

National Potato Letter---

Indications Point To Big Stock Of Old Spuds For January; Shipments Gain

SUPPLY

Official government report on January 1 stocks of old crop potatoes is due next week. October, we would have gambled on January stocks of less than 100 million bushels, probably not more than 95 million. Now with the crop turning out considerably larger than earlier estimates, a figure of about 15 to 20 million over normal stocks is likely to be reported. However, in a "normal" year, without price support, stocks would include much of what this season has been sold to department of agriculture. Therefore, conjecture brings us back close to normal, say 105 to 112 million (normal is around 100). Once the size of remaining stocks is established month-

cent under average. Note that the most significant increase is 10,000 acres in California, and this despite the fact that last year's early crop was about 10 million bushels above needs.

MOVEMENT

Shipments jumped sharply last week, reaching 5684 cars (563 government) compared with 4355 cars (554 government) the previous week. Net gain in commercial movement was 1320 cars. However, in the past two weeks the government cars have amounted to over 10 per cent of total shipments and have accounted for more than 24 per cent of the total movement from Maine. Practically all late areas are moving more potatoes, showing that growers and shippers did hold off to take advantage of the January support level, the new tax year, or both. Note also that Florida, Texas, Arizona and California are in with new crop potatoes. Total carlot movement of new stock is 104 cars, but there have been some mixed cars and trucks in addition. The new crop will be a factor in market supplies from now on.

DEMAND AND MARKETS

Maine reports the demand moderate to slow, the market dull after firming, and prices unchanged at 5 to 10 cents under the floor. Up-

tinues moderate, the market steady to slightly stronger and prices about unchanged at 60 to 65 cents over the floor for washed Bliss Triumphs.

Terminal reports show Chicago with the demand wobbly, the market mixed, ending dull. New York is reported steady to firm after stiffening; Atlanta steady; Boston steady to firm; Detroit firm; Minneapolis firm on westerns, steady on others, after stiffening on both; Philadelphia, slightly weaker on westerns, better on Maines. Arrivals and trackholdings are up moderately, and are due to bulge further when present loadings arrive.

MISCELLANY

Department of agriculture has completed a deal for about 300,000 bushels of certified seed for Austria. This is good. We need the outlet and Austria needs the spuds. . . Looks queer to us. Department of agriculture is buying like crazy in Maine, but grower prices are about at support. Looks as though we should about catch up to something sometime. . . Government purchases now total close to 21 million bushels. . . Marketing agreement hearings are scheduled for January 22 to 23 in North and South Carolina, Virginia and Maryland. Growers in these states have not been much interested in earlier efforts. . . Prospects are favorable for an agreement program in South Dakota. . . Department of agriculture contracts with new potato flour producers, chiefly distillers who have converted output capacity. Now, if we can just be assured of takers for the flour, this will be a good forward step. . . Some of the speculation on 1948 price support is getting out of hand. Conjecture on what Congress may do is idle. Whatever congress does, if anything, will be too late for early and intermediate crops. Consequently department of agriculture must issue its program soon. This will not necessarily set the pattern for the late crop, but support schedules would have to tie together somehow.

Porpoise milk is slightly sweeter than cow's milk.

FUNNY BUSINESS



"George is not so sure he can keep his little atomic experiment under control!"

Glove Care Tips Given

Be sure leather gloves are labeled "washable" before trying to wash them at home. Many gloves of suede, doekin, capskin and pigskin are finished so that they can be washed and are labeled accordingly on the inside. Kid gloves and some other kinds of leather, however, must be dry when cleaned.

Use mild soapsuds and lukewarm water when washing leather gloves. An easy way to do it is to put the gloves on and then wash them like the hands, lathering the entire surface and using a soft brush on fingertips and other specially soiled places.

Pull gloves off the hands carefully because leather is weak when wet. Rinse by running lukewarm water into each glove to push it gently into shape. Never wring or scrub gloves because this stretches and may tear the wet leather. To keep pigskin gloves soft, rinse in water to which a couple of drops of glycerine have been added.

Fold wet gloves in a turkish towel and gently press to remove excess moisture. Then lay gloves flat on a dry towel or hang over a towel on a line. Do not use clothespins because they mark the leather. When gloves are almost dry, gently work the gloves to make the leather soft and pliable. Dry slowly at room temperature. Too much heat is harmful to leather.

