

Herald and News FARM NEWS



Klamath Hay Crop Mostly Harvested, But Prices Show \$18 To \$25 Variance

While probably more than 50 per cent of the hay crop has been harvested and a good quantity is already baled and some shipments have gone out, prices are fluctuating between wide margins.

A check made among half a dozen prominent buyers and growers showed baled hay purchased as low as \$18 per ton and as high as \$25 on car or truck. The general price however, was between \$22 and \$25 in June, with a downward trend expected setting at around \$20.

One large cattle concern indicated that no purchases would be made for more than \$18 per ton and several prominent ranchers made flat statements that they would buy their crop rather than sell it for less than \$25 per ton.

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Farm Labor Supply In State Good

With cherry and berry picking gradually being completed, the next two weeks will find all sections of Oregon with an adequate labor supply for the first time since seasonal harvests began in May.

The mid-summer farm labor lull may end about July 15, when snap-bean harvest will get under way through the Willamette valley and around Portland. Eastern Oregon grain, also expected to be ready for action about the same time, will absorb more workers, although no shortage now is apparent.

Reports from 18 local and special farm-placement offices of the Oregon state employment service showed only minor labor shortages during June, and another peak is not expected until bean picking begins competition with hops, grains, and late vegetables and fruits for the available supply of workers.

A surplus of labor also has been reported from Montana and Alaska, the employment service reports, and latest job information should be obtained before moving to other sections.

Storage Loan Forms Ready

Banks and other lending institutions wishing to take part in the storage loan program for farmers may obtain the necessary forms and instructions from the county agricultural conservation committee.

After approval by the commodity office of the production and marketing administration, the names of such approved lending agencies will be obtainable from the county ACA office.

The local Klamath County Agricultural Conservation Association is located in the Tower theatre building, 2625 South 6th street.

The proposed structure must be an eligible storage structure under the government's price support loan program. Storage payments earned on the structure will be applied against the construction loan. Also proceeds from price support loans or purchase agreements will be supplied up to the amount of the annual payment.

To help farmers who lack storage space, special CCC "distress" loans will be available on wheat stored on the ground or in other temporary ways by farmers who agree to build or acquire satisfactory farm storage within 90 days. Seventy-five percent of the full support level will be advanced to the farmer at the time he takes out the distress loan; he will receive the balance of the full price support loan when the grain is in his new storage structure.

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TYPICAL SCENE—This view of a field with the hay cut and bunched for the backrake is typical of the agricultural picture in the Klamath basin now in haying. Some fields are just being cut, some have already been baled and some are cleaned out with the hay already shipped to coastal points in Oregon. This picture was shot from Summers lane.

Forage Crop Field Day To Be Conducted

Forage and cereal crops will be viewed and discussed from all angles of experiments being made, when the annual field day is held at the Klamath agriculture experiment station, 1:30 p.m. August 1.

Field inspections will be confined to the afternoon this year so that more farmers can take in the whole show. For the first time soils work will be part of the program. Dr. Alfred Halverson, soils man, has been experimenting with a variety of soils for grain and on soils with and without fertilizer.

Over 100 varieties of cereal will be examined under direction of Gene Gross, experiment station superintendent, and four new alfalfa varieties along with four old ones and others in observational trial.

Reiling On Dairy Post

Wilbur Reiling, Poe Valley dairyman, was named this week by Gov. Douglas McKay to fill the fifth spot on the Oregon Dairy Products commission. He succeeds Lee Holliday, who has gone out of dairying since he was first appointed to the commission.

Reiling was appointed a director in the Oregon Dairymen's association at the annual meeting in Corvallis in January this year. He is president of Klamath Dairymen's association and a director in the Klamath Dairy Herd Improvement association.

The other four members of the commission were reappointed by Gov. McKay and are George Fullenwider of Carlton; Omar C. Spencer, Portland; Victor Birdseye, Medford; Frank Hettner, Mt. Angel.

The commission promotes the dairy industry and is financed by a tax on butterfat.

