

National Potato Letter-- Potato Shipments Climb Sharply During Past Week

Major late crop potato areas now confirm earlier reports that some frost potatoes were harvested—not many, but these frost potatoes are included in government crop estimates although they are not market and will break down in storage. Full accounting of the loss will not be available until around January 20 when the potato stocks reports as of January 1 is issued.

Market Shipments Increase

Shipments during the past week climbed to 5522 cars compared with 4877 cars the week before. Average for the six days was 920 cars but government buying for diversion and export accounted for 394 cars of the week's total against only 237 cars the preceding week. Furthermore, a good many cars have gone to Canada which means that domestic markets have not absorbed the total movement. In fact, if arrivals at selected markets are an accurate index, markets may have taken fewer potatoes as arrivals last week at 16 major terminals were only 1881 cars compared with 1916 for the week ending November 9.

Changes by states for the week show Idaho up 164 cars, Maine up 533, Michigan up 87, Minnesota-North Dakota up 111, New Jersey down 188, Oregon down 90, and relatively slight changes in other states. With the exception of Idaho, states showing increases are the states contributing to Canadian exports and Maine also has furnished a large quantity of potatoes for export under the deal with Belgium.

For the season to date, shipments have gained slightly compared with last year. Taking out Long Island and Washington shipments, which were heavy during the summer season, we are now 5705 cars behind last season to this time whereas we were approximately 10,000 carloads behind only two or three weeks ago.

Demand and Markets

Domestic demand continues slow to moderate at shipping points with the markets quoted weaker to firm, and firmness limited to shipping areas supplying potatoes for export. Most markets are reported steady or about steady with prices practically unchanged from last week although North Dakota is reported to be rolling many domestic shipments unsold.

Terminal markets show a wide range in activity. Boston has been dull and weak with Chicago slow and dull in Colorado and Nebraska, firm under moderate demand for Burbanks and firm with fair demand for best northern stock. Detroit has held firm on most offerings with Michigan stock unsettled. Philadelphia has experienced dull trading in westerns with the market firm on good eastern of-

ferings. Minneapolis has held firm on western, slightly stronger on best northern; New York steady on eastern stock but dull on western. The week has brought no significant developments in terminal markets but there has been little life in trading which is not particularly alarming as poor demand and slow markets are customary at this time of the year.

Generally, however, the light demand has not been unsatisfactory to growers and shippers, many of whom show no inclination to push trading as they are feeling their way until after the end of the year. One reason for lack of aggressive offering by growers and shippers may be the prospect for lower taxes in 1948, payment of which will not be due until March, 1947. At least some growers who are not in need of cash are taking this into account in shaping their marketing programs.

Acres Acreage Goals for 1946

Potato acreage goals for the intermediate and late 1946 crops are being discussed in Washington this week. Nothing official is available on the 1946 goals but the figures which were taken into the meetings for discussion were aimed at producing between 370 and 380 million bushels from all plantings for the 1946 harvest. How the final goals will come out, we cannot say. It is a fairly safe bet, however, that they will be set somewhere near these figures with the expectation that growers actually will plant to produce probably 10 million bushels more than the goals. This should give an adequate potato crop for 1946 although some 40 to 50 million bushels less than the very large crop produced this year.

Here is a point to look for in the 1946 goals. Secretary Anderson already has announced continued heavy production of farm crops in 1946 but wants to have these crops produced at lower per unit cost so as to afford reasonably priced food for consumers and still return satisfactory income to growers. This may mean greater acreage reduction in high cost producing areas with not quite as large a portion of the total reduction in the high yield and mechanized states. So far this isn't settled, but it is a good bet.

Seed business frequently gives a clue to the next year's acreage prospects. So far seed markets have been very quiet and the usual early contracts and orders are conspicuous by their absence.

Unwillingness to take on seed contracts may be due to a number of causes—uncertainty as to whether prices will go up or down—desire to know acreage goals and price support plans for 1946—uncertainty as to the late crop clean-up and whether or not price control will be continued. Watching seed movement during the next two or three months, especially contracts for future delivery, may help some producing areas in planning their 1946 plantings.

Diversion and Price Support

Diversion to industrial outlets is progressing with little change with the plant at Muscatine, Iowa, apparently operating at capacity on stock from midwest temporary storages. Philadelphia plant is operating but at reduced volume and Maine starch plants are working at less than half capacity, as increased loadings for export are not yet reflected in factory receipts of low grade potatoes. Deals with Canada and Belgium are progressing satisfactorily with approximately 1100 carloads already shipped to Canadian outlets and more than 1300 carloads either cleared or ready to clear Atlantic ports this week for Belgium. French deal for a considerable quantity of potatoes is not yet closed but Washington potato officials, rather gloomy six week's back, look pretty cheery now which means they expect further foreign deals to bite still deeper into our harvest-time surplus.

