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Mechanical Damage To Spuds Checked

Mechanical injuries to Oregon's potato crop, caused somewhere between farm and market, are taking a slice out of the industry's income, G. B. Davis, assistant agricultural economist for the Oregon State college experiment station, has reported.

The proof is contained in preliminary results of a study conducted in three central Oregon counties. There economists found defects caused by some form of mechanical injury in nearly 44 per cent of all potatoes examined.

They classified bruises, cuts, breaks and wet decay that developed as a result of such a defect as mechanical injuries.

The experiment was conducted in Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties. The OSC experiment station, Oregon Potato commission, and the three county extension agents cooperated in the project.

Most of the defects uncovered—about 30 per cent—were non-grade defects. That means they were not serious enough at the time of inspection to cause the spuds to drop out of the U. S. No. 1 grade, according to Davis. Such injuries do affect appearance and could develop into something more serious later.

Grade defects, which meant a reduction in quality and consequently a lower price, were discovered in about 13 percent of the potatoes.

Every major operation in handling potatoes, from digging to warehouse packing, was scrutinized by OSC economists to find the points where mechanical damage occurs.

Defects in the warehousing caused by each of the operations studied.

Warehouse packing and digging ranked first and second as causes of both grade and non-grade defects. Binning and cellar stacking were next in line as causes of grade defects, but ranked well below warehouse packing and digging in the percentage column.

Hauling operations caused the least damage.

All this doesn't mean that consumers are buying potatoes with such high percentages of defects, Davis explained. Potatoes packed and hauled for market must meet minimum grade defect requirements to qualify under U. S. grade standards.

to keep this advantage. However, because of certain aspects in today's economy this position is threatened. This threat, in my opinion, can be overcome."

Bean Study Made For Oregon

Development of a bush variety of the popular Blue Lake pole green beans grown in Oregon and California would improve the competitive position of the western canning bean industry, Dr. W. C. Hatfield, Pacific Division agronomist for the American Can Co., said today.

Dr. Hatfield told the Oregon State College Canners' and Freezers' School at Corvallis that mechanical bean-pickers now can harvest beans from bushes but not from pole vines.

Emphasizing that he was expressing only his personal opinions based on field studies, Dr. Hatfield said the can-making firm, said costs of harvesting pole beans and economic pressure from bush bean areas "point toward modification of the Blue Lake industry's cultural production methods to take advantage of the mechanical picker."

"A new type of bean plant will be needed if the industry in the west is to keep its advantageous position," said Dr. Hatfield. "This proposed bean can be developed, but it will take considerable time."

Dr. Hatfield said that in 1950 there were 12,000 acres of green beans in the Pacific Coast states and Utah. Almost the entire acreage was planted to Blue Lake beans, he said.

From 12,000 acres, the Pacific Coast and Utah obtained 81,700 tons of beans, compared to 175,000 tons obtained from the 107,000 acres in the rest of the country. Thus from 10 per cent of the acreage, 32 per cent of the tonnage was obtained. The west averaged 6.8 tons per acre compared with 1.6 tons for the remainder of the country.

"The industry in the west, because of certain desirable qualities of the Blue Lake type bean, has an enviable position in the bean picture currently. The west wishes

Lamb Price Decrease Forecast

Lower lamb prices this year were forecast at the recent sixteenth annual meeting of the Western Oregon Livestock Association, Gerald Stanfield, Weiser, Idaho, president of the Oregon Wool Growers' association, said current inactivity in the wool market and increasing sheep numbers would result in lamb prices below those of 1951.

As a consequence, the range operator with extensive holdings in Malheur county said prices paid for western Oregon purchased yearling rams would be down some what from last year's record high.

Among resolutions passed was a request to the U. S. fish and wildlife service for study to determine feasibility of using 10-80 to poison coyotes in Western Oregon burned over lands adjoining agricultural lands. The material is now used in sparsely settled sections of eastern Oregon, but livestock operators point out that trapping is not holding predator numbers in check.

The association also endorsed the six mill limitation on property tax levies for state purposes. The resolution was worded: "since such limitation would serve to eliminate a state sales tax which would be used to provide money for financing schools only."

Howard Leatherman, Coquille sheepman, was elected president of the association for the coming year, succeeding Archie Riekkola. Vice-president is Roger Dumlid, McMinnville. Harry Lindgren, Oregon State college extension animal husbandry specialist, was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Coquille will be the 1953 meeting place.

Brucellosis hit an all-time low in the state last year, Dr. R. R. Younce, state veterinarian, reported. From 285,000 tests, only 1.23 were reactors.

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Dated January 16th, 1952.
Jelma Sullivan, Administrator of the estate of Alni Ware, deceased.
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