

Spud Shipments Fall Off To Normal; Supply Tapers Off In Most Eastern Areas

SUPPLY

For potatoes the general supply picture is unchanged from last week. Alabama is through as far as market effect is concerned. South Carolina is tapering off fast, probably will be through this week. Other East Coast and Gulf States either are winding up or have too light crops to be market factors. California now has moved a total of 24,249 cars, very close to the 25,000 volume we estimated at the start of the deal. Looks now that we were on the low side and that California will run over the 25,000-car figure. Arizona is moving steadily at over 200 cars and may get a stronger play when California finishes. Virginia may move some cars this week, but digging will not be general until next week. Over-all, it appears that supplies will be lighter in immediate future because North Carolina, now just getting under way, plus Virginia, are bound to add up to less than North Carolina plus California, which is usual. Supplies will be a little unbalanced to the east, however, and may cause some unusual results until Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Idaho and Colorado get started with their first diggings.

MOVEMENT

Total shipments for the past week and off to a more normal volume of 5,787 cars after the outage of 7,396 cars the preceding week. This movement was about 25 per cent below the normal level. This does not count potatoes purchased for dumping and not moved. We do not have the figures, but are sure that fairly heavy purchases have been made in California. California led again with 4253 cars for the week. Alabama was off sharply to 142 cars from the previous week's 713. North Carolina reached 466 cars and South Carolina 359. Arizona moved 243. Scattered shipments from other states, including 179 cars of late stock, accounted for the remainder.

DEMAND AND MARKETS

Market news office at Onley, Va., is open but digging has not begun. North Carolina reports the demand very slow but improving to good, the market stronger after early weakness, and prices up 25 to 30 cents in early-week trading at 25 cents over the floor. South Carolina reports demand slow but improving to good and the market stronger after early slump for both reds and whites; with prices up a dime for whites and up 15 cents for reds, at 15 cents over the floor, but with very few sales. Washed stock has accounted for most sales at 65 cents over floor. Note that during the week both the Carolinas probably delivered considerable quantities to the support program, and that many shipments rolled unsold. Therefore, the f. o. b. market reports may tend to be misleading. Also, there is practically no demand for B-size. Arizona reports demand fair but improving, the market slightly stronger after four weak days, and prices down 45 cents for reds at 85 cents over the floor, but up 35 cents at 55 cents over the floor for Long Whites. California demand has ruled active and the market stronger after weak start, with prices up 20 cents at 20 cents over the floor for washed offerings.

Too Much Milk, So Cow Sold

REDMOND, June 26 (AP)—"She gave just too darn much milk—that's the reason I sold Fawn," declared J. W. Schunk of Redmond. "I got tired of carrying two bucketsful every time I milked her."

Fawn, grade Guernsey backed by 30 years of breeding, was purchased for \$350 by Lee Allen of Tumalo, who has a registered Guernsey herd. Fawn gives seven or seven and one-half gallons of milk per day. Schunk said. Her butterfat test is four per cent, and she has been producing around \$2.50 worth of grade A milk each day.

Weed Killer To Be Shown

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., June 26—High voltage electrical equipment, used to kill noxious weeds, will be demonstrated tomorrow at 11 a. m. at the S. E. Icenbice ranch. Announcement of this demonstration was made today by the Klamath Electrovention company, Klamath county dealer for this new weed control method, called electrovention.

"Capable of destroying any type of weed," according to Vernon L. Durant and Bob Chayne, co-owners of the Klamath Electrovention company, "this equipment transmits 17,000 volts of electricity to weed roots through long metal fingers attached to a mobile power generator. When towed across weedy land, the heavy electrical current generated by this machine enters the plant through the foliage as the electric rakes sweep across the surface of the ground."

Electrovention was developed more than 40 years ago by Gilbert M. Baker while he was weed and pest control inspector, Platte county, Wyo. In 1944 the first electrovention machine was moved to Mendota, Calif., where an experimental station was established. Late in 1948 the APCO corporation began production and further development of this apparatus. To date, electrovention has spread through most of the agricultural areas of California as well as Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Colorado, Montana, South Dakota and eight other mid-western states.

