

National Potato Letter Heavy Spud Exports Fail To Boost National Demand

Due to lateness of the season there is little point in much further comment on late crop supply data, other than to keep track of disappearance. Shipments during the past few weeks have been high but not high enough to make up for the shortfall in earlier months. Exports are currently of large volume but in our opinion not heavy enough to move out the 10 million bushels which represent the approximate total of export orders.

A good look at 1947 prospects presents an interesting picture. Total acreage estimated on the basis of March 1 intentions to plant is set at 2,310,000 acres. That is 315,000 acres less than in 1946 and 635,000 acres less than the 1936-45 average. Also, and this is important, it is 207,000 acres less than the total U. S. acreage goal for 1947. Practically all states are contributing to the sub-goal figure. Only Maine, New Jersey, South Carolina, Florida, and California early indicate intentions to exceed goals. By areas, acreage cuts are sharpest in the west and mid-west where there is greatest competition for land and labor and where other crops are stacking up well against potatoes in terms of per-acre income. What it means in terms of production it cannot be forecast now. If yields return to anything like the pre-war normal, or even the 10-year average, a crop only slightly over 300 million bushels would result. At the yields cal-

culated from acreage and production goal figures, and allowing for reasonable abandonment, production would be only 369 million. But if yields should repeat the record of 1946 at 144 bushels per harvested acre, and allowing for abandonment, we could still produce a surplus of 43 million bushels. Furthermore, most of the crop is not planted yet, and intentions on March 1 and actual plantings do not always match.

Movement
Shipments last week continued their sharp climb, but government cars more than doubled. Total for the week was 7549 cars, up 414 cars from the preceding week. Government cars accounted for 1442 cars of the total however, compared to only 588 cars the preceding week. Most of the latter came from Maine which moved 1075 cars. The Red River valley contributed an even 300 cars. Maine had a total of 3191 for the week, Idaho 920, Minnesota 765, North Dakota 579, Nebraska 346 and Colorado 328. Oregon came back with 202 cars, Michigan more than doubled over the previous week with 89 cars and we suspect that some cars rolled for export on exchangeable bills. Florida's early movement totaled 174 cars for the week, and Texas is in for the first time with straight cars, moving six cars during the week.

Demand and Markets
Maine reports the demand fair turning very slow, the market dull with weakness on four successive days and prices down about 10 cents at a nickel to a dime under the floor. Upstate New York demand ruled slow, the market slightly weaker for four straight days and prices down 15 cents at 10 to 20 cents under the floor. Michigan demand continued moderate to slow, the market steady to dull and slightly weaker with prices down slightly at 5 to 10 cents over the floor for Chippewas and 10 cents under floor for Rurals. Both varieties show the effects of opening Michigan to export business. In North Dakota, demand is reported slow to practically none, the market about steady to dull, but with prices not established account too few sales. Nebraska reports ceased as of March 13, but unofficial sources indicate declines there. Colorado demand ruled fair, the market largely unsettled and prices down 5 cents at \$1.00 over the floor on a washed basis for a few Red McClures, now very scarce. Idaho demand is reported light to very slow, the market largely dull with a weaker tendency, and prices down 5 cents at 75 cents over the floor, washed basis. The car

'Smoke House' Opened Here

Market street has a new business opened recently by A. G. "Butch" Zweigart, long-time resident of Klamath county who is now operating "The Smoke House," a plant for curing pork products. Zweigart was butcher for 10 years for the Malin Mercantile operated by Mr. and Mrs. A. Kalina and more recently for two years with Bratton's Packing company.

Hams and bacon will be smoked and lard rendered and porkers cut up for lockers by Zweigart in a new pumice tile and concrete building at 427 Market street.

The plant is equipped with a Germelite system in the cooling and cutting room, a process that destroys all bacteria. Temperature in this room is held at 34 degrees.

All meat is dry cured, no brine being used. Meat is smoked with hardwood sawdust, burned electrically which eliminates danger of loss by fire.

Labor Centers Set Up
CORVALLIS, April 3 (AP) — Oregon's three centers which will direct itinerant farm workers to the places they are most needed were in operation today.

