

## Clear Cut Issue On Spud Support Asked; Surplus Stocks Are Big Problem

Representatives of the potato producing area wound up their meeting in Washington this week. Decision was to have their delegations in congress introduce an amendment to either the Hope bill or the Aiken bill which would specifically list potatoes for support instead of leaving them dangling as at present appears to be the case in both bills. Under the bills as presently written, potatoes would be included for price support after the end of 1948 but more or less on a permissive basis. If the amendment is accepted and passed, they will be written into the bills for mandatory support. Senators and congressmen from the potato producing states have agreed to support the amendment and will push it vigorously.

**Big Surplus**  
Prospect for a 20 to 25 million bushel surplus of potatoes between May 1 and October 1 has presented a big task for the department of agriculture but all officials to whom we have talked insist that adequate outlets for the surplus have been arranged. If this is correct, and we have every reason to believe that

it, there will be no potatoes dumped by the government this year. We do know that one large alcohol outlet was asked to prepare for a maximum of 200 cars daily. Reply by this outlet was to the effect that it could use as many as 300 cars daily if the potatoes could be provided. Government support program men fully expected to have some days during the Kern county deal in California when they would have to take as many as 300 cars in a single day. To date, their largest single day for government support buying in the Kern county area was 84 cars. Currently, rains in some areas in which harvesting is in progress have reduced shipments and firmed the market to some extent. This is thought to be a "weather market," however, and with the surplus now in sight for the summer and fall months, prices are likely to average out fairly close to the support level. California has been running around a nickel above support to a nickel under, whereas the East has held to a higher level. Florida went through May to the end of its season at 95 cents over support and other eastern deals so far have been holding up generally above the support level.

**Late Crop Good**  
Prospects for the late crop deals now indicate a somewhat better distribution of the crops than was the case for the 1947 deals for which the big surplus was in the East with a much shorter crop in the West. Distribution of the crop from the 1948 harvests is likely to be better than for the past deal with a somewhat better price balance than prevailed during the past season when the West received much better prices than did the East. This is not yet a foregone conclusion but is indicated by acreage figures and weather conditions to date. Many things can happen between now and the actual movement to market from the late states.

Most disturbing factor in the future outlook for potatoes is that government records appear to show no justification for support at much above 60 per cent of parity. So far as we know, no government agency has even hinted that this would be the proper level at which to support potatoes after the end of December 31. From what we can learn of these records, however, this appears to be about the figure at which potato prices could be supported without endangering the domestic supply. Our own survey of the statistical work done for congress indicates that a general support for agricultural commodities at the 60 per cent level would be operated without cost to the taxpayers.

**Shasta-Homedale Extension Winner**  
At the recent 16th annual state council meeting for home extension unit members, Shasta-Homedale unit placed first with the state in unit scrapbooks. Fairhaven unit placed third with North Plains, Wasco county. Parkdale, Hood River county placed second. Judges were Gene Scheel and Bob Fowler of the state extension staff.

## Spud Goals Fall Short In Klamath

At the present time it looks as though potato growers have not planned their goals in Klamath county and the Klamath basin. Growers in Klamath county have made adjustments on their intended acreage and at present this indicates approximately 11,600 acres.

This compares with slightly more than 10,000 acres planted in 1947, but is roughly around 1500 acres under the issued goals. General information indicates about the same condition prevails in the southern end of the valley and that some goals have not been planted fully on the California side of the line. This would indicate that the Klamath basin acreage perhaps will be over 17,000 acres but under 18,000, which is around 2500 acres below the issued goals. This is also more than 10,000 acres under the high point reached in 1945 of 28,000 acres.

Under the stress of war, the Klamath basin potato acreage reached 14,300 in 1943; 25,900 in 1944; 28,000 in 1945 and then dropped back to 14,125 acres in 1946, with a further decrease of 1/3 of this acreage to a total of slightly more than 15,900 acres in 1947.

