

Barley Crop Planting In Basin Points To Record Acreage Of '47 Cash Crop

Barley planting has proceeded at such a rapid rate the past few days that official 1948 estimates now run from 85,000 to 90,000 acres planted to this crop—the biggest cash crop of 1947.

Because of unfavorable weather conditions, there had been some indication that barley plantings might drop below expectations. But the planting program picked up speed the past few days, with some of the big operators running their fields at night behind headlights, planting huge lake-bed outfalls.

Last year's barley crop was from about 85,000 acres. More than 80,000 of this acreage was in Hannchen barley, and that strain predominates again in this year's plantings. Barley exceeded potatoes in cash returns last year, bringing in from \$11,000,000 to \$12,000,000.

Four-H News

The card party sponsored by the Merrill Baby Beef club, held April 29, was very successful. Bridge and pinochle were in play throughout the evening.

Those winning prizes were Mrs. Rexford, high in bridge for women, and low score for women went to Mrs. Riley Delap. High and low scores for men went to Riley Delap as he was the only man playing bridge.

High score in pinochle for women went to Mrs. Louis Hill and the high score for men in pinochle went to Mr. Gordon. Low score for the women was won by Mrs. Coffelt and low score for men was won by Mr. Hendrickson.

The traveling prizes were two nice cakes made by Mrs. Winebarger. Mrs. Rexford won the traveling prize in bridge and Mr. Golden in pinochle.

Mrs. Gasser donated a nice pair of pillowslips for a special prize, which was won by Jimmy Walker.

The club appreciates the support given by the public in making this its first project, such a success.—Danny Barry, News Reporter.

At the meeting of the Mallin Beef club, held at the home of Stuart Henzel on May 2, the club decided to have a swimming party in the near future. This party will be held at Oregon Vocational school if possible.

The club also decided to get 4-H T-shirts to wear at the fair. Members decided to wear jeans with the T-shirts.

The leader, Earl Wilson, took names for summer school and summer camp.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Henzel, to members Pattie and Buddy Smith, Ilyis Smalley, Barbara Cornett, Kathleen and Roxanne Wilson, Jimmy Parker, Marvin Macken, Sharon and Beverly Scott, Elliot West, Molly McAuliffe, Rodney Lyons and Stuart Henzel; Leader—Earl Wilson, and guests Janie Henzel, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Cornett, Mrs. West and Cheryl; Mrs. Parker and Virginia, and Mr. Henzel.—Kathleen Wilson, News Reporter.

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High Run-Off Seen In Some Northern Areas

BOISE, Ida., May 13 (AP)—Flood damage in vulnerable areas of the Columbia river basin has been predicted by the irrigation division of the regional soil conservation service.

A high run-off is seen in northern and western parts of the basin, but in other portions of the basin the lateness of the seasonal run-off assures an ample irrigation water supply, the agency said.

For the third consecutive year, the Kootenai valley at Bonners Ferry, Ida., and below will be threatened with floods, the agency predicted. A retarded snow melt and above normal precipitation has been given as the cause of the high run-off in Northern Idaho, Western Montana and Washington.

On Snake river and its tributaries in Idaho and Oregon valley, precipitation during April was only a little above normal and the snow pack is about the normal amount. In other areas snow pack on the tributaries of the Columbia river is generally more than during past years, the report said.

Time Here To Spray Lawns

Now is the opportune time to be planning to kill broadleaf lawn weeds with a 2-4-D spray. Laxus infested with weeds are very easily sprayed with a knapsack type sprayer.

How much 2-4-D to put on a given area of lawn always presents a problem. The active ingredients or parent acid content of the 2-4-D product is the measuring stick. The products put out by the various manufacturers differ, however, when spraying lawns, use five-sixths of an ounce of the active ingredient or parent acid to 1000 square feet.

The salt formulations of 2-4-D are less volatile than the ester types and there is less likelihood of injuring nearby plants when using a 2-4-D salt. Use enough water when spraying to get good coverage — about one gallon of the solution per 1000 square feet. Follow the manufacturer's directions closely.

