

# National Potato Letter— Action of USDA To Be Key To Spud Season's Wind-Up

USDA does about move-  
ment of potatoes into surplus  
will be the key to the  
wind-up. In the mean-  
time, the early depar-  
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turing production com-  
paratively important  
for markets needed by  
of late crop stored

**Movement**  
Shipments declined  
during the past week with  
of only 4850 cars, a daily  
of 775 cars, compared  
of 5200 cars the previous  
and 6296 cars the week  
before.  
Colorado, Minnesota,  
Idaho and North Dakota  
up fairly well, but Idaho  
was down 323 cars, Min-  
nesota off 94, Oregon off 39,  
other shipping areas down  
to account for the total  
of 832 cars. Part of the  
has been due to a short  
supply in Maine but weather  
markets were chief factors.  
Part of the week's light shipments  
particularly disappointing  
of 208 cars government pota-  
deducted from the total  
of 832 cars, price about 20  
above floor same as last

**Markets and Demand**  
Latest f.o.b. reports indicate a  
range of conditions, with  
generally slow to fair,  
markets quoted from dull to  
stronger. Maine reports  
fair, market steady but  
current shipments from  
last sales, price about 20  
above floor same as last

Idaho, demand fair, mar-  
ket slightly stronger, price dime  
over floor, and dime better than  
last week. North Dakota, 17  
below zero, offerings very light,  
market firm for very few sales,  
most shipments seed stock, some  
rolling unsold, buyers offering  
15 cents under floor. Michigan,  
offerings light, demand slow,  
market dull for very few sales,  
price dime under floor assuming  
dime value for size A, and  
dime under last week. Color-  
ado, demand slow, market  
steady, price at floor unwashed,  
or dime better than last week.  
Utah, New York, demand  
slow, market dull, price for few  
sales to nearby markets 35 cents  
over floor. Wisconsin, haulings  
light, demand slow, market  
dull, some current shipments  
seed stock, some shipments un-  
sold, price for few truckload  
sales 90 per cent commercials  
5 cents under floor, about same  
as last week. Florida, (Fort  
Myers Section) haulings light,  
demand moderate, market  
steady, price minimum \$2.65 for  
washed size A in 50 lb. bags,  
dime under last week.

In the terminals, New York  
reports the market about steady

for both old and new stock.  
Chicago, supplies of old stock  
have been moderate, demand  
slow, market dull; new stock,  
supplies light, demand slow,  
market steady. Atlanta has held  
steady for old and for first qual-  
ity new stock, and stronger for  
new B size. Boston continues  
dull for old with no new sup-  
plies. Detroit has ruled weak-  
er on Idahos, other old stock  
about steady, dull for new.  
Minneapolis reports a firm mar-  
ket for old western stock, dull  
for northern and new offerings.  
Philadelphia reports dull for old  
with new slightly stronger. San  
Francisco, dull and slightly  
weaker for old stock, dull for  
new with LCL wholesale lots of  
Klamath Basin Russets, U. S.  
No. 1, bringing \$3.25 to \$3.40.  
Markets report only 472 cars on  
track, which are not enough to  
be the cause of terminal weak-  
ness.

**Price Support and Surplus  
Removal**  
It's too bad that car shortages  
blashed into the export deals in

December and January, when  
we had our best opportunity to  
unload a good solid volume of  
surplus. Movement to Canada  
was good earlier, but has fallen  
off more recently, partly be-  
cause prices of easily accessible  
stock went above floor. Exports  
to the north continue, and will  
continue but the rate will de-  
pend upon combination of loca-  
tion, cars and prices. Location  
and price problems could be  
solved by changes in the subsidy  
arrangements, presumably, but  
officials are not commenting on  
changes. The French deal is go-  
ing better, with one boat loaded  
and probably enough rolling to  
load a second and part of a  
third. Boats are not so scarce  
now, and Beaumont, Texas can  
handle two at a time, so this  
outlet probably can take as  
many potatoes as cars can be  
found to haul.

