

Late June Frost Blamed For Decreased Spud Yield

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The severe frost of Saturday morning stopped all growth of potatoes in the Klamath basin and will bring about early maturity. The Klamath basin crop is in the neighborhood of 500 acres larger than the 1948 crop, but the yield is estimated to be considerably less than a year ago.

Shipments for the 1948 crop with the highest average yield on record were 10,663 carloads of commercial potatoes, this includes commercial potatoes of No. 2 grade and better diverted for livestock food. The average yield for 1948 was 443 bushels per acre.

The frost of June 29 was responsible for the light yields occurring this year. Following the frost however, growing conditions were favorable, until about the 10th of September, adding potato fields to make a remarkable comeback. It is generally estimated now by growers

that this year's yield will be some place from 60 to 70 per cent of normal and the earliest shipments should be in the neighborhood of 2500 to 3000 cars less than the 1948 crop. The situation in the three northwestern states shows considerably less potatoes than last year with Oregon and Washington being 8 per cent less and Idaho 20 to 24 per cent less than in 1948. In the 18 states the 1949 crop is now estimated at 254,722,000 bushels as compared to 317,749,000 bushels in 1948. The September 1 report showed an estimate for the entire United States for 1949 with 363,601,000 bushels as compared with 445,850,000 in 1948. The September 1 estimate however was slightly higher than the August 1 by a difference of about 1/2 million bushels.

On the whole a much shorter crop, particularly of late potatoes, should cause the potato prices to be somewhat better than a year ago and should make unnecessary any larger government purchases this year. Some off grades however may be purchased and plans are now underway to establish a government purchasing agent at Klamath Falls to do whatever buying is found necessary on the part of the government in the potato support program.

Farm Price Cuts Felt By Consumers

Part of the decline in farm prices has been passed on to consumers, according to the weekly farm price, crop and weather review prepared by the OGC extension service from USDA reports and other data. The general level of farm prices in Oregon at mid-August was down about a fifth from a year earlier. Declines were reported in practically all farm products.

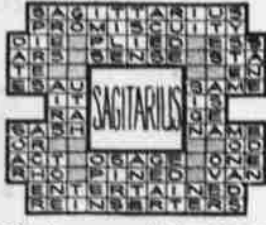
At Portland, Oregon, the retail price of food declined 8 per cent from mid-1948 to mid-1949. Wholesale prices of food declined more than retail prices during the year but were up slightly in August. Nationally, wholesale prices of both farm products and foods at the end of last month were about 14 per cent under a year ago. All other commodities average about 3 1/2 per cent lower.

Greatest decline in the industrial commodities is in the building materials and miscellaneous groups. Last month, foods at wholesale increased a little less than one per cent on the average.

Crow-Like Bird

- HORIZONTAL**
- 1 Depicted bird
 - 2 Not fresh
 - 3 Hospital resident
 - 4 Physician
 - 5 Antic
 - 6 Aeriform fuel
 - 7 Michigan county
 - 8 City in The Netherlands
 - 9 Shovelers
 - 10 Essential being
 - 11 Fruit drinks
 - 12 Russian river
 - 13 Sinbad's bird
 - 14 Size of shot
 - 15 Correlative of either
 - 16 Falsehood
 - 17 Type of fuel
 - 18 Uncommon
 - 19 Feminine name
 - 20 Paradise
 - 21 It often
 - 22 Eccentric wheel
 - 23 Lariat
 - 24 Brazilian macaw
 - 25 Papal cape
 - 26 Revolves
 - 27 Natives of Latvia
 - 28 Makes possible
- VERTICAL**
- 1 Lively dance
 - 2 Collection of sayings
 - 3 Courts (ab.)
 - 4 Knight of the Elephant (ab.)
 - 5 Fall in drops

Answer to Previous Puzzle



- 33 Youth**
35 Any
36 Touch lightly
37 Legal point
41 Angers
42 French article
43 Transportation
44 Short jacket
45 Polynesian chestnut
- 46 Mountain pass**
47 Exist
48 Enlarge
50 Atlantic (ab.)
51 Scottish sheepfold
52 Onager
54 Lieutenant (ab.)
56 Bachelor of Art (ab.)



Dry Weather Prevents NW Fall Plowing

On the weather front, fall plowing had made good progress in the east by mid-September, but local areas were still too dry in the central interior. However, good rains in most sections east of the Rockies, especially near the end of the period, stimulated progress of plowing and seeding of small grains.

Seeding was under way in some western plains where moisture conditions are generally satisfactory and some early-sown grain is up to good stands.

Czech Black Market Sells Rations

PRAGUE (AP)—When Czechoslovak blackmarketers run out of meats and textiles for illegal sales they have a new sideline racket—selling ration coupons.

The trade unions daily "Prace" reported security police had rounded up a gang accused of selling

thousands of such tickets at neat profits. Coupons for 1300 grams of meat were reported to have brought \$3. The tickets were either stolen or forged.

Weight of the armor worn in the Middle Ages ranged from 25 to more than 100 pounds.

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U.S. Sheep Sale Sept. 29

The U.S. sheep experiment station and western sheep breeding laboratory at Dubois, Ind., will hold their annual sale on September 29, at 10 a.m. at Dubois. The following animals will be available:

Columbia Ewes approximately 25; Targhee Ewes, 20 aged, 40 to 50 miscellaneous; Rambouillet Ewes, 10 aged registered; and 60 aged, 15 yearlings, 60 lambs unregistered Rambouillet. Crossed Ewes 30 aged, 20 yearlings, and 20 lambs. This is a government laboratory and experiment station for developing improved breeds of sheep. All sales will be made by auction bids for cash and any checks sent in should be made payable to the Treasurer of the United States. A list

Fishermen Thankful It Got Away!

PERTH (AP)—Two professional fishermen here have a new angle to the story of the fish that got away. This time, so they say, it was a whale and it nearly took them with it.

of the individual animals to be sold is available for consulting at the county agent's office.

According to their story the two men, J. Hanson and C. Olsen, were fishing in their 18-foot boat eight miles off the coast. Suddenly three large whales surfaced about 15 feet away. One, a 45 ft. humpback whale, dived under their boat. The fishing lines caught in its flippers. The whale surfaced again and made off to sea dragging the boat on a crazy course after it. After about 50 yards, it broke free taking the fishing lines with it.

A Letter from a Potato Digger:

Tulelake, Calif., October 15, 1948.

To Whom It May Concern:

Three weeks ago we purchased an "Iron Age" two row potato digger. With-out any change-over or remodeling we took it out in the field and dug potatoes. The ground was wet, but due to the three-speed transmission it was possible to put all of the potatoes on top of the ground regardless of the condition of the soil. At the same time we found that the digger was easy to use. The power lift which lifts all of the digger at the same time makes it easy to get around on the ends, while the large disc in the center did a good job of keeping the center clear under all normal conditions.

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(Signed) O. A. SCHULTZ.

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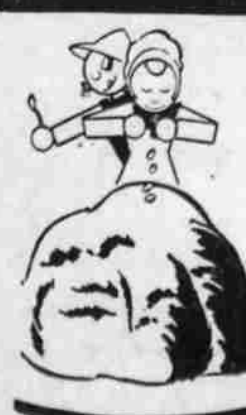
Those of you who have been following Snapper, know he's not tall enough to get his feet caught by that saw but once again you'll have to admit the little guy goes all out to get a good picture! When you realize that, it seems very natural that he buys all his camera supplies and film finishing here, doesn't it?

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