National Potato Letter---

Forecast For Spud Crops Sees Chance Of Hitting Near Record Figure

Supply

Potato supply information is very scarce this week, another of those in-between periods when everyone is waiting for the next crop report, due August 11, and hesitates to make guesses because they may look so foolish a week later. Consequently what we have to make in the way of guesses pertains to the final report rather than just for August. Barring what a lot of trouble such as early frosts, blight, etc., could do, we still anticipate a substantial increase in the crop. We forecast that yield estimates for the east central area, Virginia to Long Island, will rise appreciably in spite of the fact that the crop lately was made by the date of the last report. Growing conditions have continued almost ideal in nearly all northern sections. If—IF—the frosts hold off until the usual dates, and growers actually have used as much good seed and fertilizer as they say they have, we may yet see a close approach to last year's yields in the late states, maybe better in some states. With anything like normal weather, the yield this year is almost sure to be the second highest on record for the nation. As to final outcome, we shall be surprised if the crop is far from 375 million, either way. For the short run, there appear to be fairly heavy surpluses in New Jersey and Long Island, probably too heavy for DoA outlets. If that means dumping, look out!

Movement

Potato shipments for the past week gained considerably over the low figures of the preceding seven days. Total for the week was 5019 cars against 4276 the week before, but note that government cars increased from 970 cars to 1239, so the net commercial gain was only 474 cars. Big shipper again was Washington with 1053 cars, followed by New Jersey with 703, Maryland 520, Long Island 461, Virginia 460, Idaho 385, Colorado 369, and Oregon 330. Note that of Deleware's 31 cars, 29 were for DoA; of Maryland's 520 cars, 457 were for DoA; of North Carolina's 31, all went to the government; of Virginia's 460 total, 423 were taken by DoA. Summarizing, of total shipments of 1042 cars from these states, 940 or 90 per cent were sold under price support. The remaining 299 government cars came from six states, with New Jersey furnishing the lion's share with 227 cars for government out of its total of 703 cars for the week. Next week we intend to dig into crop percentages in the Eastern seaboard purchased by the government and see if there is a moral to the tale.

Demand and Markets

Virginia, reporting for the last time, had practically no demand, a dull market, and prices at floor with most sales to the government. New Jersey reports the demand slow, market dull, and prices down a dime at support for No. 1 stock and a dime over floor for size A, with a heavy movement to government outlets. Colorado, demand for Coblers has ruled very good to slow, the market strong at midweek then turning dull, and prices down 15 cents at floor to a nickel under floor on a washed basis. (Note that we subtract a dime when only size A is quoted, and that actual sales in Colorado were size A at a dime higher). Washington demand is reported good turning slow, with market starting strong and then weakening and prices down 25 cents at 50-55 cents over floor, washed basis. No other markets are quoted officially now, but it is clear that about all shipping areas, except Washington, are at or approaching support.

Terminal reports show Chicago with a slow to fair demand, the market about steady after four days of weakness. New York ruled about the same as Chicago; Atlanta held steady after dropping over the week-end; Boston ruled about steady after general weakness; Detroit reported mostly weaker; Minneapolis dull and slightly weaker; Philadelphia, about steady to weaker to dull for Westerns; some early strength for Easterns. San Francisco ruled barely steady. Arrivals and trackholdings held at fairly low levels last week, but show an upturn this week. There is no doubt but that markets have more potatoes than they can use under prevailing conditions.

Miscellany

Report of Andresen committee, which investigated potato price support operations a few weeks ago, is due any time now. From what we hear in advance, the tone is fairly moderate and the recommendation general. If we have it straight, net gain from the investigation is mighty small since it didn't disclose anything in the way of facts or ideas that weren't known already. . . . The more we listen, the more we think a genuine A-to-Z potato legislative program is needed. Industry members can well afford to get moving while congressional leaders are in a receptive mood. If they don't do their own thinking, someone else will do it for them. Questions which need answers to are: How to estimate needs? How to plan acreage and production? How to hold acreage in line? How to eliminate excessive waste and cost in marketing? How to assure complete consumption? How to develop new uses and outlets? How to plan and conduct price support? There are others, but practical answers to these would cure most of the headaches.

For full information on navy nurses, please write to nurse procurement office, 513 Arctic building, 704 3rd avenue, Seattle 4, Wash.

LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned will at a regular meeting of the Common Council of Klamath Falls, Oregon, to be held the 25th day of August, 1947, present a petition to said Common Council requesting the vacation of a certain alley in Klamath Falls, Oregon, which said alley extends from the northerly side of Main Street between Lots 3 and 4, Block 18, original town of Linkville (now Klamath Falls, Oregon), according to the duly recorded plat thereof, the full length of said Lots 3 and 4, and which said alley was established by deeds dated November 17, 1923, and November 7, 1923.