United Kingdom Has Spud Surplus

Last report from the weekly potato and truck crop review states that the United Kingdom has a surplus potato problem. There were 451 million bushels of potatoes produced there in 1948, which is larger than the total U. S. potato crop of 446 million bushels.

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National Potato Letter

Considerable Crop Loss Felt By Eastern Spuds Due To Hot, Dry Weather

By A. L. FITZSIMMONDS

Summer potato supply estimates will continue to be no more than guesses and rumors for another two weeks. First real indication of the size of the 1949 crop will be in the crop report of July 11.

Most important factor in the supply prospect for the future is the eastern drought and the effect it may have on production. Considerable damage already has resulted from the lack of rain in the East with not too dependable early surveys reporting up to 25 to 30 per cent in some sections.

These early reports put too much emphasis on production, however, and miss the other very important market effects. Drought potatoes are small potatoes which present the prospect that the percentage of B-size in the eastern crops probably will be large to very large, and even potatoes passing the U. S. No. 1 grade are likely to run small.

Combination of these results not only would reduce volume but would fill the markets with sizes consumers will not buy except at lower prices. This situation could prove harmful to the entire price structure.

We say "could" because this does not have to happen. Judicious marketing and proper use of the price support program can head off most of this trouble if growers and dealers will work intelligently to this end.

On the other hand, the volume could be reduced enough by the drought to create a bare spot in the July and August markets, in which case the markets might absorb the small potatoes without too much hardship from the price standpoint.

Dry weather frequently presents second-growth which occurs when dry weather is followed by abundant moisture. Second growth could present a serious quality problem, although these larger potatoes, if not too rough, may find reader acceptance than the B grade in the event of temporary short supplies.

The drought however, is giving Virginia more time to market its crop and will tend to moderate current surplus troubles. For the long pull, it will reduce volume in New Jersey, Long Island, Pennsylvania, and upstate New York, which will work to Maine's advantage.

In the event eastern drought area fields are revived by rains so that they produce anything like normal yields the harvest likely will be later than usual. Late harvesting in these other eastern areas, although the most remote of the possible results of the drought damage, could straight-jacket the Maine deal just as it did last year.

Movement and Markets

Total shipments moved up only slightly last week, and the increase was about matched by the increase

in government cars. Consequently the commercial movement of 4,400 cars was only 19 cars over the previous week.

California is over the peak but still is shipping an average of around 600 cars daily. The California movement has been pressured by the desire of growers to get ahead of the hot weather, stimulated further by visible deterioration in quality.

This situation in California means a quicker and sharper cut-off of the California tonnage with less of the gradual slackening as is experienced in most years.

A sharp drop in California movement would exert immediate pressure on the market and present a greater chance of a bare spot some time during July and August. Gamblers who favor this possibility may put some California's into cold storage for later distribution.

California f.o.b. markets declined 40 cents in two days last week, then recovered to a net drop of 20 cents at \$2.05 cwt, but still 35 cents over floor. Arizona prices followed a similar pattern but in a smaller range, losing 25 cents and regaining nearly 15 cents to a \$2.00-\$2.05 level against a floor of \$1.70.

North Carolina softened by 25 cents on unwashed stock without regaining any of the decline but this level still is 25-30 cents over the \$1.70 floor.

Virginia more nearly followed the western pattern, declining 25-30 cents and regaining a nickel to a dime of its loss to \$2.25-\$2.30. The premium for Virginia offerings over North Carolina stock is due partly to a freight rate advantage and partly to the trade opinion that Virginia shows better quality and maturity.

Some potato growers may have out-smarted themselves. Closer

Milwaukie Man Wins Honor For Chickens

For the second time, J. R. McRae of Milwaukie was crowned the state's top breeder of meat-type chickens when his prize pen of Rhode Island Reds won the second state chicken-of-tomorrow contest, N. L. Besslon, contest chairman and Oregon State college poultry specialist, has announced.

The contest, highlighting the annual meeting of the Oregon Baby Chick association, was judged at the Benton hotel where selected pens from the state's leading poultry breeding farms were exhibited.

