

Florida Spud Crop Hard Hit By Weather; Support Price Up To 20 Cents

SUPPLY
Florida's winter potato crop is not likely to be much of a market factor. Weather ruined considerable acreage and wet fields have seriously delayed Dade county plantings. Present prospect is that there will be little marketing before mid-January. Planting time is just around the corner for the Gulf area and early crop estimates will assume more importance as the season advances. Most important estimates to watch for now are the final report for 1947, due about December 19 or 22; the January stocks report, due about January 20, and the March intentions to plant report, due about March 20.

MOVEMENT
Shipments fell off sharply during the last week in November. This is characteristic of the period immediately before and after an important holiday, and is not particularly alarming. Total shipments for the week were only 3652 cars (111 government) against 4908 (387 government) the previous week. The net change in commercial movement was down 979 cars from the previous 7-day period. Cessation of DoA buying certainly has had some effect, but month-end offerings to both the trade and the DoA were bound to slack off because of the 20-cent increase in the December support price. Using one very rough-and-ready method of calculation, it may be estimated that total late shipments this year will be around 170,000 cars. On that basis, shipments to date are about 48 per cent of the total compared with 42 per cent at the same time last year. Remember, however, that early shipments in some late states were heavy and that some states are considerably behind the average.

DEMAND AND MARKETS
In noting the following market reports observe that support prices went up 20 cents on December 1, and that job-floor comparisons reflect this difference. Maine reports demand slow to very slow, market about steady to dull, prices about unchanged at 15 cents under the floor. Upstate New York demand has ruled moderate, the market about steady, with prices recovered from the previous week's losses at a nickel under the floor. Wisconsin demand is moderate to light, the market dull, with no car sales reported. North Dakota demand has ruled fair turning slow for whites, with practically no demand to slow for reds; the market dull for reds, and firm to barely steady for others; prices unreported for reds, but down a dime at 30 cents under the floor for whites. Colorado demand is reported light, the market

dull, and prices about unchanged at 40 to 45 cents over the floor for washed offerings. Idaho demand has been light to very light, the market generally not quoted account few sales but apparently not much changed. Washington demand continued very slow to practically none, the market about steady but sales limited and prices not quoted for Ellensburg but down 35 to 40 cents at 55 cents over the floor for washed at Moses Lake. Michigan demand ruled fair to very slow, the market steady to dull, prices up a dime for Rural at a dime under the floor, and up 15 cents for Chippewa at a dime over the floor. Nebraska job market is unreported account limited sales.

Chicago terminal reports the demand slow, market dull with weakness apparent; New York, mostly dull; Atlanta, steady; Boston, barely steady; Detroit, about steady with considerable weakness showing; Minneapolis, dull with weakness reported four out of six days; Philadelphia about steady after showing some strength, especially on eastern stock. San Francisco held barely steady with Klamath Russet prices unchanged. Arrivals are reported about unchanged, with trackholdings higher.

MISCELLANY
Understand DoA is on receiving end of long, loud yells for more buying. Yells are understandable but not too commendable. Support rose 20 cents on Monday, and the industry allowed absolutely no time for any adjustment. Furthermore, it looks as though industry would like to shift its responsibilities to DoA. All signs still are bullish but there just seems to be no aggressiveness. Too bad, because slack selling habits will make tough going when price support ends. . . . Curious thing about this situation. In Maine, where we understand much of the demand for purchases originates, grower prices are reported at \$2.25 to \$2.40. These prices are above the comparable support prices when usual charges for dealer services are added. Therefore, loudest voices must be among dealers, although we cannot verify this. . . . Seed sales are picking up, will become more important rapidly from now on through March. . . . Total purchases by DoA as reported to December 1, probably including most adjustments to date, amount to 18.4 million bushels. That's quite a bit out of a crop only 5 million bushels above estimated needs. . . . Nothing further on adjustment of goals to account for DoA purchases. Understand it's still warm, however. Something may pop on this before long. . . . Now we've seen it in print. We

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Here Are A Few Tips On Sewing With Nylon Thread

From the Office of the Home Demonstration Agent Helen F. Stone

A few simple techniques need to be followed in stitching with nylon thread. The common practice of trying out stitching and making necessary adjustments on a sample of the fabric to be sewed is a good idea for nylon thread. Be sure the sample is of double thickness, since the adjustment is being made for seams or curtain hems.

