

Department To Aid In Movement Of Mid-West Surplus Spuds To Coast

So much has popped in recent days that we are departing from the usual pattern. If space allows, we will cover the routine stuff; if not, we will catch up next week.

Taking last things first, DoA on Monday announced a plan to aid in the movement of Mid-west surplus spuds to West Coast markets. The plan itself is simple, involving only authorizations to contracting dealers in the Red River valley to sell in California, Oregon and Washington at 75 cents below the \$2.65 support price for No. 1. The cut price is 1.0 bushel shipping point, and participating shippers will be reimbursed for the difference on proof of sale and delivery.

Critics of the move called it a consumer subsidy, designed to reduce the cost of spuds to West Coast consumers who have been dependent upon the relatively light supplies in Idaho, Oregon, California and Washington and have been paying 6 or 7 cents a pound retail. In addition, they point to the disturbance to inventory values likely to result and the loss in confidence stemming from a departure from a rigidly supported price. If the total volume of business done under the plan is large enough to have any real effect on Western spud prices, growers in the whole Western area will have much to say. More thoughtful critics point out that the deal has the appearance of discriminating against areas that reduced acreage, produced a fairly small crop, and made no contribution to the surplus, and suggest that growers in those areas will wonder whether it pays to keep the crop within bounds by adhering to acreage goals. Most of the discussions by the "cons" wind up by adding that Red River valley support already is low enough to permit West Coast delivery and distribution well under prevailing prices for Russets, and that receivers could have put plenty of valley spuds on the market without the price cut if they had any compelling reason to do so. So far, the most outspoken critics have been largely non-contracting dealers and terminal receivers who do not want their playhouse upset. Frankly, we think the full force of critical opinion is yet to be reached and that a lot of folks are counting to ten before speaking their minds.

On the "pro" side, about the only pleader we know of is DoA, although there probably are many who agree. After all, most folks don't speak out much except when they're "agin" something. DoA's announcement says the deal will offset the much higher freight costs on valley spuds as compared with those usually used, and will supplement the supply pending arrivals on the market of California's early crop. Buried in the official release is a hint of what our DoA contacts say is the principal reason for the action. That is, that outright purchase by DoA and utilization in non-food channels would be an expensive proposition, involving in most instances not only the cost of the spuds, but also part or all of the freight. They point out that the abnormal distribution of current supplies gives DoA opportunity to recover more of the support price than any other means of disposal. In other words, the proposition is an additional outlet for surplus, and any appearance of consumer subsidy is accidental. In addition, DoA indicates as favoring factors the desirability of keeping as

much potato handling as possible in regular trade channels, and as many potatoes as possible in position for folks to eat. With the domestic potato situation and world food situations as they are, DoA thinks it is wrong to stick to the usual disposal methods without at least attempting to put part of the surplus where everybody can get a crack at it from the standpoint of availability.

It would take pages to report all the arguments and counter-arguments, so we decline to try to draw conclusions this early in the game.

1948 Price Support

We waited a long time for it. Now we have it. We have had it since last Friday, but still we are not sure we understand all we know about it. "It" is DoA's announcement of plans for supporting the 1948 crop, announced March 5 in a 5-page release. Because of its length, and because it contains practically nothing but straight facts about the program, really interested people should examine the full text. Even a good condensation is not enough.

Last week we told you of Secretary Anderson's letter to the congressional committees stating flatly that DoA will not support after December 31, 1948, without legislative direction to do so. Friday's release buttons it down, or at least has that appearance.

Our idea of a condensed version of the meat of the release is as follows: **Eligibility of persons.** DoA will support in 1947 plus an improvement, namely that eligible persons may sell field-run spuds on DoA or to contracting dealers; No. 1 size B and No. 2 of any size only to the DoA or contracting dealers, or with approval of DoA to feeders, processors, or for export, and culls only to contracting dealers, or with approval of DoA to processors, feeders, or for export. **The eligibility of potatoes** is about the same as last year with slight modification to meet change in New York's nematode control plans and plus the new wrinkle that came out in December with regard to off-flavor. This addition reads: "... objectionable because of odor, flavor, internal discoloration, or other invisible damage, whether or not this damage is apparent at time of shipment or subject to determination by customary shipping point inspection procedure." This means that lots found objectionable for these reasons are subject to rejection when and where found, with recourse to vendor for purchase price plus costs. **Support Methods.** No change of any consequence for early and intermediate areas. Purchases are about the only way to do it, with perhaps some diversion and export subsidy. To a

