

# Red Clover, Barley Crop Outlooks Good

Oregon farms now have about an eighth more livestock on them than in 1951 when national feed production did not meet needs. So Oregon State college agricultural economists in a new spring planted field crops outlook circular say the question of the hour is: Can we catch up in 1952?

M. D. Thomas, OSC outlook economist, says barley and red clover look like best bets for increased planting in adapted areas of Oregon this spring. Government support programs keep wheat in a favored spot, especially for Columbia basin farmers, but enough wheat appears to be in sight.

Not so with feed grains. The strong demand for feed grains, says Thomas, places barley in a favorable market position even if brewers are not willing to pay substantial premiums for Oregon's Hanneken variety.

In the outlook circular which is available through county extension offices or by writing to the college, the economists say demand for

malting barley is expected to show little change from last year. The national average support price for number two barley, at \$1.22 a bushel, is 11 cents higher than for the 1951 crop.

Among clover seeds, Thomas indicates the Kenland strain of red clover shows the most promise for the next two or three years. Supplies of alsike, ladino, and white are likely to be large and bring lower prices.

The economists have their doubts regarding market outlook for fescue seed this year, as compared with a year ago. Increasing competition from within as well as outside the state is in sight.

Corn, while a comparatively minor crop in Oregon, is pointed out by the economists as a good rotation crop where good yields can be obtained. The size of the national corn crop should be watched, they add, because it affects the prices of Oregon feed grains.

# Herald and News FARM NEWS

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SALEM (AP) — Drs. W. N. Down of Springfield and John Kuratli of Portland are new members of the State Board of Dental Examiners. They were appointed to three-year terms by Gov. Douglas McKay Tuesday.

McKay also reappointed R. G. Fowler, Medford, as a member of the State Fair Commission.

# Chick Chats Important Brood Details

When you enter a house, you like a feeling of warmth and comfort to sweep over you—especially during chilly late winter or early spring months. The same holds true for baby chicks.

When your new batch of chicks is placed under the brooder, make certain litter and pen have been thoroughly warmed by the brooder stove. It's one of the duties a raiser should attend to at least 48 hours before chicks arrive.

In addition, you'll want to take care of other management details. For instance, what about the arrangement of equipment? Feeders should be spread farwise with the ends under the hover. In this way chicks can work toward or away

from the heat as they want without having a feeder in their way. This arrangement is especially important when an electric brooder is in operation.

**USE CHICK GUARD**  
You'll also want to provide a wire guard around the brooder, for the first few days anyway. A guard about 12 inches high may be used to form a ring around the stove about two feet from the edge of the hover. This prevents chicks from wandering too far from the heat. Some raisers erect a ring of building paper or rolled corrugated cardboard. If this is done, place the loose end of the paper on the outside of the ring to avoid making a pocket which might cause chicks to crowd and smother. Leave sufficient paper on the loose end so that you can increase the size of the ring as chicks grow.

**AVOID LITTER EATING**  
To prevent litter eating, you may find it advisable to cover the litter inside the brooder ring with heavy wrinkled paper or cotton cloth sack material. Make sure you do not use burlap for this purpose. Chicks will pull out strands

# Vaccination Time For Poultry Near

Now is the time for the wise poultryman to think about a vaccination program that fits his needs, says Farm Advisor Ken Bagholt, University of California.

When and how to vaccinate will depend to a large extent on disease problems in the area. P o w l p o x and Newcastle disease are state-wide problems.

Poultrymen will find help in planning their programs in a University leaflet, "Vaccinate the Right Way" available free at the farm advisor's office, Tulelake. Also plan to carry out strict sanitation in the brooder house. Have a pair of rubbers or overalls near the door to slip over your shoes each time you go inside. A cloth or gunny sack soaked in disinfectant may be used to wipe off shoes. It is also recommended that you keep a brush and disinfectant solution in the house so that you can sanitize feeders and waterers regularly.

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# Anderson, Short, Reber New Committee Directors

Klamath and Tulelake spudmen, meeting in joint session at the Merrill Recreation Hall Monday night, selected three men to represent the Basin on the Oregon-California Potato Marketing Agreement Control Committee.

Tulelake grower Sam Anderson replaces Ivan Rose, whose term expires June 30. Rose, in turn, was named as alternate from the Tulelake area.

John Short, Henley, was selected

Klamath's grower member, with Bill Cheyne as alternate, and Clayton Reber was selected the handler member, with Walter Lassett as alternate.

During the session, the growers voted overwhelmingly to support the marketing agreement plan under way here.

Retiring OCPMAGC directors included Rose, Jack Degnan of Merrill, and Wally Thompson, Henley.

# Some Beesness Not All Hard Working Business

After all these years of giving bees credit for being so industrious, an Oregon State college scientist has discovered that, in some areas anyway, bees aren't always "busy as bees."

Dr. H. A. Scullen, apiculturist for the OSC experiment station, has reported in studies made largely in Jefferson county that weather conditions often determine how much bees work.