**General Demand and Price  
Situation**  
"Demand and Price Situation"  
(Issued by USDA Bureau of  
Agricultural Economics) for Jan-

uary indicates that demand for  
farm products is likely to be  
maintained at current high levels  
during most of 1946. High level  
of non-agricultural employment  
is anticipated, and unless cur-  
rent labor troubles are prolonged  
they probably will not depress  
demand. Even if foreign crops  
are large, total agricultural ex-  
ports will stay high. With  
special reference to spuds, a  
verbatim quote is in order. The  
report states: "The prices that  
growers will receive for 1945  
crop potatoes during the balance  
of this marketing season are ex-  
pected to average above the sup-  
port levels maintained by the  
Department of Agriculture. Dur-  
ing December and early January,  
wholesale potato prices strength-  
ened substantially, both at coun-  
try points and in terminal mar-  
kets, primarily as a result of an  
unusual export demand and an  
inadequate supply of refrigerat-  
or cars at major shipping  
points. Prices for potatoes dur-  
ing the week ended January 5

were close to, and in some in-  
stances above, prices in the cor-  
responding week a year earlier.  
"Carlot movement of potatoes  
since last September has been  
considerably smaller than would  
be expected in relation to the  
size of the very large 1945 crop,  
and shipments in December 1945  
were actually less than in the  
same month a year earlier. Too  
large a proportion of the 1945  
crop still remains at country  
points to permit much additional  
rise in price. Prices would  
break if too many old potatoes  
are shipped late in the season  
after new potatoes became avail-  
able in considerable volume."  
We question only the price  
statement. Prices will average  
above support levels only if  
USDA comes through 100 per  
cent in removing what the mar-  
kets won't take; otherwise there  
is a reasonable doubt. We in-  
cline to the belief that USDA  
both can and will come through  
because the job remaining to be  
done is considerably smaller

than at this time in 1944, when  
the overhang from the 1943 crop  
was terrific. The average weight of a bale  
of cotton in the United States  
is about 500 pounds.

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- Lunch Suggestions**
- Lunch'n Loaves, Astd. Type 3 lb. 34c
  - Thuringer, Tasty lb. 38c
  - Bologna, A. C. Type 2 lb. 34c
- Sea Foods**
- Chinook Salmon, sliced lb. 45c
  - Razor Clams, Fresh cleaned lb. jar 95c
  - Fresh Oysters, Medium Pint 65c
- Grade A Chickens**
- Fryers, Eviscerated lb. 69c
  - Fowl, Dressed lb. 35c

- APPLE BUTTER**  
Libby's, Very smooth No. 303 jar 20c
- PEANUT BUTTER** lb. 30c  
Howdy (Coarse grind) or Beverly (Regular) 2-lb. jar 56c
- Safeway has a large selection of "Spreads" that very nicely take the place of the "Oh, so scarce" butter. Listed above are two of the favorites!

- CANTERBURY TEA 1/4 lb. 22c 1/2 lb. 43c 16-oz. pkg. 13c
- TOMATO JUICE Sunny Dawn No. 2 10c 46-oz. can 21c
- TOMATO JUICE Libby's fancy No. 2 11c 47-oz. can 25c
- BLENDED JUICE Blend O'Gold No. 2 can 17c
- SHREDDED WHEAT Kellogg's pkg. 11c
- BABY CEREAL Gerber's 8-oz. pkg. 15c
- TENDERONI Van Camp 8-oz. pkg. 2 for 16c
- PREMIER BEER 12-oz. bottles 2 for 25c
- HI-HO CRACKERS 1-lb. pkg. 21c

**LUX TOILET SOAP**  
for complexion and bath 3 bars 20c

- White Magic Bleach qt. 10c
- Clorox Bleach qt. 16c
- Toilet Soap, White King, 3 bars 14c
- Lava Soap, lge. size 3 for 26c
- Dog Meal, Gaines 2 lbs. 22c 5 lbs. 49c
- Dog Food, Home Plate, 8-lb. pkg. 78c

**5252 returned**  
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Safeway by Dec. 31, 1945  
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Glad to Have You!

**Sweetheart Toilet Soap**  
The Soap that agrees with your skin. Reg. Size 2 bars 13c

**Woodbury Toilet Soap**  
For the Skin You Love to Touch 3 bars 23c

### How to Use Meat to Make Breakfasts Hearty

Cold days call for hearty breakfasts, and one of the best ways I've found to make a breakfast substantial is to include some meat in the menu. Here are some favorite winter breakfasts that will also make a special hit for Sunday brunch.

