

Spuds Rank First In Klamath's Output, OSC Bulletin Shows

Six different farm commodities accounted for three-fourths of the value of farm marketings in Klamath county for the five-year period 1939-1944, and 45 additional products accounted for the balance of 25 per cent, the Oregon State college extension service reports in a recent bulletin on Oregon's farm products for market.

Potatoes ranked first as Klamath county's principal agricultural product. Following were cattle and calves in second place; sheep, lambs, and wool; third; hay, fourth; alkali clover seed, fifth; and milk production, fifth.

Klamath county ranked high among all Oregon counties in diversity of products with 31 different commodities or groups of commodities. Marion, L. a. n. e. Linn, and Yamhill were at the top of the list with 72 different products.

The bulletin, prepared in cooperation with the federal bureau of agricultural economics, points out that the relative importance of farm sales was somewhat different both before and since the 1936-1940 period, and that further shifts are likely in the postwar period. Nevertheless, it says, the principal commodities sold by farmers during the 1936-1940 period will probably continue to be among the top income producers.

"In general, the present war period has resulted in relative increase in Klamath county in potatoes," says County Agent C. A. Henderson. "It does not necessarily follow, however, that wartime shifts will be carried forward into the postwar period."

Commodities produced in Klamath county that accounted for the remaining 25 per cent of the average value of farm marketings, listed in approximate order of their importance, follow:

Hogs, wheat, chicken eggs, turkeys, rye, barley, bentgrass seed, oats, chickens, fur and game, horses, greenhouse products, truck crops, Kentucky bluegrass seed, red clover seed, sugar beets for seed, apples, red raspberries, common alfalfa seed, apriary products, strawber-

OUTPUT GOALS TO REMAIN SAME HERE

Oregon's 1945 farm production goals, to be worked out at a conference of farm leaders and agricultural officials in Portland December 1 and 2, are expected to call for a total planted acreage about the same as this year, reports R. B. Taylor, chairman of the state AAA committee.

Information on the estimated 1945 requirements for crops and livestock for all military and civilian needs will be brought to the conference by a delegation from the war food administration in Washington headed by G. F. Geissler, director of AAA's western region. On the bases of these requirements and of the capacity of Oregon farms and ranches to produce under expected conditions, the goals will be worked out by Oregon people invited by the state AAA committee to assist with the job.

Goals suggested for Oregon have been checked by the Oregon production capacities committee, appointed by Dean William A. Schoenfeld, of which E. L. Potter, head of the agri-

KLAMATH BASIN Carload Potato Shipments

(Figures from State-Federal Inspector Ross Aubrey)

Day of Month	Season 1944-45			Season 1943-44			
	Nov. to Date	Nov. to Date	Season to Date	Nov. to Date	Nov. to Date	Season to Date	
1	108	105	3442	26	28	2188	
2	37	142	3678	23	51	2213	
3	60	202	3559	44	95	2287	
4	86	288	3695	40	135	2287	
5	—	268	3693	50	185	2347	
6	83	331	3668	48	231	2363	
7	82	383	3720	1	232	2394	
8	68	441	3798	89	301	2463	
9	53	514	3851	71	372	2534	
10	58	572	3900	64	436	2598	
11	37	608	3946	57	493	2653	
12	—	600	3946	46	539	2701	
13	58	667	4004	48	587	2749	
14	63	730	4067	8	595	2757	
15	73	805	4142	28	623	2785	
16	73	878	4215	53	676	2838	
17	82	960	4297	76	732	2914	
18	85	1045	4382	88	810	2972	
19	0	1045	4382	82	892	3054	
20	30	1095	4432	47	939	3101	
21	50	1154	4491	5	944	3106	
22	100	1255	4591	61	1005	3167	
23	0	1255	4591	78	1083	3245	
24	30	1305	4641	64	1147	3309	
25	84	1389	4725	—	1147	3309	
26	0	1389	4725	46	1193	3355	
27	41	1430	4766	54	1247	3409	
28	71	1501	4837	9	1256	3418	
29	70	1571	4907	57	1313	3475	
30	—	—	—	83	1396	3558	
Carload Overloads and Trucklots			1396	TOTAL			1758

SHIPMENTS OF POTATOES TO TOP 5000 MARK

Klamath basin seasonal potato shipments by November's end will go over 5000 carloads—a full year's crop not half the enormous 1944 yield.