He found that bees sometimes don't get to work until the middle of the morning. They also refuse to work until the temperature is at least 70 degrees and they stay

at home when a strong wind is blowing.

This is important news to many farmers who depend on bees to pollinate their seed crops. It means that, in Jefferson county, at least nearly enough bees are needed for proper pollination than in areas where weather conditions permit a longer working day.

In Jefferson county, the number of bee colonies used to aid pollination increased from about 15,000 in 1950 to more than 20,000 in 1951. There still aren't enough to do the most efficient job in this county. The same is probably true of other areas of the state.

The practice of renting out bee colonies has done the most to raise bee population, according to Scullen. This has benefited both honey producers and farmers. With honey at its present low wholesale price, beekeepers can't afford to stay in business without the extra they make from rent on the colonies.

Bee rentals are necessary, says Scullen, because there are not nearly enough wild bees in Oregon to do the pollinating job alone. Rental costs are not high and the improved pollination pays off for the farmer in greatly increased seed yields on some crops.

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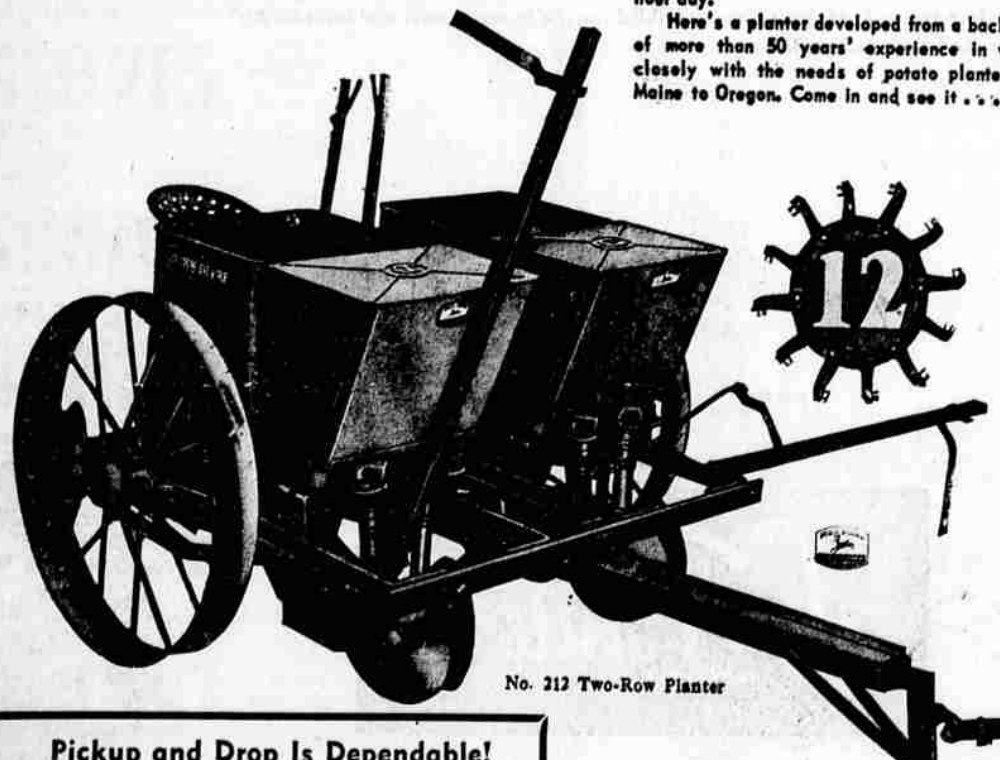
A bulletin on irrigated pasture production for Tulelake Basin has been prepared by Ken Bagholt, Farm Advisor of Tulelake, and is available in the Farm Advisor's office for anyone that is interested. The Farm Advisor says that this bulletin is the only one written that will serve specific Tulelake conditions and should be of considerable value to homesteaders interested in pastures for sheep, cattle, and horses. The bulletin has Tulelake Basin mapped according to soil type where different pasture mixtures are recommended. The bulletin discusses in detail the major grasses and legumes that can be grown satisfactorily in the Tulelake Basin. It also discusses the adaptability, productivity, palatability, alkali tolerance, winter hardiness, competitiveness of each of these plants. It further goes into pasture mixtures, land preparation, planting, fertilization, weed control, irrigating, and grazing.

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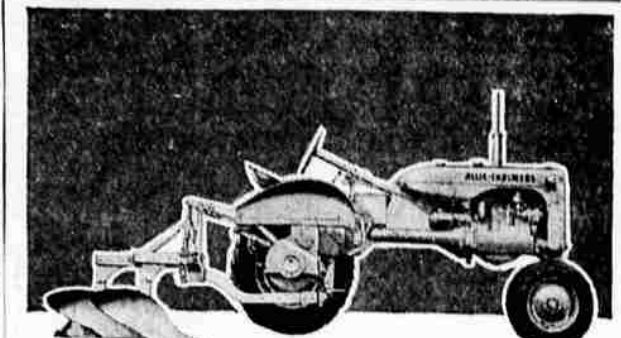
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