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Dairy Boasts Only Large Truck Scale In Area



Everything for the farmer from pipe tobacco to feed, grain and automotive parts is carried at Cliff Seward's Farmers Supply store at Dairy, at the Bly-Bonanza junction. Here, too, is the largest truck scale in the area with a capacity of 100,000 pounds or 50 tons, and is 48 feet long. The building, constructed of red brick and corrugated metal, has a curved roof and is divided into two sections, one for feed and one for hardware. Seward has spent most of his life in this area, has a wife and two minor children.

grower, these are all the same. But purchases will be cut off everywhere sometime during the late crop harvest, probably about September 15 in most states. After that, loans will be the only thing available. Application cut-off dates early enough to get loans completed before year-end, with maturity around April 1. This last means that deliveries in lieu of cash repayments can be to and at maturity. Loan program details probably not available until summer, but looks like a repeat of the 1946 deal in most respects. **Disposal** will be about the same as usual, with emphasis on human consumption here and abroad. Broad hint that sub-floor sales will get a play, as release states "... goal compliance and market prices, will be scrutinized carefully with a view to making such sales if it appears in the interest of department programs to do so." **Schedule** for early and intermediate only was announced. Averages about 35 cents above last year's schedule, but state for state and month for month prices not exactly in same relationships as before. Late schedule must be based on June 15 parity and will be announced around July 1. DoA says it will "reflect 90 per cent of parity adjusted seasonally for the July-December period."

Some of these features need more explanation and interpretation. We will get the dope and include it later.

HINT TO MOTORISTS

When a car has been in use for some time, the muffler often becomes clogged, causing the motor to run irregularly and appear to have less than normal power. Whether the muffler is at fault can be determined by disconnecting the exhaust pipe and noting if there is any improvement in performance of the motor.

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OVS Agricultural Unit Program To Be Expanded

Although one of the smaller departments at Oregon Vocational school, the agriculture unit under direction of Art Chase is an important one.

Classes were started November 20, 1947, with eight men enrolled. From temporary class rooms in the administration building the aggies moved in February to their new home in Ferrel hall which was the marine medical building. There are two big class rooms, offices and a fine soils laboratory. The department has also acquired three 30 by 60-foot warehouses which have been converted into machinery shops.

The old marine barracks riding stable has also been appropriated by the class. This building which cost the marines \$30,000 will be converted to house the livestock unit. Work is expected to begin on these projects early this spring.

Chase, supervisor of the department, has a long-range plan of expansion and development worked out for the course, including fencing the entire 830 acres owned by the school so that range land may be provided for livestock.

Other land is being obtained where a student may study general farming or specialize in the phase of agriculture in which he is interested. The department works hand in hand with the county agent and local experiment stations and receives the latest information regarding farming from Oregon State college.

A man can specialize in this division, taking up livestock and feeds if he intends to grow beef cattle, or fertilizer, soils and farm machinery if he intends to grow potatoes. He may leave the course to operate

his own farm in the summer and return in the fall after harvest season to continue where he left off.

This is the only school in the United States so far where the ratio of instructors to students (approximately one instructor to 20 students) permits a man to work at his own rate of speed and get individual help.

Among courses offered in this department are soils and fertilizers, feeds, feeding livestock, farm records and bookkeeping, farm machinery, farm repair, welding, farm carpentry and drafting. The individual can take just what he thinks he needs to run a successful business, and farming is a business, as recent years have proved.

Efficient Use Of Grain Urged

"It is not efficient utilization of grain supplies," says Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan, "if hogs and beef animals are marketed at such high weights that those last bushels of feed are turned largely into fat. Nor is it efficient utilization if dairy cattle are deprived of the food pasture and good roughage that could well replace some of their grain ration. Nor is it efficient utilization if lazy layers remain in poultry flocks, eating their heads off but giving little in return. We hope that the farm grain conservation program will be instrumental in bringing unbalanced farm efficiency so that every kernel of grain and every pound of feed does the most good for farmers and for the nation."