The stations, included among 16 set up along major western highways this year, are located at Huntington, Biggs, and Junction City. Migrant laborers, already beginning to arrive in Oregon for the spring season, will be referred to county farm labor offices for assignment.

ers and dealers benefit most from the same factors. Glad to see revival of marketing agreements. Spud industry may have to go it alone after 1948 and orderly marketing stemming from more or less uniform programs over the country would be a big advantage.

County Agent Warns Of Planting Too Early Here

Don't allow fine spring days in March or early in April to hurry you into planting tender vegetables that need to be insured of more settled mild weather, advises C. A. Henderson, county agent, in connection with the opening of the 1947 gardening season. Many people find to their sorrow that they lose more time than they gain by rushing the season with such crops as celery, tomatoes, cauliflower, peppers, beans and eggplant. These crops require warmer temperatures and longer days than come this early even though the weather seems fine.

Many folks have some of the harder crops in and up already such as peas, radishes, lettuce, turnips, spinach, cabbage and onion sets or plants, but there is still plenty of time to plant first or successive plantings of these.

Farm Experiment Plot Said Ready

TULELAKE, April 3 — The 16-acre farm experiment plot across the highway from the city limits has been plowed and is ready for the seeding of several varieties of clover, potatoes, grain and possibly some other crops. Experiments will be conducted here this year on methods of seeding, irrigation, and disease control.

A building from Newell is to be moved to the site to be used as a residence for the plot manager and farm machinery owned by the reclamation service will be used.

The test plot is on reclamation land.

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Cooperative News and Service

INTRODUCTION

Through this column each Thursday, the writer will attempt to discuss subjects of interest pertaining to agriculture, with the thought in mind that the Klamath Basin Cooperative may be of assistance to the farmers and ranchers in the production of crops and livestock.

SERVICE

While our facilities in Klamath Falls are inadequate at the present time, still we pride ourselves on our armed service. The personnel is courteous and understanding, and well informed on practical farming. Our field service is comprised of several technical men and includes a specialist on sprinkler irrigation and pumps, an entomologist, an agronomist, and a specialist with equipment for all types of spraying, including lice and warble control on cattle, and the eradication of weeds. All these services are available without cost or obligation.

FEEDS

Recent price advances are very discouraging to the boys using feed. There is no mystery as to why these prices have advanced. Just look at the Chicago Grain Market and one is convinced that there is some big gambling going on, and at the expense of the farmer.

When prices get out of line, the first reaction of the feeder is to sell his livestock or poultry. We have been in close contact with fluctuating markets for years and predict these extreme high prices will be short lived. We suggest that the farmers keep their poultry and livestock and that they will do very well in the near future.

Our Feed Department carries a complete line of feeds with the Co-op Label. These feeds are locally manufactured from local grains, creating a home market for home products. If your present feed is not satisfactory, why not try this proven Co-op Brand next time?

OBJECTIVES

To operate your cooperative in a businesslike manner based on service; to respect and cooperate with all private business firms; to be active in civic affairs; that, together, we may build a bigger and better Klamath Basin.

ANNUAL MEET

The Annual Meeting will be held April 9th, 1947, at the Legion Hall in Tulelake, Calif., starting at 10:00 A. M. Lowell Steen, President of the Oregon Farm Bureau, will be guest speaker. The annual report will be given by Wm. G. Stacey, Auditor. Luncheon will be served at 11:30 A. M., with entertainment. Reports from the Directors and Manager should be of special interest. Plan to attend, and bring the wife and kiddies.

Watch for This News Service Column Each Thursday.
Homer M. Smith, General Mgr., Klamath Basin Cooperative.

Sugar Beet Growers Get Fertilizer

CORVALLIS, April 3 (AP) — UNRRA has approved allocation of 6000 tons of ammonium sulfate fertilizer from the Salem alumina plant for Oregon, Washington and Idaho farmers, an Oregon State college extension official reported today.

The allocation, approximately a month's output, was granted primarily for sugar beet acreage.

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A. S. King, extension service soils specialist, said previously the alumina plant had been authorized to produce fertilizer only for China relief shipments.

