

Idaho Group Makes Recommendations For Potato Control

The U. S. department of agriculture today recommended amendments to the federal marketing order which regulates the handling of Irish potatoes grown in the Idaho-Eastern Oregon production area.

The amendments have been proposed by the Idaho potato administrative committee, which administers the order, as a means of providing greater flexibility for successful operation under the program.

Recommendation

The amendments would allow the committee, composed of five producers and three handlers, to recommend regulations for practical handling of exports; allow greater flexibility in grade and size regulations, and provide for minimum standards of quality and maturity when potato prices are above parity.

In addition, the opening date of the fiscal year would be advanced to June 1 so that the new committee could make preparations for handling the early crop of potatoes.

Public Hearing

The recommendation is based on the record of a public hearing held at Pocatello, Idaho, in August. Exceptions may be filed by interested persons on or before December 3.

Following this date, the secretary of agriculture will publish his decision, which, if favorable, will be followed by a referendum among potato producers in the area.

The proposed amendments to the marketing order must be favored by at least two-thirds of the voters participating, by number or volume of production, and the marketing agreement must be signed by handlers representing at least 50 per cent of the volume covered by the agreement.

European Spud Crop Smaller This Year

Potato growers in this country put less land in potatoes and got smaller crops this year than last, and in Europe, per acre yields were lower due to bad weather and acreage decreases.

Naturally, we think of the United States as quite a potato country. Although potatoes originated in Latin America, our farmers grow about four times as many potatoes as all South America. But all North America, including the United States, raises only about a tenth as many potatoes as Europe.

Little Britain grows almost as many potatoes as we do. Western Germany alone raises about half again as many. Poland produces about three times as many. And the Soviet Union, in Europe and Asia

grows more than twice as many potatoes as Poland, and over a third of the world's total.

Foreign relations officials of the U. S. department of agriculture report that this year all the big and little potato countries together had a crop of eight billion bushels. That's below last year and below prewar—but about up to the worldwide wartime average.

With world population up 10 per cent during the past decade, that figures out as fewer potatoes per person than before the war. However, the specialists don't really expect any significant decline in potatoes used for food. What's more likely, is that fewer potatoes will be used for feed and industrial purposes.

Big Potato No Proof, But Farmer Tells Tall Spud Story

Shucks—that wasn't anything! Hearing about the Astoria farmer who had a Calrose potato that measured 10 inches long and weighed just under four pounds—a Siletz farmer wants to be heard.

Her Elmer Gruchow. But Farmer Gruchow says he can't produce any weights or measurements. You see, his giant Calrose potato is already eaten. But, Gruchow adds, there's a story there just the same.

And not to overlook his wife—Mrs. Gruchow must come in for a mention. She cooked the potato.

All of which leads up to a particular meal when that potato was eaten. Seated at the table with the Gruchow family was the Lincoln county extension agent—Gray Thompson.

When served, the giant Calrose tuber filled two, one-quarter serving dishes. That was just one potato.

Advantage

To go on—Thompson believes the new Calrose potato will never rival the Nette Gem or the Burbank as a commercial variety. But, it does have one decided advantage for growing along Oregon's coast. First and foremost, Thompson points out, the Calrose is blight resistant.

It has been known to grow blight free alongside Nette Gem and Burbank plants which were burned off at the ground.

Wheat Growers To Meet Today

The annual meeting of the Oregon wheat growers league will meet December 1, 2, and 3, at Heppner, it was announced this week by Paulsen Kaseberg, league president.

Out-of-state speakers to appear on the three-day program include J. O. McClintock, Chicago board of trade, executive vice president, and John Locke, Seattle, president of the Millers national federation.

To prepare oysters for broiling roll them in a mixture of lemon juice, melted butter or margarine, salt and cayenne pepper, then in fine cracker crumbs.



CATTLEMEN MAKE PLANS FOR STATE CONVENTION—Bill Kittredge, vice president of the Oregon Cattlemen's association, tells of plans for the state convention to be held here in May. With Kittredge are Gerald West, vice president of Klamath County Cattlemen's association; Henry Gerber, past county president of the State Cattlemen's association, and Jack Marshall, county association president.

Where Does Your Time Go Housewife? County Cattlemen Discuss Problems At Dinner, Meeting

More than 60 persons were present at the annual cattlemen's association dinner and meeting held here Monday evening at the Winema hotel.

Dates of May 8, 9, and 10, of 1950 were chosen by the association for the annual state convention of cattlemen to be held here in Klamath Falls.

Jack Marshall, Klamath county association president, announced that the state organization had accepted Klamath Falls' bid. Plans and arrangements were made to take care of the convention on the dates selected.

Problems

Don Hotchkiss, Burns, president of the Oregon cattlemen's association, was present and talked to the cattlemen concerning present problems and plans of the state and national association.

Dorman Turner, state secretary of the association, was present and outlined membership plans and dues. He also asked for a list of those who were planning to attend the national convention to be held in Miami later this year.

Brand Law

Livestock men from the brand inspector's office were present and explained the new brand law which will go into effect in Oregon next year.

New brand recordings will be made of all brands after January 1, 1950. Applications of all brands now on record will be mailed, sent and both recorded and unrecorded brands must be filed by May 31, 1950.