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Oregon Crop Outlook Is For Smaller Crops Than Last Year, But Still Good

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.
SALEM, June 26 (AP)—Oregon's farmers won't have a chance of getting yields as large as last year's bumper crops, and the general outlook for harvests comparable with the average for the past 10 years, the federal crop reporting service says.

The only farmers whose chances are as good as last year's are the peach growers, who have a prospective harvest of 804,000 bushels, compared with 729,000 last year, and 505,000 average for the 10 years before 1945.

But the outlook for other crops, particularly prunes and cherries, is darker, mostly because of a combination of hot weather and heavy rains in the spring.

During the past week, carlot shipments of fruits and vegetables fell to the lowest level of the year. Oregon, Washington and Idaho combined shipped only 86 cars during the week, compared with more than 2000 cars a few weeks earlier, and 925 cars a year ago.

Sweet cherry and prune production will be very poor. Sour cherries will total only 1900 tons, compared with 2900 last year.

Pear production will be between 10 and 15 per cent below last year, but still will be above average. Apples will be about the same. Nut production also will be less.

While national hay production will be larger, Oregon's hay crop will be less. Most of the first cutting of hay was badly damaged by rain, and hay and pasture conditions are below average.

Range conditions in Washington and Oregon are below average, in contrast to good conditions in other western states. But this has not harmed the state's cattle and sheep.

agricultural areas of California as well as Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Colorado, Montana, South Dakota and eight other mid-western states.

The U. S. department of agriculture said that while farmers have been receiving less money the past few months, their costs remained at the record high.

The state's wheat crop will be 14 per cent less than last year, but about average.

Hop growers were warned by the Oregon State college extension service to begin control measures immediately for aphids, because many hop yards have very heavy aphid populations.

Many Enter Chicken Show

Increasing competition for honors in the Chicken-of-Tomorrow contest is assured as entries arrive for the 1947 contest and show to be held June 27 in connection with the annual meeting of the Oregon, Baby Chick association, reports Noel Benson, extension poultryman at OSC and state chairman.

Early entries already in are those of J. R. McRae, Milwaukie, last year's champion; Harold E. Rogers, Albany; Don W. Waterbury, Corvallis; Clyde Cleveland, Blodgett; Fred A. Blake, Eugene; Mrs. Ira Lemon, Junction City; Ross Hart, Beaverton; Kelly Comstock, Portland, and Mary Lee Rust, 4-H club member from Astoria.

The best five exhibits, as judged by C. L. Reiser, Portland, federal

poultry grader, will be awarded certificates of quality in the form of attractive plaques. These will be hard frozen and entered in the regional contest for the 11 western states in Salt Lake City in August. First place winner in the Oregon contest will receive a silver plated chicken trophy.

The poultry department at OSC will have three or four non-competitive entries to show the meat quality of cross-breeds compared with pure-breeds with some of the breeds of chickens. Each official entry will consist of one dozen dressed birds 12 weeks old.

Anthrax Killed Animals Burn

Burning the carcass of an animal infected with anthrax is the only safe way of destroying anthrax germs.

Pathologists of the United States department of agriculture say that the late spring floods followed by a hot dry spell may bring out the deadly anthrax germs which live for years in the soil. This dreaded germ exists in certain places on all the continents in the world. Anthrax is a disease which is most difficult to do away with because the germ has a long life in the soil, and because it infects most all animals.

The germ enters the animal's body either by way of the mouth or through the skin. This is especially true when the animals are

grazing on anthrax infected pasture. Once in the body of the animal, the germs multiply rapidly. After the animal dies, every drop of blood of the dead animal contains thousands and thousands of the dense producing organisms.

However, anthrax is one of the few serious diseases of livestock that can be prevented by vaccination each year, that is if you vaccinate the stock before the grazing season begins.