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Announces Details of \$20,000,000 Price Reductions
Details of the recently announced International Harvester policy of making price reductions to save users of our products approximately \$20,000,000 a year have now been worked out.
We have reduced prices on 163 models. These cover 12 basic models of farm tractors, 123 basic models of farm machines, 16 basic models of industrial tractors and engines, and 12 models of motor trucks, as well as certain motor truck attachments. The new lower prices are effective as of March 10, 1947.
These reductions were made not because of any decline in demand, but because we believe nothing is more important to this country than to lower the prices of the goods people buy.
While prices have not been changed on all products, we have made reductions wherever possible, in the amounts possible. Prices of many of our most popular products have been substantially lowered.
Altogether, more than half of the company's customers will be benefited by the reductions, which range from 1% to 23.8% and from \$2.50 to \$300 per item, based on list prices, F.O.B. Chicago.
Since the people have demanded that the government withdraw from price control in peacetime, the responsibility to keep prices in check is back where it should be—in the hands of business and industry. The business outlook makes it possible for us to move toward the goal of lower prices, and we have felt a duty to act as promptly as possible.
Our ability to maintain these lower prices will depend on the supply and price of materials we buy from others and on uninterrupted production at reasonable wage levels.
The prices listed here carry out our announced policy that "Any price is too high if it can be reduced."
25 More Types of Products
Plows—52 models reduced from \$9.00 to \$20.00 (3% to 10.7%).
Cultivators—13 basic models reduced \$5.00 to \$10.00 (4.5% to 7.4%).
Listers and Middlebushers—7 models reduced \$5.00 in each case (2.8% to 4%).
Corn Planters—4 basic models reduced \$5.00 in each case (3% to 4.8%).
Grain Drills—11 models reduced \$14.25 to \$20.00 (4.4% to 6.3%).
Mowers—2 basic models reduced \$4.00 and \$11.50 (2.5% and 5%).
Sweep Rakes—1 model reduced \$5.00 (5.5%).
Pickup Hay Baler—1 model reduced \$75.00 (4.1%).
Self-Propelled Combine—1 basic model reduced \$122.50 (3.4%).
FARM TRACTORS
12 Models
Reduced \$10 to \$134 (up to 10.6%)
MOTOR TRUCKS
12 Models
Reduced \$50 to \$300 (1.9% to 3.6%)
FARM MACHINES
123 Models
Reduced \$2.50 to \$122.50 (1.9% to 23.8%)
INDUSTRIAL TRACTORS (Crawler)—4 Models
Reduced \$35 to \$50 (1.0% to 1.6%)
Ensilage Cutters—3 models reduced \$22.75 in each case (4.8% to 7.1%).
Ensilage Harvester—1 model reduced \$33.75 (3.9%).
Hammer Mills—2 models reduced \$5.00 in each case (1.9% and 3%).
Line Spreader—1 basic model reduced \$2.50 (4.9%).
Power Loader—1 model reduced \$25.50 (8.9%).
Manure Spreader—1 model reduced \$13.00 (3.5%).
Milk Units—2 models reduced \$12.00 and \$17.00 (14.4% and 18.4%).
Milk Vacuum Pumps—2 models reduced \$17.00 in each case (11.5% and 19.6%).
Portable Milk Vacuum Pumps—2 models reduced \$17.00 in each case (11.3% and 11.7%).
Stainless Steel Milk Pails—2 models reduced \$5.00 and \$10.00 (18.5% and 23.8%).
Cream Separators—4 models reduced \$13.25 in each case (8% to 10.4%).
Tractor Trailer—1 basic model reduced \$12.75 (5.5%).
Milk Coolers—5 models reduced \$8.00 to \$18.00 (1.9% to 4.3%).
Industrial Tractors (Wheel)—4 basic models reduced \$19.00 to \$66.00 (1% to 3.4%).
Industrial Power Units—8 models reduced from \$10.00 to \$150.00 (2.3% to 11.4%).
Motor Truck Attachments—7 items reduced from \$6.25 to \$268.00, including a change in specifications on two items.
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