When lightning strikes in sand, it produces a fulgurite, a curious, glassy tube of fused sand particles.

58 Head Up For Aberdeen Angus Show

The first annual registered and commercial Aberdeen Angus show and sale at Klamath Falls, April 18 and 19, will see a total of 58 head of local Angus cattle go through the sale ring. Klamath county Aberdeen Angus breeders are consigning 24 head of registered stock and 34 head of commercial heifers.

Local consignors include C. V. Barton, Black and White ranch, Poe valley; Gerald D. West of Malin and Charles and Alvin Cheyne, of Spring Lake.

Selling at the sale April 19 will be 60 head of registered females and bulls, and 60 head of commercial heifers in pens of five. Registered female Aberdeen Angus cattle will feature the sale. Only a small number of bulls will be consigned by breeders. Besides local cattle, consignments will come from the rest of Oregon, California, Washington and Idaho.

Ed R. Biagini, well-known San Luis Obispo county Angus breeder, has consented to judge the show April 18. Colonel Earl Walters of Filer, Ida., will cry the sale on April 19.

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Farm Head



Art Chase who heads the agriculture department at Oregon Vocational school is a graduate of Oklahoma A and M with a B.S. in crops and soils and a M.S. in agriculture economics and a minor in agriculture education. He spent eight years in county agent and teaching work and has 12 years of farming and business to his credit.

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Elliott West with Angus bull Blackie groomed for show.

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Kathleen Wilson, 4-H club girl of Malin with Black Bart.

Spring Lamb Crop Drop Expected

PORTLAND, March 18 (AP)—Oregon's spring lamb crop is expected to drop 10 per cent below last year. The department of agriculture estimates 50,000 lambs will be marketed in April, May and June.

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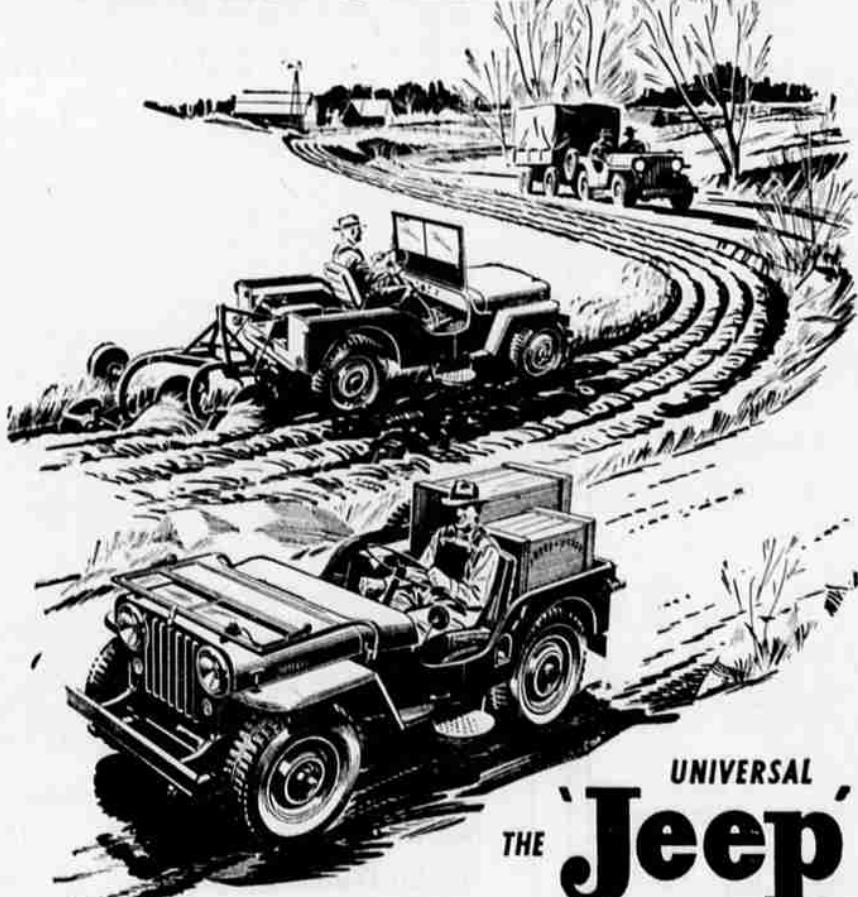
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