Classified Ads Bring Results

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Comic strip 'Red Ryder' featuring a cowboy on a horse. Panels include: 'MY HOSS AIN'T BRANDED AND NEITHER ARE THOSE! I RECKON A FAIR TRADE AIN'T HARMFUL.'; 'I'LL CACHE THE GOLD HERE WHILE I LASSO ONE OF THEM BANGTAILS!'; 'UGH! LADY TRAIN ROBBER HIDE-UM LOOT!'; 'WELL, NED, HERE'S WHERE WE PART!'.

Comic strip 'Alley Oop' featuring a cavewoman. Panels include: 'QUICK, ALLEY, THE CAMERA'S HERE! WE GOT TO HAVE A SHOT AT THAT!'; 'OH, YES, BE ON THE RANGE IN A MINUTE!'; 'WHAT'S HAPPENED?'; 'GOSH, I DUNNO! EVERYTHING'S GONE BLACK!'; 'PORPOISE MILK IS SLIGHTLY SWEETER THAN COW'S MILK.'.

Comic strip 'Boots and Her Buddies' featuring a man and a woman. Panels include: 'I SAID I SUPPOSED YOU'D BE MOVING OUT OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD NOW!'; 'WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS NEIGHBORHOOD?'; 'NOTHING! BUT FOR GOSH SAKES, BOO, IT'D BE UNTHINKABLE FOR A GIRL AS GOOD AS PUG IS GOING TO BE TO LIVE IN A DINNY LITTLE HOME LIKE YOURS!'; 'PORPOISE MILK IS SLIGHTLY SWEETER THAN COW'S MILK.'.

Comic strip 'Wash Tubbs' featuring a man and a woman. Panels include: 'WHERE WERE YOU WHEN I FIRST TELL YOU THAT... BUT YOU'VE GOT TO UNDERSTAND! YOU'LL THANK ME WHEN YOU'RE WELL ENOUGH TO REALIZE WHAT YOU'VE DONE...'; 'SINCE I CAN FIRST REMEMBER, YOU'VE BEEN EVERYTHING TO ME... BIG BROTHER, MOTHER, AND DAD! I CAN'T TURN YOU IN TO THE POLICE, BUT I CAN'T RISK YOUR COMMITTING ANOTHER CRIME.'; 'I'VE MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU IN A PRIVATE MENTAL HOSPITAL NOT FAR FROM HERE. THEY CAN HELP YOU. I'M SURE OF IT. THEN YOU CAN CARRY ON YOUR WORK AND--'; 'WHY, YOU LITTLE IDIOT! YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'VE DONE!'.

Comic strip 'Freckles and His Friends' featuring a group of girls. Panels include: 'BRRR! IT'S COLD OUT! BUT WE JUST CAN'T WEAR OUR OLD COATS WITH THESE OUTFITS!'; 'THAT'S THE HECK WITH THESE STYLE CHANGES! ONE THING LEADS TO ANOTHER!'; 'ALNITE! NOT SHAWLS!'; 'WHY NOT? AS LONG AS YOU MODERNS ARE REVIVING THE FOOLISH THINGS OF THE PAST, YOU MIGHT AS WELL REVIVE SOME OF THE SENSIBLE THINGS, TOO!'; 'I FEEL LIKE WHISTLER'S MOTHER!'; 'ME, TOO! BUT THESE SHAWLS ARE KIND OF COZY!'; 'WELL, BUTTIN MY BOOTS! WHAT'S APPROACHING!'; 'FASHION NOTE! (WHEN MOTHER WAS A GIRL)'; 'The House and Garden For Ladies and Children. Are the best goods made and the cheapest. We have the most complete stock of goods in the Northwest. Call on the "House and Garden" in Seattle. (Listed in the Yellow Pages under "House and Garden")'.

Comic strip 'Little Orphan Annie' featuring a man and a woman. Panels include: 'IT'S A TRICK! THAT THING JOE, IS HERE SOME PLACE--'; 'WE'LL FIND HIM--'; 'WE'LL HANG THAT DIRTY BUTCHER!'; 'EH? WHAT THING? JERRY GAWG!'; 'HEY! YOU WERE THE ONE WHO "SOLVED" THIS THING--'; 'HEY, JERRY! NOW TELL US WHERE THAT THING IS HIDING! HIS CELL IS EMPTY!'; 'I--I--HE-- THAT IS--'; 'PERHAPS I CAN SPEAK FOR YOUR FRIEND, MISTER GAWG--'.

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