

Decline Forecast In Net Income Of Farmers For 1946

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (AP)—A decline of as much as 15 per cent in the net income of farmers in 1946 was forecast today by the agriculture department.

The department said cash receipts from marketings probably would not drop quite that much. The net decline estimate, however, was based on the theory that some prices farmers pay for what they buy will increase.

A 15 per cent decline in real farm income still would leave it more than double the prewar average, including the peak years following the first World War, the department said.

In its 1946 outlook issue of the demand and price situation, the department predicted that total demand for farm products would remain high through the year.

"The curtailment of military purchases of most products will be offset largely, if not entirely, by expanding civilian requirements and increased purchases for relief and export," the department said. "In some cases, the supplies released by the reduction or disappearance of special military requirements will

be absorbed only at lower prices."

The prices of fruits, vegetables, truck crops and eggs "may decline somewhat more than those of other farm products," it added.

Farm wages, which have risen to almost three times their prewar (1935-39) level, are likely to remain relatively high although some declines are expected in the second half of 1946, the report said.

Assuming average crop yields next year, total cash receipts, including government payments, may be about \$19,000,000,000. This is about 10 per cent below 1945, the peak.

Total cash receipts for this year were estimated at about \$20,400,000,000, with government payments bringing the total to about \$21,200,000,000, 3 per cent above 1944.

Indications are that cash receipts from crops will be about 5 per cent above last year, receipts from livestock and livestock products only slightly higher.

ROAD BIDS LITTLE BELOW ESTIMATES

SALEM, Nov. 1 (AP)—State highway engineers said today they were agreeably surprised that bids on the first postwar road projects totaled a trifle less than their estimates.

Contracts for the 10 projects awarded at the highway commission meeting in Portland totaled \$1,170,000, compared with the engineer's estimates of \$1,280,000. This was only \$44,000 less than had been estimated.

Bids on three other projects were opened at the meeting, but these contracts have not yet been awarded. The low bids on these projects total \$138,000, while the estimates had totaled \$127,000.

In making their advance estimates the engineers had assumed that building costs would be 50 percent above pre-war costs. They hit this almost on the nose, but they were fearful that the bids might total far more than that.

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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 is in the form of a weekly summary of trends in the livestock market. It is not intended to replace day by day market reports.

Livestock markets were steady to strong during the four days ending October 25 and a little more interest was shown recently in domestic wools at Boston. Mill inventories are getting low and not much foreign wool was available.

The cattle markets were mostly steady to firm except in a few instances when heavy arrivals of cows and heifers were recorded. At North Portland, steers continued at a top of \$17 but heifers sold at a top of \$14.50, down 50 cents from a week previous. San Francisco reported a steady situation while mid-west markets were firm, especially on well-finished slaughter classes. Chicago, for example, reported trading on Wednesday as the most active so far this year on steers, yearlings and heifers grading good and better. Fat steers sold up to \$18, the ceiling.

Sheep and lamb markets were unsettled. Yearlings and ewes at North Portland gained around 50 cents and all classes at San Francisco were up 25 cents. Top lambs at North Portland brought \$13 and at San Francisco \$14.75. Midwest markets, especially Chicago, were inclined toward lower prices. Hog receipts continued steady at the ceiling.

The records show that fewer cattle, calves and hogs but more sheep and lambs were received at North Portland in September this year than last year. Cattle receipts totaling a little over 14,000 head were 4000 less than in September 1944; calves at 3000 head were about 350 less, while hog receipts of about 6000 head were less than one-third of a year earlier.

Receipts at the North Portland stockyards during the first nine months of this year show 8000 fewer cattle, 2300 less calves, and nearly 142,000 less hogs than during the first nine months last year. Receipts of sheep and lambs for the nine-month period, however, show an increase of a little over 43,000 head compared with a year earlier.

HARVESTS SHOULD BE FINISHED SOON

The 1945 onion and potato crops will be harvested in a few days if good weather prevails, County Agent C. A. Henderson predicted today.

Potatoes planted in sandy soil are still being dug between rains but harvesting in other soils is necessarily held up by the wet weather.

Between 15 and 25 percent of the onions are still in the fields, growers reported, some already sacked and some still undug, with intermittent rains holding up work. Some damage is expected through the late harvest, it was indicated.

Occasional rains are predicted for the next few days with high temperatures in Klamath basin near 45 and low near 35.

Spud Ceiling Prices Continue Suspended

Potato ceiling prices will continue to be suspended until December 5, OPA has announced. If no action is taken before that time, potatoes will automatically return to price control.

Ceilings on potatoes have been suspended since September 14, after the department of agriculture estimated the 1945 crop at 433 million bushels, considerably above requirements.

