

# National Potato Letter Pot Shipments Show Increase; Demand Good To Fair In American Markets

**Supply**  
Accurate supply data will continue until the July crop report from DOA next week. This report (July 10) will give the first picture of what the unseasonable spring weather did to acreage in the late areas. In the meantime, we do have a clear picture of the early and intermediate crops. In the Gulf area, harvests turned out about as expected, with Louisiana and Mississippi never heavy enough to be market factors. Alabama shipped slightly over 3000 cars, which is what the trade expected. California has been a real surprise with shipments already at the 30,000 car mark and still going strong. Could be the official DOA crop report was a little on the light side and that there will be some revision in the California field estimates. Arizona probably not far to go, with a season total to date of only 1287 cars. North Carolina should be past the half-way mark with a total of 3714 cars, while Virginia is little more than started. Kansas, Nebraska, and Missouri have had a lot of rain, and serious floods are plaguing Missouri's Orick district. As we see the supply prospect now, the overall anticipated several weeks ago will not dry up. The deep South is cleaned up and has considerable demand for stock from farther north. Delayed planting in the north will let New Jersey and Long Island get well ahead with their summer harvest before central area homegrown enter the market. High prices will encourage early digging in many sections, which will reduce yields without overhauling the markets. From a seller's standpoint, the late crop should hit the market under ideal conditions. As to the late crop itself, we feel pessimistic about its size. Experts admit it could be as small as anything we have seen for many years.

**Movement**  
Shipments climbed a little last week to total of 5768 cars or 285 more than the week before. Government cars declined from 144 to 21, but these do not include any potatoes disposed of locally and not shipped by rail. California moved the surprising volume of 2703 cars, setting the state right at the figure we set last week at nearly 400 cars total. Begins to look as though our forecast and the official crop estimate were low. If so, the July report should correct it. North Carolina shipped off nearly 400 cars during the week to 1267 cars, while Virginia moved a total of 935, almost exactly divided between the Shore and Norfolk section. Arizona shipped 250 cars, 90 more than the preceding week. Kentucky and Tennessee showed up for the first time with one and six cars, as did New Mexico with 17. Washington is hitting the market with the season's first offerings, moving 93 cars. We suspect much of it was very immature. Although the season on the Pacific coast generally is ahead of normal, Idaho and Oregon moved one and six cars, respectively, which may have been new stock.

**Demand And Markets**  
Only, Va., reports a consistently good demand. The market firm and prices up 15 to 20 cents at 95 to 100 over the floor. North Carolina, demand is reported generally good but turning fair with the market mostly stronger and prices up 25 cents at 75 cents over the floor. Arizona demand has ruled good, the market about steady, with prices down a nickel to a dime for Bliss but up 15 to 20 cents for Long Whites at \$1.05 over the floor for washed offerings. California demand has ruled fair turning good and then light with the market dull and slightly weaker after mid-week strength, and prices down 30 to 25 cents from the mid-week high but still up 10 to 15 cents for the week at 80 cents over the floor for washed stock.  
Chicago demand ruled good, turning slow, with the market dull and weaker after a good start. New York ruled stronger on all stock after weakening on easterns. Atlanta, held steady; Boston, barely steady after week-end strength; Detroit, firm; Minneapolis, dull; Philadelphia, mixed but ending about steady for western and slightly stronger for others. San Francisco is reported firm to steady. Track-holdings are noticeably down for the past week but heavier again on Monday.

**Price Support**  
DOA announced part of the late crop support price schedule last Friday. The new announcement covers only July and August, and states, "Necessary seasonal adjust-

## Winter Feed for Basin Cattle Baled For Barns



Neatly baled hay being sun-cured in the field shown above is a typical summer-time scene in Klamath basin. This picture was taken on the Merrill highway where much haying activity is in progress.