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NOTICE OF TIMBER SALE. Sealed bids, marked outside "Bid for Timber," and addressed to the Regional Administrator, Bureau of Land Management, Swan Island, Portland, 13, Oregon, will be received until and opened at 10:30 A. M., Pacific Standard Time, September 9, 1947, for the purchase of timber upon tracts hereinafter described; each bid must state the amount per M. feet B.M., which will be offered for each species and the total consideration which will be paid for the timber. No bid for less than the appraised value will be considered. Each bid must be submitted in duplicate and be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a certified check in favor of the Treasurer of the United States. The deposit of any successful bidder will be credited on the contract. Payment in full at the time of filing the contract is required in sales amounting to $10,000.00 or less. For copies of the form of proposal, form of contract and bond, terms of payment, amount of deposit required with bid, amount of bond required with contract and other information, application should be made to the address shown above. IN KLAMATH COUNTY: T. 41 S., R. 5 E., Secs. 1, 3, 5, 7, 15, and 17, all merchantable timber designated for cutting on all of Sec. 1; the NE¼, W½W½, SE¼SW¼, E½SE¼, Sec. 3; all of Sec. 5; the E½NE¼, SE¼, Sec. 7; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, Sec. 15; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, Sec. 17; estimated for the purpose of this sale to be 2,365 M. feet Douglas fir, 10,650 M. feet Ponderosa Pine, 780 M. feet Sugar Pine, 405 M. feet Incense Cedar, 20 M. feet White Fir. No bid for less than $4.75 per M. ft. B.M. for the Douglas fir, $7.95 per M. ft. B.M. for the Ponderosa Pine, $11.90 per M. ft. B.M. for the Sugar Pine, $2.65 per M. ft. B.M. for the Incense Cedar, $3.00 per M. ft. B.M. for the White Fir, or a total purchase price of $105,836.50, will be considered. All trees less than 22 ins. DBHOB are reserved. The sale area is to be logged with caterpillar-type-tractor equipment. All timber cut from the above described area must be manufactured in the local marketing area designated by the Bureau of Land Management unless otherwise authorized by the Regional Administrator. In case of two or more identical bids for the same timber, the successful bidder will be selected on the basis of comparative ability to produce immediately lumber for the Emergency Veterans Housing program, and to further the objectives of the Act of August 28, 1937. The right is hereby reserved to waive technical defects in this advertisement; to reject all bids, or to award the timber for the amount of the highest bid to other than the highest bidder when necessary, pursuant to the Act of August 28, 1937 (50 Stat. 874), in order to provide a continued supply of timber to local industry and contribute to the permanence of the community which is dependent upon such industry. Dated at Portland, Oregon, this 1st day of August, 1947. W. H. Horning Regional Administrator, Region 1, Bureau of Land Management, Swan Island Administration Building, Portland 13, Oregon.
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Oregon Farm Couple To Adopt European Children

NEW YORK, Aug. 14 (AP) — A childless Oregon farm couple, who decided it would be easier and "much more fun" to become foster parents than to donate to fund appeals for refugee children, today met their brood of three new infants born in Danish refugee camps after the war.

The babies, flown from Copenhagen in care of an employe of the American embassy, were met at La Guardia field by Elmo Wehnert, 49, son of a Danish immigrant, and his wife, Gertrude, 53 who is of German descent. The Wehnerts live in Blodgett, Ore.

The foster children include a 16-month-old son of a German mother and a Danish father, a ten-month-old daughter of a Lithuanian mother and a German father, and a 14-month old daughter of a German mother and Austrian father.

The Wehnerts, who have a 117-acre farm and a logging camp, flew to Paris last May seeking to adopt three French children, but found "they didn't want to let them go." They went to Denmark and sought help from the U. S. embassy.

A few days ago, they said, they received a cablegram from William M. Dale, a vice consul at Copenhagen, notifying them that the three children had been selected and that $1200 should be wired for passage.

Wehnert, who has been married 26 years, said he and his wife would change the infants' names and make them "forget all about the past."

The farmer said the new family group would entrain for Detroit today, pick up a new automobile there and drive to Blodgett.

Koreans Get 4-H Pamphlets

Oregon 4-H club bulletins and pamphlets have been helpful in organizing 4-H clubs in Korea, according to a letter received by H. C. Seymour, recently retired state 4-H leader, from Lt. Col. Charles A. Anderson, provincial military governor at Seoul, Korea.

Colonel Anderson wrote "Much of your material has been translated into the Korean language and the handbooks have been used by American personnel and interpreters in setting up and supervision of these clubs. Your assistance has been invaluable to the Korean people as well as to your own government in its task of establishing an organized society for these people."

