

Pacific Coast Livestock Prices On Way Up Again

After pausing last week, livestock and meat prices on the Pacific Coast advanced again this week. Steers topped on the Portland market at \$11 a cwt. this week, 50 cents over last week. Medium steers and good cows were also up 50 cents while weaners were down \$1.00 to \$3.00. Most other classes of cattle were unchanged. Receipts at North Portland this week included some stocker cows and calves flooded from islands in the Columbia river, but the total number of cattle and calves arriving was under last week. Receipts at Mid-western markets were a little larger this week but about one-sixth below last year. Steers at Chicago on Monday of this week were 50 cents to \$1.00 under last week's high, but strengthened as the week progressed to reach a new extreme top of \$35.50 on Wednesday.

Beef carcasses were mostly higher on moderate supplies this week. Dressed steer and heifer beef at Portland on May 27 was 50 cents to \$1.00 above last Thursday. Good steer sides ranged from \$47 to \$50 cwt., with heifer beef generally \$1.00 under steer beef. Good choice dressed veal under 160 pounds was \$48 to \$49, up \$1.00 for the period. Most classes of beef were up \$2.00 at San Francisco, while only steady to lower on cow beef at Los Angeles. Advances of 50 cents to \$2.50 were recorded at Chicago and New York. Light receipts and advances in prices at Midwest markets late last week sent hog quotations at Portland up \$2 to \$2.50 on Monday, but about half this gain had been lost by midweek when good to choice 180x230-pound butchers were \$25 to \$25.50. Sows were \$17.50 to \$18.50, while feeder pigs under 100 pounds were saleable to \$27 or \$27.50. Good to choice slaughter hogs were up to \$25.75 on Monday at Chicago, around \$3.50 above the quotation seven days before. Prices at Chicago held until Thursday when declines of 50 cents to \$1.00 occurred. Despite the gains in live hogs, pork loins were down \$1.00 at Chicago and unchanged at New York. Fresh pork on the coast wholesaled \$1.00 to \$3.00 higher. Pork carcasses under 190 pounds were \$35 to \$36 a hundred at Portland on the 27th.

Weed Killing Time Near In Basin

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The time for controlling weeds with chemicals will soon be here. Some selective spraying in fall planted grain has already been done in the county this year. 2,4-D when used as a selective herbicide may be expected to give good results in controlling most broad-leaved annual plants and tap root perennial plants.

The chemical may be used to control weeds in barley, wheat, oats, grass seed fields, grass pastures and turf areas, including lawns. Crops such as alfalfa, clover, beets, onions and peas should not be treated with 2,4-D because they are susceptible to the chemical.

With something over 122,000 acres of grain in the Klamath basin last year, and an increased acreage this year, this will mean a lot of selective weed control work, even if only a fraction of it is sprayed. For the use of 2,4-D as a selective weed control material, the dosage will vary from less than 1/2 to 1 1/2 pounds of acid equivalent per acre, depending on conditions and on the kind of weed. The lower rates are usually used on grain for control of young, annual broadleaf plants. The higher rates, up to 1 1/2 pounds of the acid equivalent, will be used on established grass plantings or on grain for control of perennial weeds or hard to kill annuals.

The time to apply 2,4-D as a selective spray will depend on the stage of growth of both the weed and the crop. Generally, the younger the weed the more effective the treatment. Grain may be treated when it is 6 to 8 inches high or when it begins to stool. In any event, it should be treated before it emerges from the boot. Since injury to grain or grass is always a possibility, the correct amount of 2,4-D must be applied. It cannot safely be reasoned that because a little 2,4-D does some good, more of it should be better. Too heavy an application will not necessarily increase the yield over untreated fields.