## Figures Show A 5 Per Cent Rise In Rural Living Cost

Rural living costs nationally are 25 per cent higher than a year ago and more than double those of 1935-1939, according to an analysis of USDA data by USC extension agricultural economist. Thus, the real net income of farmers is not to be judged alone by prices for farm products, or even by the dollar income.

It takes five farm family dollars to buy the goods and services that could be bought for four dollars a year ago. Meanwhile, farm production expenses increased overall at approximately the same rate as the general level of prices for farm products.

The real income of farm families has declined rather sharply thus far in 1947, the economist report. At mid-June the U. S. index of all commodities used for farm family maintenance stood at 253 per cent of 1910-1914, eleven points higher than at mid-January. Meanwhile, the cost index representing all commodities bought by farmers for production rose faster than the general average of prices received for farm products. The result was a double-action decrease in overall real farm income.

Compared with January, the general level of farm prices received, at 271 in June, was up 11 points, while the index of prices paid for commodities for production rose 22 points to stand at 229 at mid-June. The parity index of farm costs, including interest and taxes, but not labor, stood at 230. Farm wages rates nationally were at 307 per cent of 1910-1914, on April 1, the latest figures available.

In terms of parity the overall buying power of farm products has declined from 132 at the peak last October to 118 at mid-June. There was a decline of one point from mid-May to mid-June. The decline

## Truman Calls Off Trips

WASHINGTON, July 10 (AP)—President Truman said today he does not plan to make a cross-country trip this fall as has been urged by officials of the democratic national committee. Questioned about the proposed trip at a news conference, Mr. Truman said he has no plans for any trip anywhere.

Mr. Truman was asked if he planned a visit to Brazil in response to an invitation. He replied in the negative.

Democratic party leaders have suggested that he consider a cross-country tour which would start with a giant labor day rally in Chicago.

"What are the prospects for a trip through the West this fall?" a reporter asked.

None, the president replied. Then he added there are no plans for any trip anywhere.

No barley has been certified in this area for several years.

## 400 Acres Of Russetts Asked

Records in the county agent's office show applications for certification of Russet potatoes in Klamath county this season to total less than 400 acres. Additional acreage will be listed before the July 15 deadline for making application but total acreage is certain to be considerably below the 1000 acres needed to supply this area with next year's planting stock.

Approximately 900 acres of White Rose have been entered to date. Very little additional White Rose acreage is expected.

Interest in barley certification is evident from the listing of some 1100 acres on this year's certification.

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## Loganberry Cross Found

A horticultural puzzle that has baffled plant breeders for more than 60 years has been solved at the Oregon State college agricultural experiment station where George F. Waldo, federal horticulturist, has discovered and reproduced the kind of plant cross that resulted in the original loganberry.

Ever since the loganberry was originated by Judge Logan in 1880 by crossing the red raspberry with a blackberry, other plant breeders have tried to produce a similar cross without success because the inheritance characters (chromosomes) of the two species would not permit the kind of cross that Logan obtained. He was never able to explain how he happened to get it.

Waldo's success in reproducing the cross revealed that the loganberry resulted from an abnormal crossing in which the pollen grains of the raspberry, which are supposed to have only half the number of chromosomes as a regular raspberry cell, had by chance the full number, 14. This produced the typical loganberry hybrid—a n-d a mighty good one at that.

or the office of the Klamath county agent and all cattle being moved after purchase must be thus identified, the Oregon state department of agriculture advises.

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## Brand Law Men Take Over

Effective July 5 was the appointment of district supervisors who will be responsible for livestock brand inspections under the new law.

B. T. McKimmens, retired cattleman, is the new inspector for Klamath and Lake counties with headquarters for district 5 in Klamath Falls.

District supervisors were chosen by the director of agriculture from a list supplied by the Oregon Cattle and Horse Raisers' association and will name their own deputies.

The six districts, each including two or more counties are all under the state brand inspection area created under the 1947 brand inspection code which applies to the movement of cattle, horses and mules. Such animals being moved to other pastures or to slaughter houses must be identified by tags which can be obtained from the Klamath Production Credit association office

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