

# Livestock Supply In U.S. Down

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP)—America's meat-on-the-hoof supply has dropped to the lowest level since 1939.

An agriculture department report Wednesday said the number of cattle, hogs and sheep on farms all went down during 1947. So did the number of chickens and turkeys.

These are meat being grown for the market and the breeding animals which must supply the future's meat.

Livestock numbers went up during early years of the war. Prices were rising and farmers wanted to produce all the meat they could. A peak in numbers was reached in 1943.

**Help Short**

Then help got short. Farmers could not take care of so many animals. A decline in numbers began and has continued.

On January 1, the number of animals was four per cent below what it was a year earlier. It was 16 per cent under January 1, 1944.

The department said the continuing decline is due to various causes including:

1. High prices for meat. This encourages farmers to sell cattle and hogs.
2. Reduced feed supplies and high prices of feeds. This discourages farmers from keeping and feeding livestock.
3. Although numbers were smaller, the farm value of livestock and poultry on January 1 was at a record \$13,451,000,000 due to high prices. This value was 12 per cent above last year and 80 per cent above the 1937-46 average.

# Spud, Barley Figures Up

While definite figures are not yet available as to acreage of crops to be planted in 1948 the trend is rather unmistakable. It looks like about one-third more potatoes in Klamath county, a 10 per cent increase in Hannehen barley, with some increase in onions.

These increases undoubtedly will be made at the expense of other grains, although a part will come from new land development.

Alsike clover acreage planted last year was the largest on record, but reports indicate that the winter has been rather disastrous in many cases and many stands are so poor that the fields will be plowed up and put to some other crop. There seems to be some intention to increase both alfalfa and irrigated pasture acreage.

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## Erosion Of Farmlands In US Proves Big Problem

Did you ever get an "OD" from your bank? asks E. Harvey Miller, chairman of the Oregon state production marketing administration committee.—I mean your soil bank?

He pointed out that we are running through our bank account of soil altogether too fast. Half the cropland we used in the United States last year was subject to erosion in greater or less degree. After more than 10 years of widespread application of soil-building material and soil-saving practices, there still is need to step up the operation.

The chairman discussed the problem in banking terms. "Almost like when a rich uncle dies and leaves a bank account, the people of the United States and the early settlers of America found a virgin soil rich in minerals and humus. But the nation has run through about a third of the original account already and the balance is dwindling fast."

"And, the family depending on the account is getting larger. There are more mouths to feed and more stomachs to fill. Our bank account is going down while the need is increasing."

"Like any bank account, a system is needed that balances outgo with income and provides for restoring previous withdrawals. Only in this way can the nation avoid an 'OD' from the soil bank. That, in banking terms, is the function of the agricultural conservation program."

"Everyone who eats, has interest in the soil bank account. Everyone has a responsibility in helping keep the account from running out. If that responsibility is not met, everyone will eventually be eating less than a greater comparative cost. The 'OD' affects the whole family, not just the farmer who produces the bread and butter and beans and beef."

## Tips For Lenten Meals

For Lenten meals Helen P. Stine, home demonstration agent, reminds homemakers that fillets of sole, red snapper and cod available at local markets now make excellent broiled dinners.

Be sure and dry the fish, salt it and allow the salt to remain on the fish at least 10 minutes before cooking, says Miss Stine. This preparation tends toward better texture and flavor. Oil the broiler, then place the fish on it and by all means use a low broiling temperature.

Frozen Mackinaw trout now on the market is appetizing and delicious too. It can be purchased in steaks or whole. It is more economical to buy whole fish or large chunks of it and larger pieces are usually the most flavorful.

The fish man will show you how to cut and bone whole fish if he isn't too busy.

Shrimp curry made from small cocktail shrimps is a good appetizer. Boston clam chowder, oyster stew, clam fritters and crab loaves are other good menu ideas for pre-Easter meals—especially on these chill evenings.

White fish can be glamorized with savory tomato sauce. Bake in a moderate oven (350-375 degrees) until nicely browned and tender, 10 to 15 minutes allowed per pound. When baking a large fish lay a piece of oiled cheesecloth on the bottom of the pan to facilitate lifting when done.

Frozen fish may be put on the

fire while still frozen. It spoils readily after thawing, but takes a longer period of cooking if started while frozen. Allow one-half pound portion for each serving in estimating how much fish is required for a certain number of persons.

Strong salt solution will remove fishy odors from hands and utensils and a bandanna tied "mammy style" around the head will keep odors from the hair.

Dressing up a plate with garnishes and sauces can pep up interest in fish dinners. Some suggestions made by Miss Stine include serving tartar sauce in green pepper rings, curled celery sticks, radish roses, lemon slices dipped in chopped parsley, lemon butter balls, cold slaw with green peppers or cucumbers and sour cream dressing.

## Talkathon End—Chest Benefits

PALM SPRINGS, Calif., Feb. 19 (AP)—Radio Announcer Art Laboe's 120-hour talkathon was ended Wednesday and the Community Chest, he said, is \$2600 richer.

For five days and nights, Laboe's voice was the only announcer's heard on KGMJ. He gave newscasts, commercials, spun records and just talked. Toward the end, listeners were pledging \$100 an hour to keep him going.

Laboe, 22, said his longest catnap was 15 minutes. In the five days he drank 280 cups of coffee. He finally signed off at 11:25 o'clock last night.

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## OSC Studies Lily Bulbs

Easter lily bulb root pruning and the effect of water sprouts and digging time on bulb forcing qualities are being studied at the Oregon State college. Research workers in the experiment station of the horticulture department are making the studies.

More than 700 bulbs are being used in the comprehensive experimental tests, Henry Hartman, head of the horticulture department, said. Project leaders are Stanley E. Wadsworth, associate horticulturist, and A. N. Roberts, assistant.

Study findings will be recorded as the lilies bloom and will be announced at Lily Field Day during Easter Week at the college.

**CHILD KILLED**  
COEUR D'ALENE, Ida., Feb. 19 (AP)—A two-year-old child asleep in her crib was killed Wednesday when a tall pine tree, uprooted by wind, crashed onto a cabin home.

The child was Janice Lavonne Wing, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wing. Two older sisters, sleeping in another room, were not hurt.

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