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National Potato Letter

Federal Purchases Slower This Year In Potato Market

By A. L. FITZSIMMONDS

Rail movement of potatoes is reflecting the usual holiday dullness. While tonnage moving to market is sharply lower than a year ago, government purchases for price support also are much smaller. Net result is that movement to commercial outlets is about the same as at this time last year.

For the entire 1949 crop marketing season to date, the official rail movement figures show 139,264 cars so far compared with 192,291 cars to this same time a year ago from the 1948 crop. Deducting government price support purchases for both years however, net commercial movement so far from the 1949 crop has totaled about 130,250 cars compared with a net commercial movement for the same period last season, after deducting price support purchases, of 129,326 cars.

Down
For the past week, total rail shipments were down by 358 cars from buying accounted for 364 cars—an increase of 80 cars over the previous week—so the net commercial movement of 345 cars for the past week was 438 cars short of tonnage moved the previous week.

Maine continued in the lead with 1057 cars of which 93 cars were government purchases. Idaho rolled 801 cars; Colorado 358, of which 36 were government; North Dakota 320 cars, 5 government; Nebraska 181, Oregon 158, Minnesota 157, 10 government, Upstate New York 122, 65 government, with lesser quantities from other areas. All of New Jersey's 19 cars went to price support outlets as did 82 cars out of Long Island's 84 cars for the week. Colorado, Nebraska, and Upstate New York were the only major areas showing increased shipments.

Markets
Demand has ruled generally very slow, with market conditions relatively unchanged from last week's trading.
In Maine the market ruled mostly dull, with prices for U. S. No. 1 offerings at \$1.85 or five cents below the support level. Long Island held about steady with Katahdins and Green Mountains at \$2.20

Red Bluff Bull Sale, Show To Be Held February 2, 3, 4

RED BLUFF—Leading Hereford and Shorthorn breeders of six western states are consigning to the Red Bluff, Calif., bull sale and show, to be held here February 2, 3 and 4, according to Charles P. Stover, president of the Tehama County Cattlemen's association and sale chairman.

With quality rather than quantity stressed more and more, 392 animals, slightly under the record number of last year, will be sold during the 1950 sale.
This number includes 325 registered Hereford range and herd bulls, and 67 Shorthorns. There will be no registered heifers sold this year, Stover said.

Breeders from Oregon consigning bulls to the colorful sale and show include Herbert Chandler, Baker; Haley Hereford ranch, Bonanza; J. L. Jacob & Sons, Prineville; Lost River ranch, Klamath Falls; Irvin Mann, Adams; Milloma Farms, Powell Butte; and Jim Valentine, Echo.

This is the ninth year of the event, described by western cattlemen as the outstanding sale of its kind in the United States.
Stover said that the event, sponsored by the Tehama County Cattlemen's association, has as its purpose a stimulant to improve beef cattle quality through use of top range sires.

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Land Use Committee Makes Recommendations to OSC

Recommendations on potato handling, land survey, reservoir work, research and field experiments were made Tuesday to Oregon State college in a meeting here of the land use committee of Klamath county and basin.

Henry Benson presided and directed the meeting of farmers, ranchers, OSC instructors and county agents.

Lost Value
The committee was told that Klamath county potatoes have lost some of their premium for quality in California markets since the start of the potato industry here.

It is the belief of the committee that hundreds of thousands of dollars are lost annually by failure to handle potatoes properly from the time digging begins until potatoes reach the consumer.

Among recommendations made were improvement on digging equipment and other farm handling equipment to lessen bruises in potatoes.

Diggers
Also the speed with which diggers are operated was noted as a contributor to bruises, particularly in large potatoes, causing rot after potatoes are stored.

Handling facilities from the field to storage also adds considerable damage and transportation agencies complete the picture of havoc until potatoes reach consumers.

The committee stated that these conditions must be corrected and improved if Klamath potatoes are to maintain their place in the spud market.

Big Income
Yearly the potato income in the Klamath basin amounts to one-third to one-quarter of all farm income.

The bureau of reclamation study of possible land development in the Klamath basin will soon be completed and this data will be used in further agricultural plans.

This information is essential in

working out land use problems affecting Klamath county and improvements in the Clear Lake dam and reservoir. At present the plans of work being done by the bureau of reclamation will result in less loss of water by evaporation and in dry years would insure adequate water for irrigation.

Leveling
Other recommendations included further information on the value of green manure and its position in relation to commercial fertilizer; the economic value of leveling; more information on federal housing loans; range improvement; planting methods, and types of grasses best adapted to the land. Also a study of income possibilities from irrigated pastures was asked for.

