

# Herald and News FARM NEWS

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## Bonanza Beef Club Keeps Close Eye On Weight Gain Of Prize-Winning Calves

Calves of the Bonanza "Triple B" 4-H Beef club were weighed Thursday, August 11 by Francis Skinner, Klamath county 4-H club agent.

Annie Lou Romivetti's calf, "Kingfish", made a daily gain of 2.92 pounds. Vernon Haley's calf, "White", made a 2.50 daily gain. Two calves were tied for third high; these being Carol Challis' "Popeye" with a daily gain of 2.40 and Catherine Dearborn's calf, "Ginger," with the same daily gain.

The following list is the club members and their calves for a feed period of 96 days:

Club	Name	Weight 5-11-48	Weight 8-11-48	Gain DAILY	Feed Pounds Per Day	Pounds Per Day
Annie Lou Romivetti	"Kingfish"	810	1090	2.80	96	2.92
Vernon Haley	"White"	520	770	2.50	96	2.50
Carol Challis	"Pop-Eye"	565	796	2.30	96	2.40
Catherine Dearborn	"Ginger"	985	1215	2.30	96	2.40
Maryanna Hellekson	"Yamsey"	810	1035	2.25	96	2.34
Anne Challis	"Buster"	375	795	2.20	96	2.32
Mae Challis	"Tyronne"	500	710	2.10	96	2.19
Avbild Romivetti	"Annie"	635	825	1.90	96	1.98
Gertrude Hoefler	"Bill"	975	1135	1.60	96	1.67
Avbild Romivetti	"Andy"	600	760	1.60	96	1.67
Vernon Haley	"P. I. Scramble"	900	1050	1.50	96	1.56
Mary Brown	"Hank"	780	920	1.40	96	1.46
LaVerne Hankins	"Tar-Boy"	680	810	1.30	96	1.35
Joe Hoefler	"Dreamer"		1150			

the same effect as a protective tariff, working in favor of areas closer to markets. If continued as a positive trend, it could have a strong effect upon the geographic distribution of potato production and might even reverse the long time trend toward more distant areas of higher yields and lower costs.

**Movement and Markets**  
Rail shipments last week were up sharply from the very low level of late July, principal gains being in Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Colorado. Markets strengthened in Long Island, Washington and Colorado, but weakened again in Long Island.

New Jersey held about steady, and Nebraska opened fairly strong and gained slightly.

Better feeling in the markets probably is due largely to cooler weather, but a new hot spell and a free flow of homegrown will head off any very great or sustained strength.

Total commercial rail and boat shipments through July were only 8000 cars, or about five million bushels behind movement to the same date last year despite the season's much smaller production. Price support purchases have been only about half as large as diversion purchases to this date a year ago.

**Miscellaneous**  
Claims by the National Potato Council may bring open contradiction. Many congressmen are asking pointedly if the 1949 weather, rather than acreage, has not had a lot to do with the smaller crop. Also industry claims that the 1949-50 support program will cost no more than 40 to 50 million dollars. Actually, price support buying is more likely to go up than down as we move into the late crop deals.

Drought in New Jersey and Long Island is the main reason support purchases have not been much heavier during July and August.

Oregon is the latest state to adopt a self-assessment plan for potato production and advertising. Washington's move in the same direction was vetoed by the governor of that state several weeks ago.



**WORKING ON THE DITCH**—The bureau of reclamation is widening and deepening the channel of the Lost river diversion canal this summer to raise its capacity from the present 1200 second feet of water to between 2000 and 3000 second feet. Picture shows work being done on the dry ditch where it is crossed by the Merrill highway at Henley.

lation as its harvest time approaches.

"No official word has yet been received on the California agreement referendum, which ended in late June. An announcement should have been made before this date.

**'JUNKED GOLD'**  
PORTLAND, Aug. 18 (AP)—A man arrested selling junked gold was held yesterday for Salem police on a felon warrant. Police said Wesley M. Byrd, 43, Eureka, Cal., had admitted entering several dental offices in Salem and Corvallis.

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### Big Military Show Slated At State Fair

SALEM, Aug. 18 (AP)—The largest military exhibit ever assembled on the Pacific coast in peacetime will be shown at the Oregon state fair at Salem, Sept. 5 through 11, according to Governor Douglas McKay.

Governor McKay said the display would cover 30,000 square feet. He added, "The information given me is that it is not only the largest peacetime showing of military equipment ever held on the coast but that it also is the first in the nation to combine equipment of all branches of the armed services."

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## Spud Supply Prospects Off 6 Million Bushels; Figure Shows US Shipping Up

Potato supply prospects from the 1949 harvest declined by six million bushels during July, according to this week's official crop forecast.

National production is now estimated at 362,534,000 bushels, about one-fifth less than the 445,850,000 bushels produced in 1948, and nearly one-tenth below the 1938-47 average of 393,403,000 bushels. The national yield of 181 bushels per acre dictated by July 1 condition, but would be second only to the record yield of 212 bushels harvested in 1948.

For the 29 late states, a crop of 276,122,000 bushels is indicated. In these states, production amounted to 344,292,000 bushels in 1948 and the 1938-47 average was 304,473,000 bushels. The crop now in prospect is only slightly below average in the East and West but is considerably below average in the central part of the country.

In the late States in the East, potatoes deteriorated during July in upstate New York and in the three southern New England States. In contrast, Maine potatoes continued to make excellent growth during July. The set of tubers is generally heavy, and growers are spraying and dusting very thoroughly.

**Central and Western Areas**  
In the central part of the United States, the prospective crop declined about a million bushels during July. Yields were reduced in Minnesota, South Dakota and Iowa. In the southern part of Minnesota, hot dry weather in early July retarded development, reducing production prospects in the Hollandale area.

In the Red River valley counties of that state, growing conditions were generally favorable during the past month. In all areas of Michigan the crop is making satisfactory progress. In Wisconsin, potatoes continue to look very promising, with July rainfall generally ample.

In the West, potatoes deteriorated during July, with prospective yields in Nebraska, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado and Oregon now below the July 1 indication.

In the Klamath Basin of Oregon, late June frosts reduced the prospective crop more than was expected a month ago. The early crop in Malheur County, Oregon is turning out excellent yields and prospects in central Oregon are very favorable.

The 25,729,000 bushel crop estimated for the eight intermediate States is somewhat higher than the July 1 estimate. July rains caused some improvement in the New Jersey crop. Recorded movement for

Virginia indicates a larger production than was forecast on July 1. Despite some improvement in crop prospects, production now indicated for the intermediate States is 29 per cent smaller than the 1948 crop and 21 per cent below average. The commercial early crops in Missouri and Kansas are yielding below earlier expectations.

**Homegrown by Trucks**  
Rail shipments will not be of much value during the next several weeks because of the effect of homegrown. Homegrown supplies will dominate a large part of the country for several weeks in August and September.

Practically all of this tonnage moves by truck and does not move through established shipping point dealers. Much of it even detours terminal markets by moving directly to retail outlets. Dry weather in the East has reduced the volume of homegrown over an extensive area, but not their impact on the market.

Effects of high freight rates, even on areas distant from markets, are likely to cause additional shifting to trucks. Recent press stories report that a large vegetable operator has entered the hauling business with 25 new road trucks. Most growers and shippers can not undertake such a venture but if the existing rail rate structure continues as it is, it will have

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