McRae's breed, which took state honors in the first three-year breeding experiment in 1947, will represent the state in regional competition, the second phase of the nation-wide contest sponsored by the A & P Food stores.

Other top prize winners were: 2nd, Grant Phillips of Unquaga Produce company, Roseburg, with New Hampshire; 3rd, Harry Winkles of McMinnville, with New Hampshire; 4th, C. L. Anderson of Corvallis, with New Hampshire; 5th, Oregon State college with White Cornishes.

Sixth, G. A. Boyington of Hood River, with New Hampshire; 7th, Klamath Poultry Farms of Klamath Falls, with Don Anchors; 8th, Hart's Hatchery of Medford, with Indian River; 9th, Terry Poultry Farm of Medford with Don Anchors; 10th, E. L. Harrington of Boring with New Hampshire.

Eleventh, Samuel Ketchner of Amity, with New Hampshire; 12th, Newhouse Hatchery of Oregon City, with New Hampshire; 13th, L. B. Menefer of Carlton, with New Hampshire; and 14th, Fox's Hatchery of Salem, with New Hampshire.

Officers were elected when the Langell valley 4-H Flower Growing club met recently in the home of Charlotte Noble. David Thomas, president, conducted the meeting and appointed Ruth Ralph as secretary and June Noble as vice president.

Members present were Charlotte Noble, Ruth and David Thomas, Catherine Dearborn, Ruth, Betty and Jim Ralph, and Douglas Embrey.

Work was completed on scrap book covers, program for the summer was outlined and a swimming party was planned for July 18.

The next meeting will be held in the home of Douglas Embrey, July 11 at 8 p.m. Members will discuss till in the garden and answer roll call by mimicking a bird call.

Final reports of 4-H club summer school held last month at Corvallis show more Klamath club members in the news.

In the home economics judging contest between 1200 girls, four Klamath girls took places in the group of 80 winners.

Kay Johnston of Keene, and Lois Husted of Fairhaven were in the red award group with Barbara Nichols of Malin and Marlee Nichols of Alamoct placing in the white award group.

Herbert Armstrong of Bly placed in the white award group in the forestry contest, while Eddie McAuliffe of Malin won a white ribbon in the livestock judging contest.

Judging is a basic fundamental in all 4-H club work. Club members learn to judge as they learn to appreciate the good standards of workmanship.

The Langell Valley Champs went to Moore park for a picnic instead of having a meeting June 26. Members enjoyed games before and after the picnic and then some went to the boat regatta on Upper Klamath lake. Those present were Martin Brown, David Thomas, Richard Burnett, Mary Ann Leavitt, Alvihild and Douglas Embrey. Members parents and friends were visitors.

The next meeting will be held at the home of David Thomas.

DOUGLAS EMBREY, News Reporter.

Prospects for favorable action on the modified Brannan price support plan have improved during the past week. The House likely will pass the bill as "moderated" by Representative Pace of Georgia but the senate is so jammed with unfinished business that prospects there are more doubtful even though the bill gains additional Senate backing. If the bill is enacted into law, potato growers can expect a trial of production payments as vehicle for supporting potato prices in 1950. One potato man who was in Washington recently, expressed the opinion that production payments would destroy salesmanship. Actually salesmanship in the potato industry is just starting to convalesce from a long siege of "let Uncle Sam do it." The fact that production payments, properly applied, will pay a premium for quality and salesmanship might help the situation rather than hurt it.

Price support purchases now total 2.1 million bushels from the new crop, up 600,000 bushels in the past week. Proportion of U. S. No. 1 purchase also is rising, but still is price support year.

North Dakota Seed Journal indicates considerable research activity this season, chiefly on insects, fertilizers, and fungicides.

New waxing deal for fruits and vegetables gives shippers the right to use a special trade mark if they agree to use only the manufacturers' material and keep their output up to the standard set by the manufacturer. Waxed potatoes could look good to buyers.

Lower potato prices this year should afford a good opportunity for testing the flexibility of potato demand, usually regarded as quite inflexible. In the past, consumers have not necessarily bought more potatoes merely because prices have declined.

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