The land planted this year is of uniformly good quality and the seed perhaps averaged the best ever planted here. A total of nearly 400 cars of certified seed were purchased from outside the district and nearly all the balance of the planted acreage was from local certified seed stock. With favorable weather conditions, even though planted somewhat late, this year's yield should be somewhat better than that in 1947. The 5-point program of the Klamath Potato Growers association seems to be bearing fruit. This program is: (1) good land, (2) good seed, (3) roguing, (4) dusting, (5) defoliation and early harvest, if necessary.

## Home Grown Beef Fattened On Valley Hay And Barley



These pictures, taken on the Liskey Brothers ranch in Poe valley, show the huge Hereford steers which were sold to the Santa Cruz Packing company last week. The coming 3-year-olds averaged 1100 pounds per head and sold for 29 cents per pound. They were raised on the ranch and fattened on Lost river alfalfa and Klamath barley. Jack Mechem, farm hand on the Liskey ranch, is the man in the picture dumping feed into the troughs on the large feeding lot which can accommodate hundreds of head of cattle at a time.

## DDT Spray Is Fly Control

By JAMES T. ELINGS  
Assistant County Agent

Contented cows? Farmers and stockmen who have used DDT fly control sprays know the real meaning of this expression.

Horn flies, the insect that put the original switch in the cow's tail, are readily controlled by DDT sprays. Horn flies are the little black flies that congregate on cattle during late spring and summer months.

It was not until DDT came into use that we found out just how really expensive the switch was. In tests which have been carried out, treated cows gained 42 to 51 pounds and calves gained 47 to 70 pounds more per animal than untreated cows and calves. In some states, dairy farmers report 5 to 15 per cent more milk from cows after being treated with DDT than they had before when cows were heavily infested with flies.

A few horn flies have been observed. They haven't made much headway yet, but if flies come, summer can't be far behind and more flies. DDT sprays will get them.

Four pounds of 50 per cent wettable DDT powder in 100 gallons of water is the recommended spray mixture. Apply at 200 pounds pressure to assure good penetration of the animal's hair. From one-half to a gallon of spray per animal is necessary. For one or two animals, prepared DDT sprays are good. The nature of these sprays requires that less material be used, and more frequent spraying is necessary.

## Mrs. Hoffman To Head Club

The first meeting of the 4-H Henley Garden club was held at the home of E. D. Hoffman for election of officers. Those elected were Oma Hoffman, president, Betty Brandejesky, secretary; Juanita Ledesma, news reporter.

At the second meeting the name, "Feed the Hungry," was voted upon for the club. It was suggested by Betty Brandejesky.

The club met again at the home of Ronnie Hardin and again at Bobbie Crapo's home. Gardens are all in, the members report, and are growing—so are the weeds and a lot of elbow grease is needed now to keep the vegetables from getting lost in the weeds.

Visitors are welcome to the meetings and have been attending. At the close of the business session refreshments are served and games are played.—Juanita Ledesma, reporter.

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## Malin, Bonanza Join For 4-H, Beef Club Meeting

A joint 4-H Beef club meeting was held June 6, with the Malin and Bonanza clubs participating. It was held at the Earl Wilson ranch with demonstrations of fitting, grooming and showmanship under the direction of Jim Elings and Earl Wilson. Kathleen Wilson of Malin club fitted an Angus while Vernon Haley of Bonanza club fitted a Hereford. For the amount of hair the calves had for this time of year, it was rumored that the calves had access to the spacious ranch cooler of the Wilsons.

Gerald West and Earl Wilson showed the fine specimen of the Aberdeen-Angus bull that was purchased in the Chicago sale in the fall of 1947. Mr. West showed two Aberdeen-Angus heifers of very good quality; one being the winner in the recent sale in Klamath Falls and the other to be shown at San Francisco.