Lumber Production Takes Severe Drop

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28 (AP)—The civilian production administration reports September lumber production totalled 2,196,045,000 board feet, a decline of 17.6 per cent from August and the "most severe drop between successive months since the war began."

Production the first nine months of the year was down almost 13 per cent from the same period of 1944. The August figure was 2,663,534,000 board feet.

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KLAMATH BASIN Carload Potato Shipments (Figures from State-Federal Inspector Ross Aubrey)

Day of Month	Season 1945-46			Season 1944-45		
	Daily	Nov. to Date	Season to Date	Daily	Nov. to Date	Season to Date
1	64	64	3518	105	105	3443
2	62	126	3577	28	133	3471
3	49	175	3626	61	204	3548
4	0	175	3626	66	270	3608
5	48	223	3674	3	273	3611
6	50	282	3733	66	339	3677
7	62	344	3795	62	401	3739
8	64	408	3859	77	478	3816
9	58	466	3917	90	568	3886
10	68	534	3985	71	639	3957
11	0	534	3985	44	683	4001
12	0	534	3985	3	686	4004
13	62	596	4047	63	749	4067
14	54	650	4101	64	813	4131
15	62	712	4163	70	883	4191
16	52	774	4215	67	950	4257
17	61	835	4276	79	1029	4326
18	0	835	4276	60	1089	4386
19	61	896	4337	7	1096	4393
20	50	946	4397	57	1153	4450
21	75	1021	4462	73	1226	4507
22	0	1021	4462	68	1294	4565
23	46	1067	4508	1	1294	4566
24	62	1129	4570	56	1350	4622
25	0	1129	4570	66	1416	4688
26	68	1197	4638	0	1416	4688
27	61	1258	4699	65	1481	4753
28	0	1258	4699	69	1550	4822
29	0	1258	4699	82	1632	4884
30	0	1258	4699	81	1713	4945
31	0	1258	4699	0	1713	4945

mon lambs \$11.50; good ewes steady at \$8.00; culls down to \$4.00.

Market Quotations

NEW YORK, Nov. 28 (AP)—Stock market irregular today after the sharp advance of the preceding session.

Farm implements, aircraft, chemicals and airlines made the best showing.

American Can	104 1/2
Am Tel & Tel	191 1/2
Amalgamated	48 1/2
Calif Packing	37 1/2
Commonwealth	31 1/2
Curtis-Wright	8 1/2
General Electric	46 1/2
General Motors	71 1/2
Gl. Nor. Ry. Pfd	38 1/2
International	58 1/2
Kennecott	49 1/2
Long-Bell "A"	25 1/2
National Ward	70 1/2
Nash-Kelley	13 1/2
N. Y. Central	31 1/2
Pac Gas & El	44 1/2
Int. Harvester	26 1/2
Sears Roebuck	36 1/2
Southern Pacific	44 1/2
Union Pacific	44 1/2
Union Oil Calif	144 1/2
U. S. Steel	79 1/2
Warner Pictures	20 1/2

Potatoes

CHICAGO, Nov. 28 (AP-USA)—Potato arrivals 78 on track 193, total U. S. shipments 668.

Supplies moderate. Demand slow, market steady for best quality good Russet Burbanks, U. S. No. 1, \$3.00-3.30; Colorado Russet, U. S. No. 1, \$2.50-2.80; Caribbea, U. S. No. 1, \$2.85; Minnesota and North Dakota, U. S. No. 1, \$2.85; Michigan, U. S. No. 1, \$2.15; Michigan Russet, U. S. No. 1, \$2.15.

LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO, Nov. 28 (AP-USA)—Salable hogs 16,000, total 33,000; very slow, market generally 10 to 25 cents lower, closing flat at 25 to 25 cents lower; good and choice 190-330 lb. barrows and gilts; a few lots big weights and underweight; unevenly 25 to 30 cents lower, but these scarce; hogs flat 25 cents lower; stags 25 to 30 cents lower; good and choice 190-330 lb. barrows and gilts \$14.50-14.75, around three loads at \$14.50; most sows at one price, \$13.85; with stags \$13.50-75; looks like incomplete clearance now.

Salable cattle 12,000, total 12,500; salable calves 500, total 500; choice steers and heifers steady; active; demand broader than available supply; choice steers and heifers 25 cents lower; common grade steers without reliable outlet; bulk slaughter steers \$13.00-18.00; load lot top fed heifers \$17.75; short load \$18.00; bulk \$12.50-17.50; hogs steady to weak; fed hogs \$14.50; bulk grass cost \$9.50-12.50; canners and cutters \$7.00-8.50; bulls steady; vealers firm at \$13.50 down.

