

# FEW MIGRATORY POTATO HARVESTERS EXPECTED

## LOCAL HELP TO DO MAIN JOB FOR GROWERS

Labor during the potato harvest season will be one of the biggest headaches of potato growers here, County Agent Bob McCambridge said today. Early digging will begin about September 10, while the peak will be from October 1 to 15.

J. R. Beck, state supervisor of the emergency farm labor service, reports that surveys indicate one-third of the usual number of migratory workers are now moving under their own power to places where they are needed. When reports of pools of workers are investigated, available workers are found to be mostly mirages, Beck indicated.

The bulk of labor required to meet local, county, and state needs must come from within the area, Beck said, so the harvesters needed in the potato fields this fall must come from within the county.

Last year was an open season, McCambridge said, and plenty of time was given to the harvest, but if weather conditions should make this year's harvest season short, the need for labor will be critical. Anyone with any spare time during the harvest was urged to register with the United States employment service.

School children working in platoons under squad leaders may be an effective means to prevent the labor shortage from holding up the harvest, McCambridge said. Last year, and in previous years, children have worked, but no organization was tried, and it is believed that the platoon method will bring better results.

## Weekly Market Trend

(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 livestock market at North Portland was quite firm Monday despite a fairly large supply in all divisions. Offerings amounted to 1900 head of cattle and calves, 2600 head of hogs and 2000 sheep and lambs.

Prices on fed steers moved up 25 cents to sell at \$16.25 but grass fat kinds were slow at \$14 with some remaining unsold at the close. Hogs, at a top of \$14.75, were 25 cents higher than a week previous and 10 cents over the highest paid during the week. Good to choice trucked in lambs were mostly \$12.75 and eastern Oregon kinds \$13.25.

The San Francisco market was also firm. Trading was active on grass fat steers at \$14 for the better grades while hogs, some from Oregon, were up to \$15.15. Shorn lambs made \$11.50 to \$13.50.

**SHEEP AND LAMBS**  
Direct and contract buying of feeding lambs in western range states was exceedingly dull during the week ending July 24 and bids were on a lower basis. Wyoming reported the sale of 20,000 head at \$13, for early fall delivery, but in Colorado trading was at a standstill.

Fat lambs from northern California and from the Ladino pastures of the Sacramento valley were supplying the San Francisco market. Marketings graded mostly common to medium and were hard to move. Prices on such kinds have declined 50 cents to a dollar during the past 10 days.

**HOG MARKETS**  
The office of price administration has announced that early in August a flat price ceiling would be set for live hogs at \$14.75 per hundred-weight, Chicago basis. The ceiling of \$14.75 will apply to all grades and weights and assures packers an adequate margin between the price of live hogs and the OPA ceilings for wholesale pork cuts.

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## Ag Leader



Ervin Peterson, above, is new head of the state department of agriculture.

and processed pork. This price, while below the 22 year high of \$16.10 reached this spring is slightly above prices prevailing in recent weeks and is substantially above prices which live hogs brought prior to 1942. It is anticipated that the price of hogs will continue to fluctuate seasonally, as in the past, between the ceiling and the floor prices.

The War Food administration also changed the support price program to include lower weights. The average hog support price of 113.75 per hundredweight, Chicago basis, for the period September 1, 1943, to March 31, 1944, now includes weight from 200 to 270 pounds, good to choice butcher hogs. It was previously effective only for good to choice butcher hogs weighing 240-270 pounds, Chicago basis. The support price for hogs weighing 240-270 pounds will remain in effect for the period originally provided through September 1, 1944. The new support price basis applying to the lower weights becomes effective on September 1.

Government purchases of pork products are at prices which reflect live hog prices above the average support level. In order that the full benefits of this support program be passed on to hog producers, however, officials pointed out that it is necessary for producers to market their hogs in an orderly manner and spread their marketings over a sufficient period of time to enable packers to handle them in their plants.

**WOOL MARKETS**  
Trading in the Boston wool market was quiet the week ending July 24 but grading and delivery of earlier contracted wools continued. A lack of warehouse facilities and of labor has had a slowing effect in laying out sample bags for appraisal and on the unloading of cars. Nevertheless, approximately 60,000,000 pounds of domestic wool, including pulled wool, have been appraised so far for purchase by the Commodity Credit corporation.

Purchasing of fleece wools in the country has been at a record pace and most of these wools have been purchased or consigned.

Automobile liability insurance is inexpensive. See Hans Norland, 118 N. 7th.