There are 86 clubs is the Seoul province, with 3739 members. Like their counterparts in the United States, they work under the four leaf clover, whose parts stand for head, heart, hands, and health. Both boys and girls participate in projects which stress soil conservation and forestry.

A seri-culture project—possibly the only one in the world—has been organized by one of the clubs. By studying the production of raw silk this group is taking definite strides in helping Korea's economy. Other projects include gardening, poultry raising, bee keeping, rice growing, the making of straw bags and other straw products, dairy farming and home-making. Each club's primary job is to help develop initiative, self-reliance, improve living conditions and good citizenship.

Livestock List Grows

Cattle and horse experts from 11 states have accepted invitations to judge exhibits at the October 3-11 Pacific International Livestock exposition in Portland.

Exhibitors from 16 states and Canada have registered already, Walter Holt, manager of the exposition, has announced and the judge coming from the most distant point is J. P. Broadhurst, Westville, N. J., who will judge Guernsey cows.

An invitation has been received by Klamath county court and the county agricultural agent to enter exhibits from this region and plans are being formulated for a display in the agent's office.

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New Plans Slated For Beef Auction

A new plan for the 4-H club state fair fat stock auction has been announced by L. J. Allen, state club leader, following completion of arrangements with Leo Spitzbart, manager of the state fair September 1 to 6.

Under the plan agreed upon, each exhibitor will be limited to one sale until all with stock in the auction have made one sale. After that the remaining animals will be sold singly or in groups. This plan was devised to give all exhibitors an equal opportunity to market to advantage their fat lambs, hogs and steers exhibited at the fair. The auction is scheduled to start at 10 o'clock, September 5.

With at least 1500 boys and girls from every county scheduled to take part in the fair this year, as contestants and livestock exhibitors, arrangements have also been made to "stagger" reservations at the 4-H club dormitory so as to accommodate the largest number possible. Contests have been scheduled throughout the week, and each contestant, other than those with livestock exhibited also, will stay only two days in the dormitory.

Winning entries in local or community 4-H fairs go on to the state fair. With the program throughout the state expanded since the war, a record number of exhibits are expected this fall, says Allen.

Peas Help Wheat Yield

A significant fact has been brought out by champion wheat yields, growers and agricultural experts agree.

Wheat grown on lands used for years previously for growing peas is yielding upwards from 70 bushels per acre on dryland farms in Umatilla county. A new "champion yield" claim was made this week by Alex McKenzie who reported his 70-acre field in the Adams area yielded an average of 71 bushels per acre last year, slightly more than the 70 bushel per acre yield this year claimed by Mrs. E. R. Embysk for her 70-acre field near Helix.

Both wheat growers said the fields had previously been sown to peas, and McKenzie said his field had been then sown to Austrian peas which had been plowed under and summer fallowed before wheat was planted.

Slime Flux Cure Told

Bleeding from openings in the bark or a condition called slime flux in elm and maple trees, resulting in a smelly, unattractive wound in tree which is usually crawling with larvae of insects can easily be corrected. Since this flux ferments, it attracts flies, yellow jackets, ants and other insects. The bark may be killed down to the wood in considerable areas.

To correct this condition, all the dead and rotting bark should be cut away, making a clean wound. The area then should be washed with a solution of copper sulfate, one ounce to a gallon of water. This may be repeated as long as the bleeding continues. After this the wound may be covered with a bordeaux paste or a lead paint.

Have you the ambition and desire to get ahead? If so, the United States navy has a place for you.

Plant President Warned

Capt. Caesar Scavarda of the Michigan state police, points a finger and warns Donald Thomas, president of the struck Clinton Machine company at Clinton, Mich., not to "start anything." The day previous about 200 workers, led by Thomas, fought their way through picket lines into the plant grounds. Man at extreme right is unidentified.
—AP wirephoto.

No Frost Damage Reported Here

No damage has been reported to basin crops in the Merrill and Tulelike vicinity from white frost which powdered the area early Monday morning, the county agent's office advised today.

While the colder nights may retard growth in the potato fields somewhat, most of the barley is about ready to harvest, some of it already being cut and light frost such as that felt Monday is not viewed with great alarm by growers.

Virginia Hill House Gets Alarm, Lights

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Aug. 13 (AP) The Miami Herald said today that workmen would begin tomorrow installing floodlights at the Sunset island home of Virginia Hill, girl friend of the slain gambler Benjamin (Bugsy) Siegel.

The Herald said that the home also would be wired for a telegraph alarm to connect directly with the Miami Beach police headquarters.

The extra precautions for the protection of Miss Hill followed a visit of Police Chief P. R. Short and his aide, Detective Sgt. C. W. Pierce, acting superintendent of detectives.

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