The county association went on record after a vote, in favor of meat inspection for Oregon, but against separate grading of meat. The record will be forwarded to the state office.

Coyotes

The group also tabled a resolution by the Oregon wool growers association favoring more rigid control of coyotes. Cattlemen expressed the idea that though coyote losses existed, they did help check the jackrabbit plague.

Hotchkiss also explained and outlined the cattlemen's advantages and points on the banes vaccination program for livestock.

Lax Laws

Discussion followed and points of the vaccination program were explained. At present there is no law in the Klamath area, but there is in California and other parts of the country.

"Law enforcement is lax at present in those states, and if it were to be enforced, cattle from this area would be quarantined," Hotchkiss said.

The next Klamath county cattlemen's association meeting will be set for April 11, 1950 at which time a dinner and meeting will be held and officers for the new year elected. Plans are to include wives of the cattlemen in the invitation to the meeting.

OSC to Study State Nut Production

Filbert and walnut production costs and practices will be studied by the OSC agricultural experiment station this winter in an attempt to help growers reduce costs and increase efficiency of production.

The project, requested by nut growers and processors, will start about December 1. Dr. G. W. Kuhlman, agricultural economist, will be cost recorder for at least 100 representative orchards will be gathered and analyzed to determine the cost of production under various Oregon conditions. These figures can then be used by individual growers as a basis for judging the efficiency of their operations, and for improving farming practices. Dr. Kuhlman points out. Industry can use the data to chart the position of nut growers in varied market situations.

1928 Study

Dr. Kuhlman and the late Carl E. Schuster made a study of nut production costs in the early 1930's when most of the Oregon orchards were still young and such things as costs of establishment were fundamental.

The study this winter will bring the findings up to date and will check the effects of various items connected with mature orchards such as fertilizing, thinning, spraying and "blanks" or shrives on the cost of production.

Plentiful apples may be chopped and added to griddle cake or waffle batter or to muffins.

Spud Lag Shipments Now, May Offset Growers Advantage

The lag in potato shipments if continued may offset grower advantages from the shorter potato crop this year, according to an analysis of market news information at the County agent's office.

This year's potato crop is 14 per cent less than last year's but shipments to date are 27 per cent behind last year.

Shipments this year are 47,000 less than shipments on the same date last year. The 47,000 car difference amounts to 15 per cent of last year's total shipments.

The difference in shipments is equivalent to 47 million bushels of potatoes. This year's 387 million bushel crop is 58 million bushels less than last year's 445 million bushel crop. But 47 million bushels less have been shipped as of November 22.

In the four states Idaho, Washington, Oregon and California, the crop this year is estimated to be 13 per cent less than last year. Only 3600 cars less potatoes have been shipped this year than on the same date last year. The difference is 8 per cent of last year's shipments for these states.

Shipments to November 22 this season, and last season as well as total car lot shipment last season are given below in order:

	1949	1948	Total
Idaho	14,004	17,329	45,264
Oregon	4,739	4,080	8,312
Wash.	7,567	8,665	9,913
Colorado	6,348	12,110	18,742
Maine	3,008	10,888	65,146
N. Dakota	7,962	7,279	17,276
Total U. S.	128,247	175,514	314,680

1950 Farm Outlook Sees Income Decline

What is the financial outlook for farmers next year and beyond? The answer to that question is of no small consequence in Oregon, agriculture being Oregon's greatest primary source of cash income. Receipts from farm marketings averaged \$375,000,000 a year from 1945 to 1949. Processing farm products added many more millions to the value of sales, putting money in circulation all through the state.

The answers to the outlook question are only moderately favorable, according to a new circular just issued by the Oregon extension service and available from county extension agents. The report is based on information released at the recent national outlook conference as adapted to Oregon conditions.

Good Prospects

Prospects are still better than prewar, but less favorable than in 1948 and 1949, the report shows. Increasing abundance of farm products, coupled with moderate decrease in demands, is being reflected in declining prices received by farmers.

Meanwhile prices paid by farmers for goods, service, and labor are coming down very slowly. Interest costs, taxes and insurances are higher. Thus, not only total farm receipts are falling but the net income is shrinking also—and faster. That is the general situation, although some types of farming fare better than the average.

More Buying

Farm products in general will have more exchange value (buying power) in 1950-51 than the rather low prewar level, but considerable less than in 1949 and 1948.

The outlook for some farm products is associated with the provisions for calculating "parity" and the price support provisions contained in the agricultural act of 1949. Other sections deal with supply, demand, prices, costs and other outlook factors.

The report, Oregon outlook circular 1949 No. 7, is also available direct from Oregon State college.

Farm Bureau To Meet Monday

The Klamath county farm bureau will hold its regular meeting at 10 a. m. Monday at the recreation hall in Merrill.

The morning session will be devoted to commodity and committee group meetings followed by a potluck lunch. A business meeting will be held in the afternoon.

Grants Pass 4-H Member Wins Award

An Oregon 4-H club boy, 17-year-old Don Phillips of Grants Pass, has just won a \$300 college scholarship. In winning, young Phillips was declared one of the 10 best junior poultrymen in the nation.

Announcement of Don Phillips' award was made yesterday in Chicago where Dun and 14 other Oregon 4-H club members are attending National 4-H club congress. The national poultry contest is sponsored by the Dearborn Motors corporation of Detroit.

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