have experienced difficulty in obtaining "hot shot" batteries for electric fence controllers and for operating gasoline engines will be cheered by news that an additional 200,000 of these dry cells are being manufactured. Also, wet storage batteries can now be purchased for farm use. Farmers may apply an AA-5 priority rating to obtain batteries for farm telephones.

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75c Fletcher's Castoria	59c	\$1.25 Absorbine Jr.	89c
\$1.20 Lady Esther 4-Purpose Cream	98c	\$1.00 I-Y Ironized Yeast	79c
Bill Folds	\$1.00 - \$1.50	Albador Laxative	79c
Bubble Bath	25¢ - \$1.50	50c Ipana Tooth Paste	39c
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