Farm forestry was discussed

briefly as well as soil conservation. Present methods of aiding districts to soil conservation seem to be working favorably. If new districts are to be established, the committee asked to consider such applications and make recommendations to the state soil conservation committee.

James C. Moore, extension conservation specialist, presented the position of OSC and asked that information showing exact needs here be submitted to the college experiment station and extension service.

Conservation Deadline This Month

Burrell Short, chairman of the Klamath county PMA committee, today reminded all farmers that the time for completing the agricultural conservation program is drawing near.

All cooperators in the conservation program must have completed all practices and have them inspected by a committee member not later than December 31, 1949. The performance report must be given in the county office not later than January 15, 1950.

Letters have been sent to all those signed up in the program explaining in more detail the requirements which must be met before payment is made for practices performed.

Federal Land Bank Declares Dividend

More than 2500 Oregon farmers and ranchers will share in a \$191,300 dividend declared by the Federal Land Bank of Spokane, Henry Matthews, president, announced today.

This 6 per cent dividend, payable to all stockholders of record as of November 30, 1949, brings to almost \$1,200,000 the total dividends declared by the bank in the last six years.

Local
Matthew said approximately \$48,700 of the 1949 dividend will be paid to the 16 local cooperative national farm loan associations in

years of research which learned basic facts about atoms. The conference agreed that such basic research thrives best in a quiet academic atmosphere, but that universities don't have enough money for such research.

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L. L. LOMBARD was elected vice president this week of the Oregon Guernsey Breeders' association at its annual meeting in Eugene.

Malin Farmer To Head PMA Group

Earl Wilson, Malin farmer, will head the Klamath county production and marketing administration committee during the coming year.

Other members of the county PMA committee for the coming year are Burrell Short, vice chairman; William J. Burnett, regular member; Ray Looney, first alternate; and Sam Enman, second alternate.

The new committee was chosen by a county convention of farmer delegates from each of the county's four agricultural communities. Delegates to the convention were elected by the farmers in each community who are participating in one or more of the federal farm programs.

County and community committees are responsible for the local administration of such farm programs as agricultural conservation, price supports, acreage allotments and marketing quotas.

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4-H Winner Tells Of Chicago Trip

By MRS. E. R. NELSON

Roberta Harris, 4-H club leader of a cooking club at Paisley, returned last Wednesday from the 4-H Congress held in Chicago.

She was still thrilled over her trip and stated that she derived much benefit from the congress. She was one of 1600 delegates. With other Oregon delegates she left Portland Thanksgiving Day on the Union Pacific City of Portland streamliner.

The train picked up other 4-H club delegates and arrived in Chicago Saturday morning.

Tour
The secretary of the Oregon Bankers association took the group on a tour which included the slum district, Michigan Lake, residential districts, a subway ride and other well known places.

They attended several luncheons and dinners given in their honor and received various gifts from sponsors of the congress.
Roberta said that the thing that impressed her most was the immensity of everything.

She was one of the club members chosen from the entire group for a radio interview.
Roberta considers the experience of the trip as one of the high points in her life and thinks 4-H club work is well worth the effort.

Parade
She visited with three foreigners, from Finland, Ireland and Sweden and talked with them about 4-H club work.
One feature of the congress was the 4-H parade which represented all of the different states.

The Oregon group returned home by way of Old Mexico and California.

Contrast
The poverty conditions of the people in Mexico was quite a contrast to the conditions in California the group reported.

The group spent a short time in Los Angeles and in San Francisco sight-seeing. Among the points of interest they visited in San Francisco were Market street, Dorland's Mission, Twin Peaks, the army sta-

tion, museum of sciences and the aquarium.

Roberta said she was very appreciative of the help and leadership of the 4-H club leaders and she realizes more fully now the importance of club work in education.

Feeder Lambs

Finished On

Wheat Fields

The volume of United States lamb feeding this year will be smaller than last year, according to the weekly sheep, lamb and wool review.

Some states have more lambs on feed than last year but others, especially in the west, are substantially under last year. A larger percentage of the total lambs on feed are being finished on wheat pastures this year in Kansas and adjoining states as weather has been ideal so far this year for this type of operation.

Lamb prices to Oregon farmers have been improving since mid-November when the average price was nearly equal the low point for this year. Present prices at Portland have held steady for the past two weeks, and are \$1.50 to \$2 above prices at mid-November.

Wool prices have been improving during recent weeks for certain grades. However, the average price to Oregon growers at mid-November showed no improvement over the previous month, and was the same as a year earlier. Mid-November prices were about 30 per cent above the previous 10 year average price for Oregon.

FAMOUS TOE HOLED

BERWYN, Md. (P)—Earl L. Wells, 31, went hunting for squirrels but shot a piggy instead—the big one on his right foot. He managed to hobble home and call a doctor.

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