SURPLUS POTATOES TO MAKE ALCOHOL

To prevent waste and spoilage which results when intermediate potatoes are held in storage, the government is diverting to the manufacture of alcohol some of the surplus intermediate potatoes acquired in making good on price support commitments to growers. Plans are being developed to use beet sugar plants for the manufacture of glucose from surplus potatoes if such diversion is necessary to prevent waste.

The 8670 cars of intermediate Irish potatoes purchased by the USDA from August 1 through October 13, have been distributed as follows: for the school lunch program and institutions, 1054 cars; for stock feed, 3103 cars; for the production of starch, 1346 cars; moved into temporary storage, 2021 cars; to distillers for the production of alcohol, 324 cars; to canners, 758 cars; sold on the commercial market, 64 cars. Potatoes in storage are now being moved out to distillers and for livestock feed.

KLAMATH COUNTY AAA WILL OPERATE

The present work of the Klamath county AAA committee will not be affected by the recently announced consolidation of the state AAA office and USDA office of supply into the field services branch of the production and marketing administration, with headquarters to be in Portland.

Burrell Short, chairman of the county AAA committee, said that the county AAA office will continue to serve local farmers on matters relating to the agricultural conservation practice program, commodity loan, federal crop insurance and production payments on milk and butterfat, sheep and lambs, and beef. Just what additional duties and responsibilities that will be assigned to the local office as a result of the reorganization is not known at this time.

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Grain Needs Rain In Klamath Area

The bureau's crop-weather survey for the week ending Oct. 30 noted grain needs rain in eastern and southwestern Oregon. Although some seeding continues, ranchers in the driest areas await adequate soil moisture.

Sunshine and frost helped corn ripen in the western part of the state, and this harvest is nearing completion. Apple picking, also being completed, made good progress, but some apples are smaller than usual.



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Subsidies Boosted On Ground Wheat

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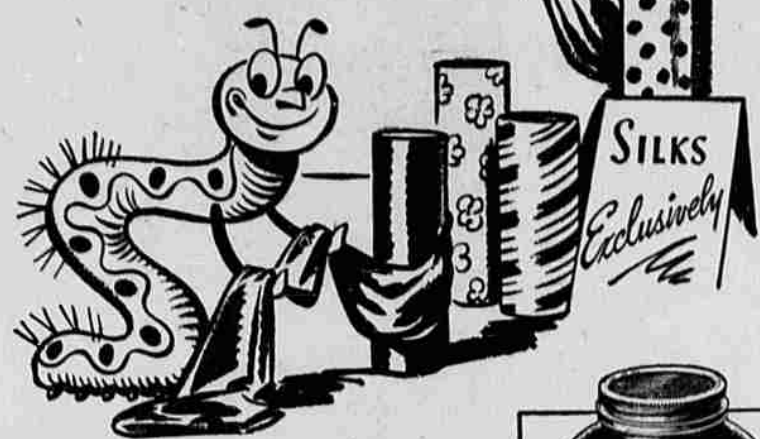
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SURVEY LAUNCHED OF PROPOSED STATE PARK

MEDFORD, Nov. 1 (AP)—The state highway commission has launched a survey of the proposed state park on the Rogue river within the Camp White military reservation.

Plans for the park were interrupted by the war.

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- Veal Sho. Steak (A—2R) Lb. 29c
- Beef Roasts Arm or Blade (2R—A) Lb. 27c
- Ground Beef No Cereal, Fresh Lb. 29c
- Boiling Meat Rib or Brisket Lb. 20c
- Cottage Cheese Lb. 20c
- Mincemeat Lb. 25c

Vegetables

- Apples Hood River Spitzsburg BOX \$3.89
- Potatoes Klamath Netted Gems, No. 1 25-LB. BAG 98c
- Oranges Sweet, Juicy 5 LBS. 53c
- Grapefruit Florida Lb. 13c
- Tokay Grapes 2 LBS. 25c
- Cabbage Solid Heads Lb. 6c

- Libby's Apricots, No. 2 1/2 tin 29c
- Smoked Shad, fancy 3 1/2-oz. tin 25c
- Pismo Clams, No. 1/4 tin 28c
- Wadham's Pumpkin, No. 2 1/2 tin 13c
- Del Monte Grapefruit Juice, 46-oz. tin 34c
- Borden's Hemo 1-lb. jar 59c
- Baker's Cocoa 1/4 lb. 10c
- Raisins 2-lb. pkg. 25c
- Mothers Cocoa 5c
- 1-Lb. Package 5c
- S&W Catsup 14-oz. bot. 21c
- S&W Coffee 1-lb. pkg. 29c
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