

SHEEP MARKET PAY RATES SET FOR AUGUST 5

Klamath county farmers and ranchers will be eligible to receive the new government payments on sheep and lambs marketed for slaughter, according to information received by B. W. Short, chairman of the county AAA committee.

The new program is effective August 5, and payments will be made on all sales to legally authorized slaughterers after that date, Mr. Short said. He cautioned producers to save all invoices and sales slips, as these will form the basis for the payments.

Pay Rates
Payment rates for August will be \$1.50 a hundredweight for lambs weighing 65 to 90 pounds; \$2.15 for lambs heavier than 90 pounds; and \$1.00 for all other sheep and lambs.

The program will extend through June 30, 1946. Payment rates will vary from month to month from the minimum rates set for August up to a maximum of \$2.50 for light lambs and \$3.15 for those over 90 pounds. The rates for sheep and for lambs less than 65 pounds will remain at \$1.00 throughout the year.

Subsidy Paid
The subsidy of 95 cents a hundred now being paid to packers will be withdrawn on August 4, so that all government payments will go directly to producers after August 5.

Payments will be issued by the county AAA committee in the form of a sight draft on Commercial Credit Corporation, similar to the draft used in other feeder programs. The necessary application forms and instructions will be received by the county office by the time the new program becomes effective.

ANDERSON INSPECTS REFRIGERATOR - CAVE

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 2 (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Clinton F. Anderson will take a personal look and see before he agrees with anyone that the war food administration's \$2,000,000 underground refrigerator-cave at Atchison, Kans., should be abandoned.

Anderson, who went to Atchison yesterday, said that "whenever anyone says 'let's throw this \$2,000,000 thing away,' I want to look at it."

A house of representatives committee recently recommended that the huge 10,000,000-cubic-foot rock-bound vault be abandoned only a week after construction of refrigeration facilities had been completed.

Also, Anderson said, he would have to determine if there were sufficient food on hand to make profitable use of the cave.

Leased a year ago by the WFA, construction of the huge ice box has been carried on by the defense plant corporation. There is no food stored there although three 250-ton compressors have brought the temperature down to 36 to 41 degrees.

"Engineering reports show that the place will operate efficiently and be well worth the \$20,000 a year rental," Anderson said.

"We lost a lot of eggs not long ago," he continued, "and maybe this cave would have saved them."

Insurance Offered To Wheat Growers

Federal crop insurance, now being offered to Oregon winter wheat growers for the first time since 1943, covers practically the same risks as those for which Oregon farmers collected \$13,628 bushels in losses during the five years of the original program, according to Willis C. Boegli, state director for the Federal Crop Insurance corporation.

All except two of the causes of loss for which insured growers collected in the period 1939-43 are covered in the contracts now offered on winter wheat, Boegli said. These two, stray stock and poor farming practices, accounted for only three-tenths of one per cent of the losses in the state under the original program.

Already three weeks' time has been lost by loggers in the Tillamook burn area. How happy the Japs must be at the careless persons who caused these fires to start. Don't be a Jap supporter—don't let fires get started. A fire that doesn't start doesn't have to be fought. Keep Oregon Green.

Tule Lake Evacuees Give Fire Fighting Demonstration

NEWELL—Representatives of the volunteer fire department of the nearby farming community of Tulelake came to the war relocation center at Tule lake, July 30, to study the fine points of pressure pumping as demonstrated by members of the center's evacuees fire department.

The demonstration was at the request of the town fire department which became interested in the methods used by the Jap-

anese firemen several weeks ago when the center sent a fire truck and a group of Japanese fire fighters on an eight-mile run to extinguish a serious midnight blaze in Tulelake.

In Monday's fast demonstration a Japanese fireman with a pumping truck laid in 40 seconds 400 feet of hose with a

BASIN PROJECT TO RAISE FARM INCOME

GRAND COULEE, Wash., Aug. 2 (AP)—A gross annual farm income as large as that of the entire state of Utah will be produced by the vast Columbia basin reclamation project when all irrigated, bureau of reclamation officials said yesterday.

Farmers would be provided with a gross annual income of \$46,000,000, at prewar price levels, the bureau said, announcing publication of a formal report by a "joint investigations committee."

When the project is fully developed, the report said, the value of land, buildings, livestock, machinery and supplies on the 17,000 irrigated farms would total \$118,000,000, as compared with the present value of \$18,000,000 for similar property in the same locality.