Salable sheep 3,000, total 3,500; active, steady to 25 cents higher; fed lambs and yearlings looked flat quarter high on paper but market not that much up considering high quality; fed lambs and yearlings good and choice fed wooled western lambs topped at \$15.50; little done early on natives; load strictly good and choice fed yearlings \$13.25; aged slaughter ewes \$7.00 down.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 28 (AP-USA)—Salable cattle total 25; salable calves total 50; market fairly active on better grades, slow on canner-cutters, generally steady; common-medium steers \$11.00-14.00, cutters down to \$9.00; common-medium heifers \$9.50-12.50; canner-cutters \$3.50-7.50, shells down to \$3.00 and below; fat dairy-type cows \$9.00-10.75; heavy beef bulls up to \$12.50; good-choice vealers \$13.50-14.00.

Salable hogs 100, total 500; barrows and gilts steady at \$13.00; light hogs steady at \$15.00; heavy sows and stags slow; few medium-good light feeder pigs \$12.50-13.00; choice around 100 lb. available to \$15.50.

Salable sheep total 100; demand urgent; few sales unevenly higher, quality considered; good 70-100 lb. lambs \$14.00-25; no test on choice grades; few com-

Engineers From U.S. To Aid China

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28 (AP)—American engineers will aid China in working out plans to control the ravaging Yangtze river.

Secretary of the Interior Ickes announced today the signing of a contract between the bureau of reclamation and the national resources commission of China. It calls for bureau engineers to prepare the designs and specifications for what may be the largest concrete dam ever built.

The Chinese government will pay an estimated \$500,000 to the bureau for its technical assistance.

The contract carries no commitment for actual construction which Ickes said rests entirely with the Chinese government and might require 25 years or more.

Key Feature
Key feature of the proposed development plan is a dam larger than Grand Coulee to be located in the gorge of the Yangtze near Ichang in the heart of China. It would back the river into a reservoir 250 miles long. The plan also calls for the construction of numerous other dams, hundreds of miles of irrigation canals, the world's largest hydroelectric plant and other facilities.

The design work will be done in the bureau's Denver office under the supervision of John Savage who drew up the plans for such great American dams as Grand Coulee, Boulder and Shasta.

DEADLY DANCE
Native dancers of Timor, East Indian island, are blinded and leap about barefooted on a board studded with poisoned spikes, where the slightest error would result in death.

OBITUARY
FRANK NICHOLAS BORDAL
Frank Nicholas Bordal, for the last 29 years a resident of Klamath Falls, Ore., passed away in this city Wednesday, November 28, 1945 at 12:10 p. m. following an illness of two weeks. He was a native of Wisconsin and at the time of his death was aged 63 years 6 months and 6 days. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Nellie Bordal of this city; three daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Nicolson, Klamath Falls, Mrs. Elaine Sparre of Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. June Smith of Sacramento, Calif.; one sister, Grace Bordal of Klamath Falls; his stepfather, P. L. Peterson, also of this city and two grandchildren. Mr. Bordal was a member of Masonic lodge of Clifton, Ore. The remains rest in the Earl Whitlock Funeral Home, Pine at Sixth. Notice of funeral to be announced at a later date.

FUNERAL
JOHNNIE CHAFFAN SPICHER
Funeral services for the late Johnnie Chaffan Spicher, who passed away in this city on Saturday, November 24, 1945, following a brief illness will be held in the chapel of the Earl Whitlock Funeral Home, Pine at Sixth, Thursday, November 29, 1945, at 10:30 a. m. with the Rev. David F. Barnett, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city, officiating. Burial will be in the Earl Whitlock cemetery. Friends are invited.

WEATHER

City	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Eugene	52	46	1.27
Klamath Falls	48	42	.00
Sacramento	50	42	.00
Reno	55	25	.00
San Francisco	45	40	.00
Seattle	52	29	.20
Medford	63	48	.00
Red Bluff	63	46	.43

Courthouse Records

Complaint Filed
Hugh Gilbreton Holte vs. Grace Isabel Holte, suit for divorce. Charge, cruel and inhuman treatment. Coupled, married June 6, 1942, at Vancouver, Wash. H. C. Merryman, attorney for plaintiff. Decrees Granted.

Ann Irene Chapman vs. Clyde W. Chapman.
Hugh Gilbreton Holte vs. Grace Isabel Holte.

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Oregon School Board Association To Meet
SALEM, Nov. 28 (AP)—The newly-organized Association of Oregon School Boards will hold a convention here December 8, the state department of public instruction said today.

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In the bundle, Marger said, were two pairs of navy trousers, a dress jumper, two caps and a hunting knife.

Benjamin Rico, Tennant, Calif., Mexican, posted \$8 bail with police for having no operator's license and making a U-turn on Main street.

Raymond J. Butler, 240 Michigan, paid a \$3 fine for running a red light and four parking tickets were paid in court this morning.

Eight drunks, one drunk and disorderly and two Indian women charged with possession were brought into court today.

An ancient truth is worthy of serving as a universal motto: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God."—Ashland, Ky., Independent.

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Democrats To Select Man For Vacancy
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