Be sure and keep the 2-4-D from coming into contact with broad-leaved plants such as flowers, shrubs and trees. Spray lawns only when there is no breeze, so there will be no drift of the material to susceptible plants. Clover is also very susceptible to 2-4-D, so lawns that are a mixture of clover and grasses must not be sprayed, unless it is desirable to get rid of the clover.

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Gardens Will Boost Supply

One sure way that the farmer and his city friends can help overcome food shortages during the next year is by planting a vegetable garden now. Weather to date has not been favorable for early garden planting, but there is ample time for mid-season and late vegetables to mature.

It would be difficult for anyone to place an absolutely correct dollar value on his garden plot. The value can be figured from many angles which makes addition almost impossible. Some crops may be sold, some processed, while the table is supplied with fresh vegetables over a long period of time. Friends are supplied with vegetables.

These items could be figured and a total arrived at, but the nutritious value of a variety of fresh vegetables and having them only a few steps away from the kitchen door is a value that cannot be figured in dollars and cents.

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Herald and News FARM NEWS

Spring Gardens Get Going

Spring gardeners were out this week in full force, if a little late. Vegetable gardening in the suburbs and on the farms is about two weeks behind schedule, according to the county agent's office. But gardeners who have been discouraged by weather conditions are now getting into action, and a heavy production of garden produce is anticipated for the area. There has been a national effort this year to encourage gardening.

Farm Specialists Line Up Plans For The Ideal Home To Get Most Out Of Life

PULLMAN, Wash., May 13 (AP)—What are the needs of an ideal farm family home and how should it differ from a city dwelling?

A group of agricultural extension specialists, after a long study of the problem, came up with these three basic recommendations:

1. Put the front door where it will be used!

2. Be sure the housewife's work-room gives a view of the barns, the driveway and the highway.

3. Build rooms around a central hallway; it will fill more needs than the corner drugstore.

The specifications are based on recognition of the homemaker as a key member of the farm operating crew. It's recognized that she has to keep a weather eye on the livestock and the poultry as well as on her housework.

The central hallway is designed as a channel to keep the heavy traffic out of the kitchen—and out from under the cook's feet.

Say the specialists: "It will make housework easier by catching and holding most of the dirt that's tracked into the house. It can provide most of the home's miscellaneous storage space. Rooms remain rooms, instead of passageways."

The Washington State college specialists are conducting a series of extension farm housing workshops around the state to promote more practical and efficient rural homes by sound basis planning. Another purpose is to focus the attention of all home planners or builders on the specific farm house problems.

One of the workshop panel members, H. E. Wichers, extension specialist in rural architecture, says the point about a front door that will get used often brings a laugh from workshop participants. But, he says, they are reminded to make a mental survey of farm homes they know with front doors that really are used.

Heavy Traffic

When front doors are placed in the center of the front, a la town homes, he says, there's rarely a walk leading to the door or a path through the grass. More often than not, the kitchen door gets the heavy traffic—and often during the housewife's busiest kitchen hours.

The recommendation is to put the front door on the driveway instead of facing the highway. To discourage kitchen entry, its doorway is shifted around to the back where it is a convenient approach only from the barn area.

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Estimate Of Wheat Crop Shows Drop

WASHINGTON, May 13 (AP)—The agriculture department Monday forecast this year's winter wheat crop at 845,484,000 bushels.

This is a decrease of 14,516,000 bushels from the 860,000,000 bushels forecast a month ago.

It compares with last year's crop of 1,067,970,000 bushels and with 688,000,000 for the ten year (1936-46) average.

No forecast was given for spring wheat, but if the latter should equal the 272,000,000 bushels which the department says is possible on basis of farmers' planting plans, the total wheat crop would be above 1,117,000,000 bushels.

Such a total crop would compare with last year's record of 1,264,919,000 and with the ten year average of 899,396,000.

The department said the yield of winter wheat per acre was indicated at 16.1 bushels. This compares with 19.5 for last year's crop and 16.6 for the ten year average.

The acreage of winter wheat indicated for harvest was reported at 52,471,000 acres. This compared with 54,780,000 last year and 41,724,000 for the ten year average.

Production estimates were given for no other crop except peaches in 10 southern producing states and citrus fruits. The peach crop there was estimated at 15,018,000 bushels compared with 22,438,000 last year and 17,295,000 for the ten year average.

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