For successful stitching, we suggest:

1. Be sure sewing machine needle is the right size for the thread. Most nylon thread is comparable in size to number 70 or 80 cotton thread. Select the needle accordingly.
2. To thread needle, flatten the thread end between the thumb and forefinger. Do not twist as it will form a brushlike end, making it difficult to thread through the needle.
3. Wind thread on bobbin evenly—pulling up at one end or uneven

always suspected that grading for sale to DoA was carelessly done, but never thought we'd see a public admission of it. DoA ought to insist on exactly the same sort of deliveries as are customary in the trade. . . . Farm prices of potatoes up again to \$1.66 per bushel U. S. average. Parity is up two full cents to \$1.80. Actual prices up to 92 per cent of parity from \$4 a month ago, and up to 88 per cent of parity as of July 1, the base for price support.

winding will interfere with the normal operation of the lower tension. 4. Loosen upper tension slightly. Nylon is more elastic than other types of sewing thread and will cause a puckered seam if tension is not eased. The amount will depend upon the fabric, whether it is a sheer or a heavy type. But in either case, tension must be loosened to adjust to the elasticity of the nylon thread. This elasticity is one of the desirable factors in nylon sewing thread. It provides needed "give" in seams. This makes for longer wearing.

5. Occasionally the lower tension may need to be loosened, too. It should be done, however, only as it may be required to balance the regular tension.
6. Press seams with a warm iron comparable to that used for Rayon. Pressing over a damp cloth may give a smoother seam.

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Farm Loan Volume Up

The Farmers Home administration has supplied one out of every seven farm operators with sufficient credit to finance the purchase of livestock, machinery, seed, fertilizer or water in the past twelve years. In the state of Oregon alone, a total of \$11,907,240 has been loaned to 8886 farmers since July 1, 1935. Under the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant act over 400 Oregon farmers have received nearly two million dollars for the purchase or development of family-type farms. Although the real estate loans are based on a 40-year repayment period, over 1/3 of these real estate loans have been paid in full. The 1947-48 appropriation for the operation of the Farmers Home administration was drastically reduced along with other department of agriculture agencies.

Merry Sifters Honor Mothers

The Merry Sifters club of Fairhaven gave a mothers tea Friday. Mothers attending were Mrs. Tom Jamieson, Mrs. Albert Loomis, Mrs. Alvin Egan, Mrs. Frank Husted, Mrs. Ed Hickman, Mrs. Orland Lynch, Mrs. Lawrence Martinez, other guests were Mrs. Lee Holliday, Mrs. Percy Cook, Mrs. Robert Baker, Mrs. A. H. McLean, Mrs. Jud Turner, Mrs. Rose Cleary, Warren Foster and Wilbur Robinette also attended.

Gingerbread, whipped cream and coffee were served by the club members. A complete demonstration was given by Virginia Martin and Jean Jamieson, last year's county demonstration champions, on the steps in preparing good gingerbread. The short program was brought to a close by Sharlene Loomis who reviewed last year's achievements. Posters were made by Carolyn Stoier and Joan Hickman. The entire tea was handled by members with Mary Egan as tea chairman.

If you have not been discharged over 90 days, you may reenlist in the navy for a two-year cruise, and request your choice of duty.

Dairymen Plan Astoria Meet

Plans are under way for the annual meeting of the Oregon Dairymen's association, which will be held in Astoria beginning January 12 and continuing through January 14. President W. O. Christensen of North Powder, Baker county, has announced that three committees are being set up that will meet on the afternoon of January 12, one on sales promotion, one on disease control, and one to draft resolutions. The general program for the meeting will get under way on the morning of January 13, breed associations will meet that afternoon, and the general program will continue through the 14th.

The Oregon Dairy Products commission also will meet in Astoria on the same dates. Anyone interested in the Oregon dairy industry will be welcome at the Astoria meeting, regardless of whether or not he is a member of the association, states Roger Morse, OSC extension dairyman who serves

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