Yields would be 10 per cent greater in the basin than in the average of six other Pacific northwest projects where physical and climatic conditions are similar, the investigators reported, due to exclusion from the project of harmful factors and introduction of scientific improvements.

The war has halted construction on the project, but it is first on the list of work the bureau proposes to undertake in the post-war era.

Amendments Increase Farm Lending Scope

Amendments to the federal farm loan act, recently passed by congress and approved by President Truman, increase the scope of lending through national farm loan associations and provide machinery for expediting procedure in connection with federal land bank loans, H. E. Hamaker, secretary-treasurer of the Klamath group association, announced today.

Operating through national farm loan associations, the bank may now make loans up to 65 per cent of the normal value of a farm including its improvements, Mr. Hamaker said. Prior to July 1, bank loans were limited to 50 per cent of the normal value of the land plus 20 per cent of the permanent improvements.

Oregon Leads Western States In 4-H Work

CORVALLIS, Aug. 2 (AP)—Oregon leads among 49 states in the percentage of boys and girls enrolled in 4-H club work, a national report to the OSC extension service showed today.

Only the New England states, New York and New Jersey exceeded the Oregon percentage. The figures were based on 1943 4-H membership rolls when Oregon had 21,801 club members, or 43.9 per cent of total rural-farm youth. This is about double the percentage in any other of the 11 western states. The 1944 membership increased to 23,508, while HGMC, Seymour, state club leader, expects a total of around 25,000 this year.

RFC Announces Flour Subsidy Drop

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 (AP)—The Reconstruction Finance corporation has announced a decrease in the flour subsidy rate for August.

The rate on wheat ground outside of the Pacific coast area—except wheat originating on the Pacific coast—will be 23 cents a bushel, a reduction of one and a half cents from July.

The rate for wheat ground in the Pacific coast area and all wheat originating in that area wherever ground will be 28 cents a bushel, a reduction of three and a half cents from the July subsidy.

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FARM PRICES TOP PARITY; WAGES HIGHER

The United States general level of prices being received by farms is approximately 19 per cent above "parity," with farm wage rates omitted from the formula, according to the weekly review of farm market, price, and outlook information prepared by the extension service at OSC. The picture is quite different, however, when farm wage rates are considered in addition to commodities farmers buy, taxes, and interest.

The national index shows farm wages 200 per cent higher than the 1935-1939 average, while the figures for Oregon indicate 325 per cent above that average. In sharp contrast, the national index of prices paid farmers for commodities, interest, and taxes is only 35 per cent above the 1935-1939 level.

Higher Rates
As of July 1, farm wage rates in Oregon and generally throughout the nation were 10 per cent higher than a year ago. The national average increase in the index of prices paid for commodities, interest, and taxes was only about 2 per cent over a year ago. The combination of wage rates and other costs practically offsets the average advance of 7 per cent above a year ago in the general level of prices received by farmers.

Release Needed For Turkey Sales

Turkey growers must obtain a release from the regional headquarters of the office of marketing service before even crippled turkeys or breeding stock may be sold to other than authorized dealers, says Noel Benion, extension specialist in poultry husbandry at Oregon State college in answer to numerous inquiries.

Relief Sought For Oregon Labor Slack

CORVALLIS, Aug. 2 (AP)—More prisoners of war and possible borrowing of 600 Mexicans from Washington may help relieve a scarcity of Mexican workers in Oregon, Farm Labor Supervisor J. R. Beck said today.

He blamed the shortage on a halt in recruiting. The 750 prisoners now in Malheur county will be retained there, Beck reported, but 500 more will be obtained for Marion and Polk county hop yards and 500 for Medford's pear harvest.

AAA CITES CAUSE OF POTATO SURPLUS

PULLMAN, Aug. 2 (AP)—The state agricultural adjustment administration office here says that northwest potato growers have created a market surplus of No. 2 grade potatoes because they rushed digging in late July in an effort to avoid ceiling price reductions in August. State AAA Auditor and Sta-

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tistician Harold J. Rossier said farmers had asked the agency to help keep the market price up but had been refused because this could be accomplished only by diverting potatoes, needed to help out the food shortage, to glucose and starch markets.

A suggested "embargo" on potato digging in the northwest for a week "would have to be voluntary among farmers," Rossier said, since the AAA could not operate such a plan.

Walter Harder, office of price administration executive for the

Spokane area, said army purchases kept No. 1 grade potato prices at a high level.

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