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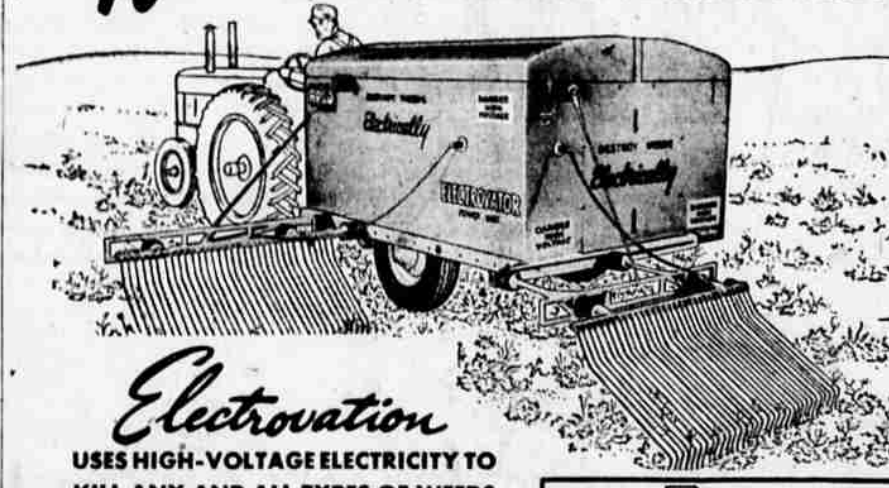
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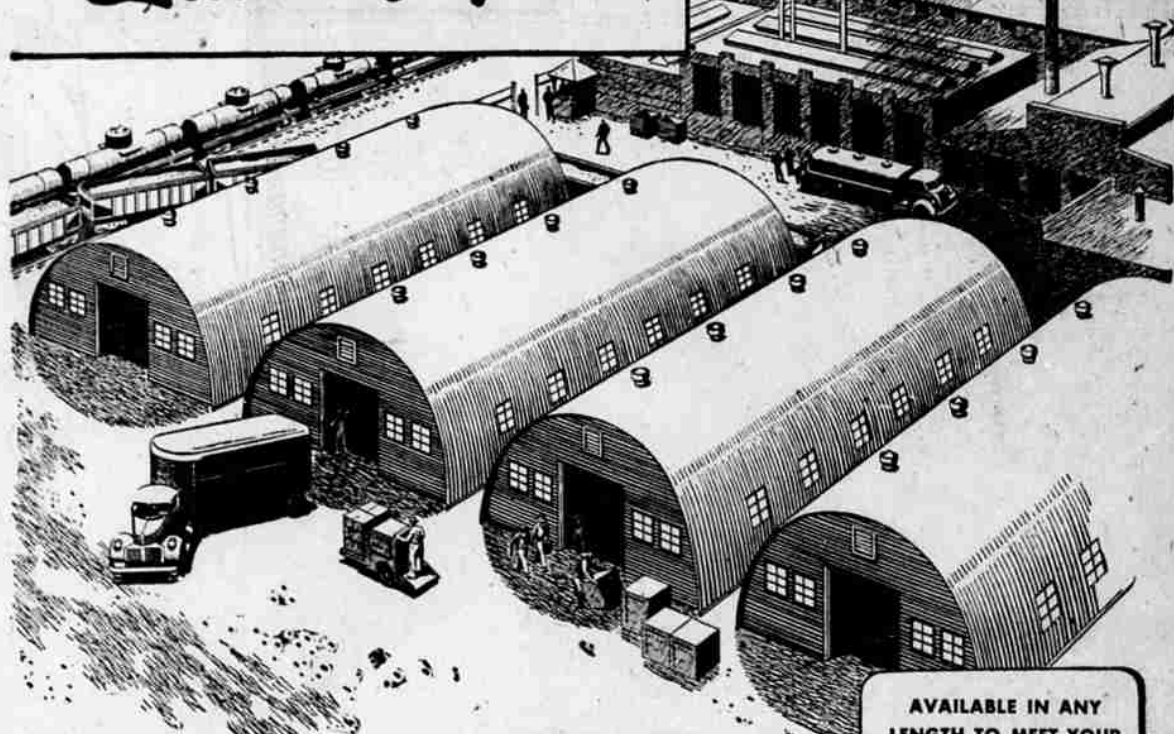
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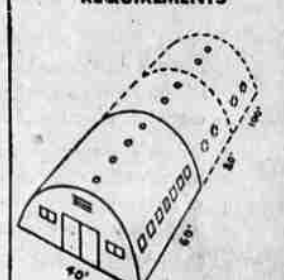


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