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## VINE GROWTH OF POTATOES DECLARED OK

Growth of potato vines in the Klamath basin fields is favorable at this time, although the stands are not so uniform as in some past years, according to Assistant County Agent Robert McCambridge.

In the opinion of most growers, McCambridge said, the average yield will not be so high this year because of the fertilizer situation and the number of new, inexperienced growers. Definite indications of the quality of this year's crop cannot be established until early digging. The lack of enough better seed and lack of fertilizer may be factors determining the quality of the potatoes.

The frost that occurred in June did not do extensive damage, although damage was spotted and affected some fields more than others. Doing damage after the frost, rhizoctonia diseased some of the plants, tending to burn off the vines.

Diseases found at the time of inspection for certification were rugose mosaic, wild mosaic, blackleg and leaf roll, none of which were especially bad. These diseases, with the exception of blackleg, are virus diseases and are spread by aphids, McCambridge said.

It is not yet known who will continue the inspections for seed certification in the place of the late Dr. Hyslop, but farmers entering their crops for certification will be notified when the county agent is advised. Last year 659 acres of potatoes were entered for seed certification, and this year 1400 were entered.

Because Klamath basin spuds are mainly harvested in October, growers here need not worry about the current potato price ceiling, effective only during July, August and September. July new potatoes must sell at \$2.50 or under, August at \$2.55, and September at \$2.45.

In line with the government program of increased production of food, Klamath basin farmers are raising 6000 additional acres of potatoes this year, McCambridge said.

In the county alone, there was an acreage increase of 3000, growers planting 14,000 acres this year compared to 11,000 last year, while 23,000 acres were planted in the whole of the Klamath basin this year compared to last season's plant of 17,000 acres.

The increase was made in spite of difficulties encountered in obtaining fertilizers, good quality seed and labor.

**Potato Growers to Meet August 2**  
A discussion of imported labor questions will take place at a meeting of potato growers called for Monday evening at 8 o'clock at the Henley grange hall, according to announcement by Henry Semon, president of the Klamath Potato Growers association.

A survey of labor needs among growers is being carried on at this time through the mail.

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## Plans Shaped at Tulelake For Payment of \$45,000 a Week to Imported Workers

A \$45,000 weekly payroll will be passed out to imported labor at the height of the potato picking season, C. J. Main of the Tulelake Growers association disclosed Wednesday evening in relating the methods the growers had formulated to handle the paying of farm hands during the harvesting season.

Armored cars and guards will transport the paymasters to the fields on the day the "ghost walks" for the 1100 or more laborers who get in the Tulelake district potato crops.

Acting as paymasters will be members of the staff from the Bank of America in Tulelake and the U. S. National bank in Tulelake. William Hagelstein of the Bank of Dorris will also be contacted by the growers for aid in paying the men.

In former years, the individual potato grower has paid the laborers in his own field. This year, due to the many deductions which complicate the payroll, each operator will turn over to the association the amount due for the total number of workers in his field. The grower will then do the necessary bookkeeping and handle through the banks the money involved. This method is designed to cut competition and keep matters running smoothly.

To handle this bookkeeping

service the Tulelake Growers' board of directors has levied a two per cent assessment on each member, Main disclosed.

At the present time, Main said, the payroll to the 125 Mexican laborers employed in the Tulelake area totals approximately \$875 per week. This amount will jump quickly when the spud harvest gets into full swing.

Main expressed his thanks to California's Senator Sheridan Downey for the interest he has displayed in the Tulelake area farm problems. Downey called Main long distance from San Francisco Wednesday offering his help in any way to facilitate the handling of the labor problem.

## DONORS LISTED FOR LIVESTOCK SHOW

Donors announcing awards for the 1943 junior livestock show have been listed by the office of Clifford Jenkins, county 4-H club agent. Many of the awards consist of war bonds or stamps.

Firms donating awards are Lee Hendricks drugs; Martin Brothers, Montgomery Ward and company, Dick B. Miller company, J. C. Penney company, The California Oregon Power company, Dick Reeder, Currin's, Hibbs Clothing company, the Gun Store, Raymond Dairy, Charlie Reed Saddlery, Horton Hereford ranch, American Aberdeen Angus Breeders' association, and the American Hereford association.

Other donors may announce awards later.

**THREE PLUS THREE KEARNS FIELD, U. (P)** — A private at this army training center invariably bought two bottles of Utah's 3.2 beer. He poured them together before he drank—and explained, one day, to a bystander: "I'm used to six per cent beer."

