

National Potato Letter

Winter Spud Crop Outlook Good; Shipments Move Up; Demand Good Over Nation

Supply
Remaining late crop potato holdings are anybody's guess. Assuming that the government's January 1 stocks report was accurate, disappearance since January 1 is the answer. Disappearance includes both carlot and truck shipments. DCA buying not included in shipments, and shrinkage. It is necessary also to figure changes in growers' ideas which effect their holding of seed for home planting. These are not the answers but the questions from which we must develop the answers. Early crop estimates are unchanged from previous BAE figures for production. Only the winter crop has been estimated and is now forecast as 1.05 million bushels compared with 1.21 million last year and an average of 1.68 million. However, total early crop acreage now is estimated as 315,500 acres compared with 306,700 acres last year and an average of 247,160. The new estimate includes the summer crop acreage, which is indicated at 117,900 acres against 115,700 acres last year and the 120,150 acre average. Increases are noted in the Virginia eastern shore, Maryland, Missouri and New Jersey. Other areas in the group show either small declines or no change from last year. Last year's yields would put the early crop at 68 million bushels, about 11 million bushels over estimated needs. But remember that California plantings alone is estimated at 10,000 acres over last year, and that California's yield is fully double the average of all early states combined.

Movement
Shipments moved up 408 cars last week to a total of 5168 (539 government) in spite of the severely cold weather. Maine broke over 2000 cars for the first time this season with a total for the week of 2146 cars. Colorado and Idaho moved up moderately, but the Red River valley dropped from 845 cars the previous week to 584. Other states held within narrow ranges. The decline in DoA buying from 583 to 539 cars put the commercial movement at 4629 cars, a gain of 452. Early crop shipments have climbed steadily to reach 125 cars last week, all but three of which were from Florida.

Demand and Markets
There is no evidence so far that the recent upheaval in the commodity markets is affecting potatoes. Plenty of strength is reported in the West and Midwest with the East holding its own except on new stock which is lower. Maine reports mostly a good demand and firm market, with prices up a nickel at floor to 5 cents over floor. Upstate New York ruled slow and dull,

with prices unchanged to a nickel higher at dime under the floor. North Dakota, beset with severe weather, has had a good demand turning light, the market firm after strengthening, and prices for but few sales at 80 cents over the floor for Bliss; at floor to a nickel under for Cobblers. Colorado demand has ruled very good to moderate and firm following strength, with prices up a quarter at \$1.10 to \$1.15 over the floor for washed stock. Idaho ruled mostly slow and unsettled, with buyers holding off and prices up 15 to 20 cents at \$1.85 to \$1.80 over the floor for washed offerings. Idaho growers show a tendency to sell more freely and washers stock now exceeds washed. Washington ruled very slow with insufficient sales to establish a market. Very little stock remains in Washington. Michigan is reported slow but improving, the market dull, with prices unchanged at a nickel under the floor for Chippewas, and 30 cents under floor for Rurals. Nebraska ruled mostly moderate and firm to stronger, with prices up 35 cents at \$1 over the floor for washed. The new Florida crop at Port Myers is reported mostly fair with a weakening market, and prices down 90 cents at \$5 washed stock in 50s. Dade county reports demand moderate to fair, the market off 80 cents from the first sales at \$5 washed in 50s. In the terminals Chicago reports dull, account weather, after firmness and strength; New York mostly dull with weakness on new stock; Atlanta steady; Boston steady to dull; Detroit mostly firm; Minneapolis stronger to firm for old, dull for new; Philadelphia mostly dull on all stock, weaker on new. San Francisco held firm with Klamath Russets, best, mostly \$5.75 to \$6.00 for U. S. No. 1 size A. Arrivals and trackholdings are up slightly with no evidence that the commodity market break has affected terminal prices.

Miscellaneous
Not many potatoes are left in some western areas. Colorado has maybe 2000 cars. Washington is nearly through. Idaho must be two-thirds finished. Oregon probably farther along. Clean-up will be early unless growers overstay. Kern county has very high price ideas based on this early wind-up of the western

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By C. A. HENDERSON
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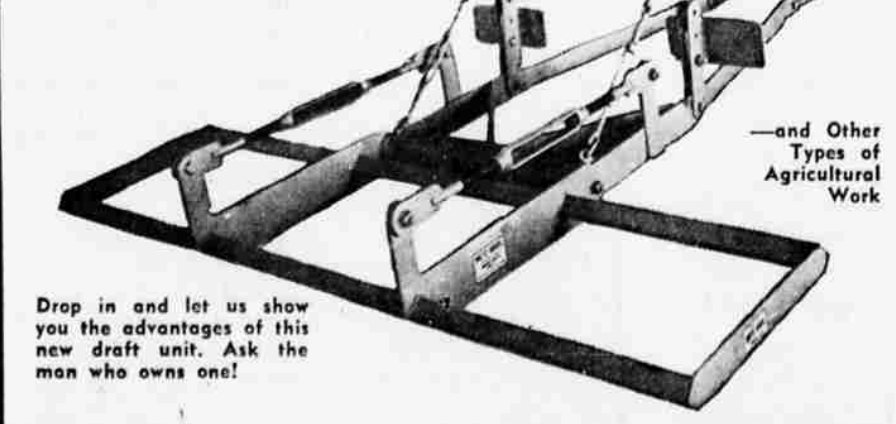
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