**COLD MORNING SPECIAL**  
Tomato Juice with Lemon Wedge  
Hot Apple Pancakes Rolled Around Sausage Links  
Warmed Syrup Coffee or Cocoa

**APPLE PANCAKES**—To 2 cups of prepared pancake flour, add 2 eggs and 1 1/2 cups milk beaten together. Blend well. Stir in 1 cup finely chopped apples and 2 tablespoons melted shortening. Drop by table-spoonfuls onto greased griddle or frying pan. Bake until bubbles break; turn and bake until golden brown. Wrap each pancake around a well-cooked sausage link. Serve hot with warmed syrup. Serves 6.

**WAKE UP TO THIS!**  
Spiced Applesauce with Raisins  
Sautéed Kidneys with Mashed Potato-Cakes  
Buttered Toast  
Coffee or Milk

**SAUTEED KIDNEYS**—Skin, split in half lengthwise, and remove white tubes and tissues from 6 to 12 veal or lamb kidneys. Wash thoroughly. Cut into thin slices and cover with flour, salt and pepper. Sauté in drippings about 3 minutes or until browned. Add 1 cup hot water and cook about 5 minutes, or until thickened, stirring constantly. Serve hot. Serves 6.

**START THE DAY RIGHT!**  
Baked Winter Pears  
Broiled Lamb Chops and Hashed Brown Potatoes  
Toasted English Muffin  
Coffee or Milk

**HASHED BROWN POTATOES**—Melt 3 tablespoons shortening in a heavy frying pan; add 3 cups chopped or finely cut cooked potatoes, heaping them toward the center and away from the edges of the pan; season to taste. Cover with a lid or heavy plate; press down so that cover is right on top of the potatoes. Place a box of salt or rock on top to give pressure. Cook slowly and without turning for 15 to 20 minutes, or until crusty brown. Turn out onto a warm plate. Cut into 4 or 6 pie-shaped wedges to serve.

Carol Drake, Director  
The Homemakers' Bureau  
Another Safeway Service



### LEG O' LAMB

Tender, Nutritious, Meaty  
Grade AA lb. 39c  
Grade A lb. 38c

**Shoulder Lamb Roast** Grade AA lb. 35c  
Grade A lb. 34c  
Square cut bone in

**LAMB STEW** Grade AA & A lb. 19c  
Neck, breast or shank

### FEBRUARY VEGETABLES

The season's finest fruits and vegetables, priced by the pound, await your selection at your Safeway

**ORANGES**  
Bursting With Juice  
5 lbs. 52c

**Grapefruit** Desert White. Lb. 7c  
**Cabbages** Green—Medium size. Lb. 7 1/2c  
**Parsnips** Local crop, smooth, crisp Lb. 10c

**Calavos** Ready to eat Avocados Lb. 39c  
**Broccoli** Bunched Lb. 20c  
**Carrots** No tops to pay for. Lb. 7 1/2c  
**Potatoes** U. S. No. 1's 25-Lb. Sack 98c 100-Lb. Sack 3.69

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**Hershey's Cocoa** for richness and flavor. 1/4-lb. 9c  
**Snowflake Crackers** Really fresh sodas 1-Lb. Pkg. 17c  
**Sperry Pancake Flour** 10-Lb. Pkg. 69c  
**Wheaties** for a "healthy" breakfast 8-Oz. Pkg. 10c

**Sunbrite CLEANSER** Don't be without it. 3 cans 10c  
**Pancake FLOUR** Suzanna 20-oz. pkg. 9c 40-oz. pkg. 15c  
**Softasilk CAKE FLOUR** 2 1/2-Lb. Pkg. 26c  
**Cigarettes** Camels, Kools, Chesterfield, Lucky Strike, 2-pkgs. Carton 26c (10) \$1.28

Pears, Silver Grille No. 2 1/2 can 27c  
Gardenside Peas No. 2 can 11c  
Libby's Beets, Diced or Cut, 303 jar 12c  
Beet Sugar, 5 lbs. 32c 10 lbs. 63c  
Sw't Potatoes, Pel-La-Co, No. 2 1/2 28c  
Country Home WK Corn, No. 2 can 15c  
Red Salmon, Del Monte, No. 1 tall 39c  
Washington Smoked Shad, 3 1/2-oz. tin 2 for 25c

### IDA HAD THE IDEA



**HELP HURRY PEACETIME GOODS!**  
The end of the war did not stop the need for turning in waste fats. Many important products—nylons, tires, soaps and elastic, to name but a few—require the use of scarce industrial fats and oils in their manufacture. Safeway meat sections continue to pay four cents per pound for the waste fats you bring in.

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