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## Bank Robbery? No, Just Janitor's Mop

**PORTLAND, July 29 (AP)**—A bank alarm sounded at police headquarters last night and four police cars roared down upon the Bank of California. Officers, with guns drawn, poured in and found—

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## SHORTAGE OF LABOR SLASHES WAR JOB AREA

**WASHINGTON, July 29 (AP)**—The war manpower commission today added nine cities and the entire territory of Hawaii to its "group one" list—areas of acute labor shortage—virtually cutting them off from further war contracts and raising the strong probability they will be put on the 48-hour work week. The new classifications are effective next Monday.

The cities are Anderson, Ind.; Butte, Mont.; Everett and Spokane, Wash.; Eureka and Los Angeles, Calif.; New Bedford, Mass.; Oklahoma City; and Racine, Wis.

These changes were part of the monthly revision on the WMC's classification of communities according to the supply of labor available for war work.

Whether the new group one areas will be put on the 48-hour work week will rest with the discretion of WMC area directors.

But the WMC forbids grant of new war contracts or renewals of old ones to group one cities if alternative production facilities can be obtained elsewhere.

Other cities which got new listings, with their new status: Group two (111 areas)—Boise, Idaho; Longview-Kelso, Wash.; Modesto, Calif.

Group two areas are those where a labor shortage is threatened within six months. They may get renewals of their current war contracts if no additional workers would be required, but can not get new con-

tracts if alternative facilities are available elsewhere).  
Group three (81 areas)—Aberdeen-Hoquiam, Wash.; Corvallis, Ore.; Eugene, Ore.; Great Falls, Mont.; Olympia and Yakima, Wash.  
(Group three areas are those where "a general labor shortage may be anticipated after six months." They are eligible for new contracts that can be completed within six months and suggested as good places for renewal of current contracts.)

## Market Prices for Gardeners

**PORTLAND, July 29 (AP)**—Celery trade here was at an impasse today, with retailers still asking the high prices received during the California shortage, and consumers little interested in expensive celery.  
Beans' first purple beans came in at 10c a pound. Oriental bean trade was feeble.  
Portland East Side market prices were:  
APPLES—The Dalles 1 1/2, \$2.00; apple box, \$4.00.  
CABBAGES—Nominal No. 1, \$4.00 pyram.  
CABBAGE—Round type, \$1.50-1.60 crate, local pointed, \$1.25 crate.  
BEANS—green 4-6 lb., yellow, 7-8 lb.; Oregon Giant, 4-6 lb., Kentucky Wonder, 7-8 lb.; local, 4-6 lb. bag.  
BAYONNETTES—No. 1, \$1.50-1.60 crate.  
CORN—Northwest, 50-60c dozen.  
ROOT VEGETABLES—Turnips, \$1.15-1.25; beets, 45-50c dozen bunches; carrots, 45-50c dozen bunches.  
LETTUCE—No. 1, \$1.50-1.60 crate.  
LIMABEANS—No. 1, \$2.00 crate.  
PEAS—Local, \$2.50-2.75 box; Road's End, \$2.75 box.  
PEPPERS—No. 1, \$1.50 box.  
RHUBARB—Field, \$1.25 box.  
ONIONS—Green 40 dozen bunches.  
RASPBERRIES—\$2.00-2.10 crate.  
STRAWBERRIES—Oregon Marshall, \$2.00-2.25 crate; Red Heart, \$1.00 crate.  
YOGURT—No. 1, \$1.00-1.25 crate.  
POTATOES—New local, \$1.00 bag, \$1.50-2.00 orange box.

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## FEWER PASSENGER TIRES IN AUGUST

Smaller quotas of new passenger car tires will be available for August, the war price and rationing board announced today. Reduction in quotas will be nationwide in order to conserve stocks until synthetic tires are available for civilian use.

Only 1.6 million supply of tires for civilian use remains, it was warned, and the supply is the lowest since April, 1942.

The quota of used and recapped tires, however, was raised to partially offset the cut in new tire allowances, the board announced. Drivers eligible for new tires may find it necessary to accept used or recapped tires. Inner tube and truck tire quotas remained virtually unchanged from July allotments, as was the quota for farm tractor tires.

## State Hospital Patient Suicides

**SALEM, July 29 (AP)**—Muriel Davis, 35, State hospital patient, was killed last night when she jumped under the wheels of an automobile driven by Della May Burton.

Davis had been working at the side of the road adjoining the hospital farm.

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