

Adequate Labor On Hand For Seasonal Crop Work

CORVALLIS, June 13 (AP)—Oregon's seasonal crops harvest, at its peak in the berry fields and slowly getting under way elsewhere, has had an adequate labor supply, the Oregon State college extension service reported today.

A rapid step-up in the demand may soon cause some areas to be short—temporarily—but observers reporting to the service are optimistic.

The close of school has aided in meeting the demand for strawberry pickers. As the season hits its peak this week, hundreds of women and children are at work beside train-

ants who flocked into the growing areas. All housing accommodations are taxed, the extension service reports.

Cherries will be ready to pick in Jackson county within a week, growers report, and the heavy harvest in the Salem area will begin late this month. Calls for 3200 pickers to start soon after June 20 have been issued by 91 Salem area farmers. Whether enough can be found to meet initial demands is causing some concern, the extension service reports.

Multnomah Surplus
In Multnomah county there is a labor surplus but much of it is expected to be absorbed in fruit thinning and cherry picking.

Southern Oregon job applicants are being sent out as rapidly as they show up, the service says, with pear thinning under way generally and haying at its peak. Josephine county's early labor shortage has eased and Klamath county reports plenty of workers. Calls for onion weeder and irrigators are next on the list.

Across the Cascades, cherry pickers are flocking into The Dalles and are finding housing their major problem. At Hood River jobs are open to apple thinners.

Demand and supply are evenly balanced in the central Oregon counties of Deschutes, Crook and Jefferson, reports indicate, and farther east, in Malheur county, migrant workers are taking up the slack on most farmers' calls for help in haying, beet and onion weeding, lettuce cutting and fruit thinning.

The Athena area of Umatilla county needs several hundred pitchfork men around the pea vines. Housing is available only for single men. At the season's peak, they will put in 12-hour shifts daily.

10% Of Proteins To Be Set Aside

Processors will be required to set aside 10 per cent of their June production of soybean, cottonseed, linseed and peanut meal, the same percentage as in May. Processors are instructed to ship the set-aside meal through regular trade channels for use in designated states, including Oregon, which are short of their fair share of meal. Shipments directed from January 21 through May 21 total 129,000 tons.

Civilian Production Reaches New Record

Federal reserve board and civilian production administration reports show that in March—less than nine months after V-J Day—civilian production was 10 per cent above February and 69 per cent higher than in our last pre-war year, 1935-1939. Retail sales have risen steadily and are now 24 per cent higher than last September. The mystery of shortages in the face of record production is explained by the simple fact that the national spendable income is twice as big today as it was in 1939. In addition to wanting to buy more, some families want to spend large parts of their wartime savings. OPA says we will still have shortages when production gets twice as high as it was in 1939.

Crickets Hit Klamath Area

For the first time in several years, an epidemic of Mormon crickets is reported in the Klamath region. The crickets have infested about 200 acres in the Klamath marsh area in the northern part of the county, according to County Agent C. A. Henderson. Steps have been taken to control the pests.

Several years ago, there was a serious infestation of the crickets in eastern Klamath county. An intensive campaign is being carried on in the county against grasshoppers. About 12,000 pounds of poison go out daily from the mixing station here, and considerable quantities are being taken to infested areas from the Klamath Indian agency.

Fire Warden Gives Warning

Linton Cunningham, county fire warden reminds county residents that if they plan to burn off any large area of land it is required by state law to get a fire permit first. On small fires to burn trash and weeds it is not necessary to get a permit, but the county shop should be immediately informed if the fire gets out of control. Cunningham adds that a fire permit will not furnish any protection in case the fire gets away. For a permit, the Klamath county shop should be called. The ruling applies to the county excluding the city of Klamath Falls over which the city fire department has authority.

Wheat To Be Loaned If Bread Is Short

To keep flour supplies flowing to areas where consumer bread supplies are short, mills having wheat and flour totaling less than one-half the authorized grind for domestic distribution may receive consideration for loans from government stocks awaiting shipment to famine areas. The wheat will be supplied the mills through merchandisers upon authorization from the PMA Grain Branch. The wheat will be made from stocks purchased by the government under the recently concluded bonus plan which brought in 81,280,016 bushels for shipment to famine areas. Loaned wheat will be replaced by merchandisers from the 1946 crop before it is needed to meet future shipping schedules.

USDA Anticipates Dairy Product Rise

Except for butter, per capita supplies of dairy products are expected to be greater than in 1945, USDA says. Consumption of fluid milk and cream will set a new all-time record this year while per capita supplies, cheese, condensed milk, ice cream and dry milk will be greater than last year. Selling prices for dairy cows are higher than at any previous time with the mid-April average price at \$124 per cow, 12 per cent above a year earlier.

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School Lunch Canning Urged

Klamath county schools can contribute to the famine relief program by using more home and community-canned foods in school lunch programs next year, according to Burrell Short, chairman of the county ACA committee and emergency food program manager for the county.

Since schools can obtain sugar for that purpose, Mr. Short urged sponsoring groups and individuals to increase canning for school lunches to ease demand on commercial stocks needed for famine relief.

In addition, he pointed out, a stepped-up school lunch canning program will assure well-balanced meals at lower cost for children, and will help prevent waste of seasonally-abundant fruits and vegetables.

Schools apply to the state OPA office for allotments of canning sugar for use by the school or by groups which are willing to process foods donated to or purchased by the school. One pound of sugar will be granted for every four quarts

of finished canned fruit or juice, plus an amount for making jams and jellies not to exceed 3 pounds for each 1000 meals served in 1945. As soon as the canning is completed, the school reports to the OPA on the amount actually canned.

The chairman said that his office would be glad to cooperate in providing information on foods that become abundant as the crops are harvested during the coming season, so that plans can be made for increased can-

ning of those that might be in surplus supply.

SLOGAN CONTEST
PORTLAND, June 13 (AP)—A slogan to publicize the Pacific northwest's low-cost power re-

sources will be sought in a contest announced today by the Portland retail trade bureau. The bureau offered \$100 for the best slogan to be used in a nationwide campaign.

Midwest Grain Offers Relief

The first dribble of what everyone hopes will grow into a flood of midwest grain to relieve the acute poultry feed situation in Oregon and Washington reached the northwest June 5. Five carloads of oats, shipped by the Farmers Union Grain Terminal association, made up this first shipment. Oregon's two-car share was speedily allocated for mixing into poultry feed.

Orders for more than 400 carloads of midwest country elevator operators are undertaking to assemble corn, oats and barley for shipment to Oregon and Washington and other feed-short states to tide over poultry and livestock feeders until 1946 crop feeds become available.

A measure of temporary relief previously had been provided by the release of 30 carloads of government famine relief wheat to Oregon feeders. A similar amount went to Washington. The release in both states was made on a lend-lease arrangement whereby grain merchandising firms agreed to repay the wheat to commodity credit out of the 1946 crop.

The state PMA committee, aided by its feed advisory committee, had Oregon's 30 carloads moving into feed channels within 24 hours. By now, the state's hungry chickens and turkeys probably have eaten up most of this lend-lease wheat. Requests have gone in for additional releases from famine relief stocks for stop-gaps until midwest grain materializes, according to word received by the local AAA office.

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