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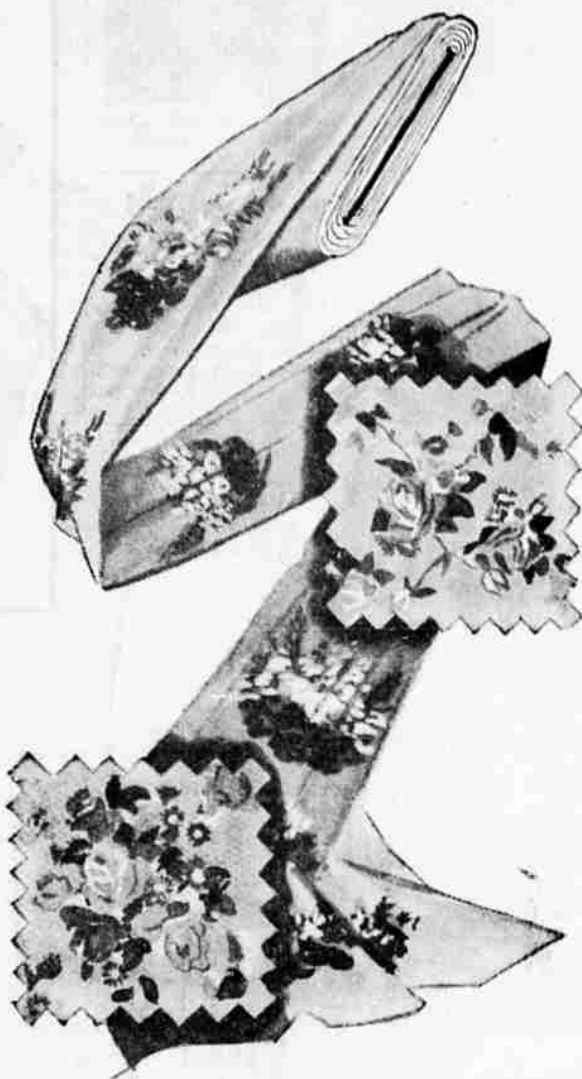
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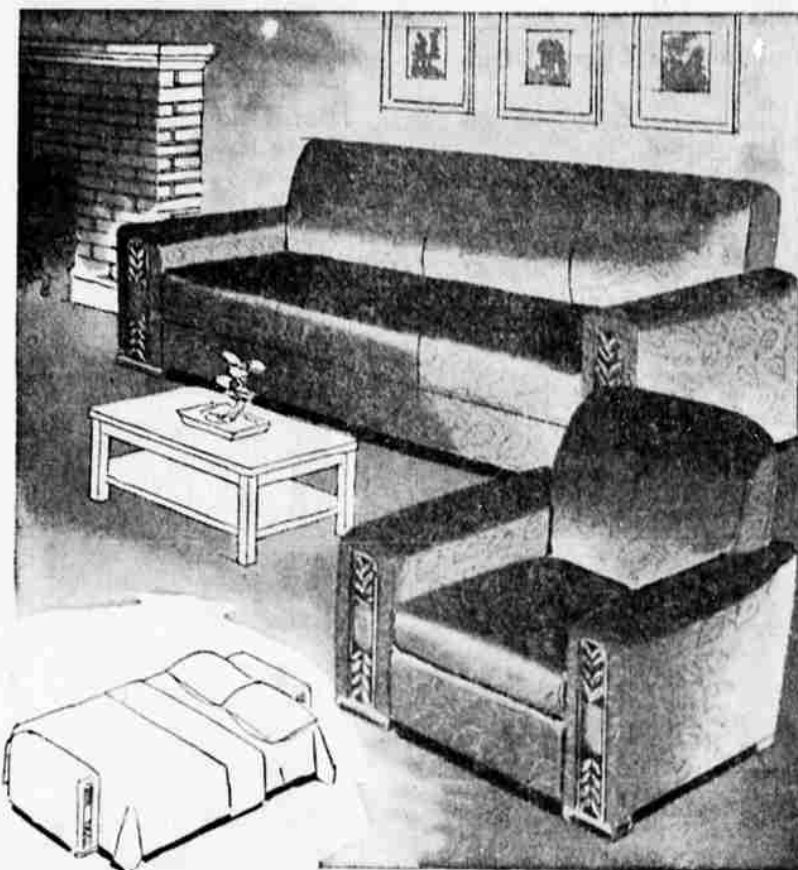
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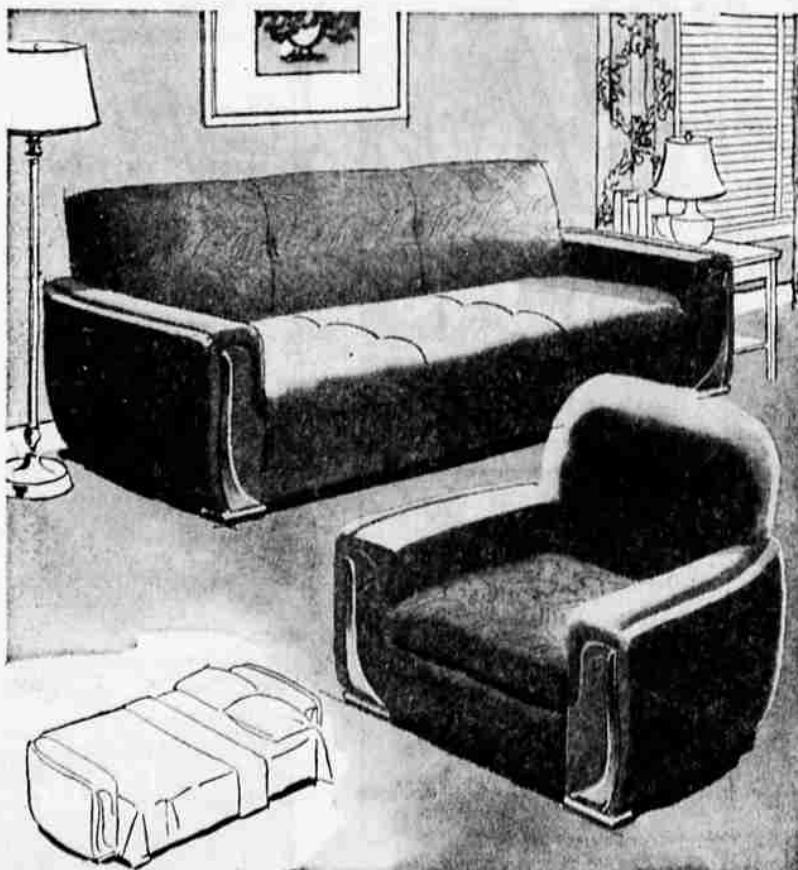
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