Following the joint club meeting and demonstrations, refreshments were served by Mrs. Wilson, assisted by Mrs. West and Mrs. Smalley, to 65 guests. Club members and parents were:

Erwin Ritter, Joe and Gertrude Hoefler, Pat Givan, LaVern Hankins, Sylvia and David Robinson, Vernon Haley, Margy and Adele Brown, Marianna Hellekson, Ann and May Challis, Ily Smalley, Elliot West, Kathleen and Roxanne Wilson, Stuart Hensel, Patti and Lewis Smith, Barbara Cornett, Mollie and Eddie McAuliffe, Marvina and Jerry Macken, Jim Parker, Sharon and Beverly Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ritter and Walter Ritter, Mrs. Mildred Hellekson, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hoefler and Paul, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Givan, Bob and Nancy; Lloyd Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. John Heyden, Jomac, Charlotte, Gail and Linda Kay, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Haley, Patty Derry, Mr. and Mrs. George Smalley and Jerry, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald West and Cheryl West, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Elings, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilson, Harry and Farrell, Francis Skinner and Stephen, Joan Howell.

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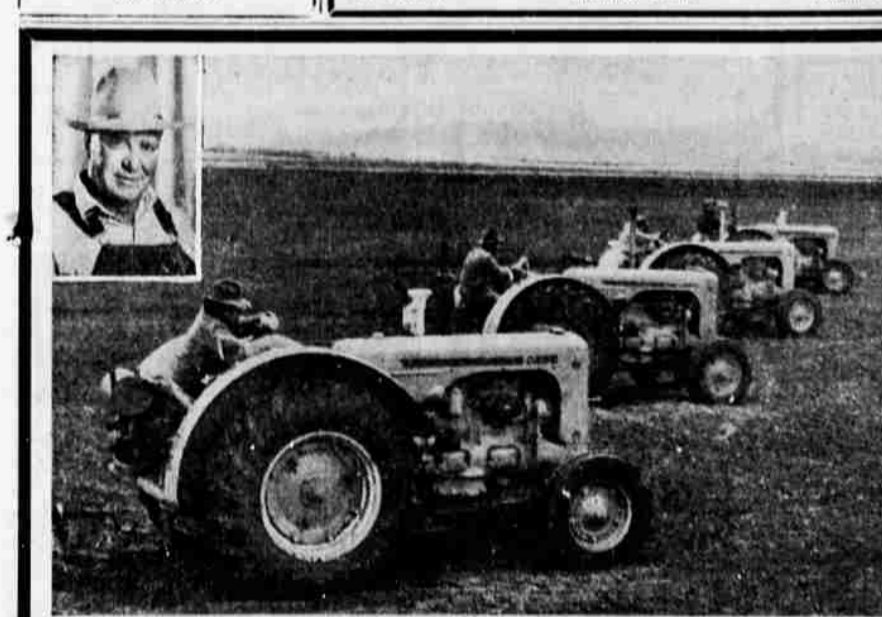
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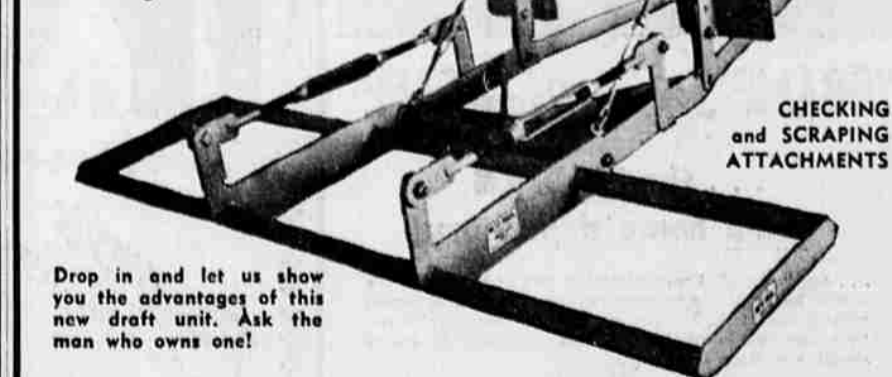
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