November has set an all-time record for shipments. Figures have not yet been compiled to cover the entire month, but they are already over 1500 carloads and truckloads and the final day's figures on train cars have not yet been incorporated in the totals.

On November 1, shipments for a single day reached 105 carloads, or three good-sized freight trains. November 22 saw 100 carloads leave the basin for market.

Farmers and shippers generally looked upon the heavy early season movement as a favorable development, promising orderly disposal of the crop.

Wheat Men May Add Transportation Costs to Prices

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (AP)—The office of price administration yesterday announced that producers, county shippers and merchandisers of wheat may add transportation costs to basic ceiling prices at shipping points beginning December 4.

OPA said the change will provide incentives for sellers to dispose of wheat outside their normal marketing areas and thus ease shortages in some parts of the country.

SUPERVISOR TO RESIGN
PORTLAND, Nov. 30 (AP)—John W. Holden, store and agency supervisor for the state liquor control commission, said today he would resign January 1 to enter private business.

He has been with the commission since it opened its doors on January 8, 1943.

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 day-by-day market reports.

The livestock market at North Portland Monday, November 27, was steady to strong. Stable receipts of cattle and hogs were somewhat less than a week previous but sheep showed a slight increase. Some price advances were recorded in all divisions.

CATTLE MARKETS
Buying interest in the cattle division was uneven, with beef cows and steers strong to 25 cents higher while low grade cows were difficult to move at steady prices. Good fed steers sold at \$14.75 to \$15.25. At San Francisco, the market was fairly steady with good cows going at \$11.25 and steers at \$14.50.

HOGS
Hogs at North Portland were sold actively at prices of around 20 cents higher than last week's close. Good to choice 160 to 200 pound hogs brought \$13.25.

WOOL MARKETS
Activity in greasy domestic wools in the Oregon wool market, the week ending November 25 was spotty. Lots sold were generally of smaller weight—between 15,000 and 25,000 pounds—and included a wide variety of types. In demand were long staple fine wools, both from the territory, and medium wool, territory quarter-blood, and long staple coarse wools suitable for papermakers' felt. Medium length wools from the mid-west could be sold as soon as offered, being the cheapest wool suitable for blankets.

Wyoming graded quarter-blood wool sold at a grade price of about 50 cents for wool bringing 48 per cent. Graded Montana fine staple wools—surplus from a grading line previously sold—were sold at a grade price of 34 cents, shrinkage 53 per cent.

The market on foreign wools was very unsettled. Prices in Uruguay continued firm, maintaining last week's advance. Prices of spot Montevideo wools have not kept up to the advance in the primary market, and trading in this market has been slow. Some buying is reported of low wools in Buenos Aires. No licenses have been granted to import wool from that port since June.

The Boston wool trade association has recommended that all domestic wools should be sold currently, and that no wool held by foreign government in the United States be sold in the United States. It was suggested that domestic wools be sold through auctions, with prices at levels which would permit sales in competition with foreign wools. Opposition was shown to the placing of restrictions on imports of foreign wools, thereby raising the cost of these wools, or restricting their availability and so force the use of domestic wool.

The exact amount of banana imports in 1943 was withheld as a war secret by the U. S. government.

USE OF WATER IN IRRIGATING BOOSTED HERE

There were 368,210 acre feet of water used for irrigation purposes this year, according to word received Wednesday from the local reclamation bureau. Sources of this water supply are Upper Klamath lake and Lost River.

This figure indicates a dry season this year as there were only 314,940 acre feet of water used in 1943; a difference of 53,270 acre feet. More moisture was evident in 1941 than in any other year during the past five years, with only 296,580 acre feet of water needed for irrigation purposes. This shows a difference of 71,630 acre feet compared to the current year.

It was pointed out by reclamation officials however, that the situation has changed considerably since 1940-41 because of large increases in spud acreage. For instance, in 1940 there were 740 acres of increased potato acreage in 1943, a difference of 22,149 in acreage. Increase of 3409 spud acres, estimated by C. A. Henderson, county agent, that the basin has increased an additional 2300 acres this year.

NEW VEGETABLE
A new vegetable, known as celtsuce, is being produced commercially in Berkeley, Calif. It has a flavor combining that of celery, lettuce and asparagus.

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