

Mercker Urges Spudmen Organize, Regain Loss

Al Mercker, considered the U.S. DA's top potato authority, told Klamath Basin growers Monday that ceilings related the will and desire to produce.

He was speaking before some 200 growers from both the Tulelake and Klamath areas in Merrill.

Except early in World War II, he said, we have never had an increase in acreage under price ceilings. He said there is fear among the marginal growers that prices will be affected dangerously.

He said approximately 325,000,000 (M) bushels of potatoes are needed to feed the United States at present. He warned, however, that parity price would probably be adjusted downward another time the coming season.

Mercker said that past history of the price ceiling legislation shows its makers meant the ceiling to allow the crop to average parity prices. This, he said, may be the only legal means by which the potato industry can break potato price controls as they are presently set.

Only about 250 million bushels of the 1952 crop will be sold commercially for food uses, the expert said. The rest will be used on the farm for feed purposes, or consumed there, or will be lost in various other ways.

Of the commercially available crop, he said, 27 million bushels will go to processors—23 million to the chip industry, one million to canners, two million to the frozen French fry process and another million bushels to corn beef and stew producers.

Fifty-eight million bushels, Mercker said, are sold to people who feed other people—restaurants and the like. That leaves 165 million bushels to feed the population of the U.S. at home. That, he said, is the most important part of the potato market.

About 25 per cent of that is lost in paring, he said, which per year is 55 pounds per person per year in the pot. Then there is plate waste after that.

Mercker called on the spud industry to organize to promote its product which is dwindling in importance in the eyes of the public.

Korean Farm Labor Here?

The possibility of bringing Koreans to Oregon as agricultural help was discussed at Monday night's joint meeting of Klamath and Tulelake growers in the Merrill Recreation Hall.

Communications from the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation to the Klamath growers told of proposals being studied by the Oregon Agriculture Board which would see Korean nationals brought here to supplement farm labor all ready on hand.

Oregon Potato Commission Chairman Scott Warren reported the out-season isn't good. In fact, he noted, a survey is to be made by the commission on bulking equipment which would alleviate labor problems to a great degree.

OPC Administrator Ben Davidson said his feeling was that a Korean able to come here and work in agricultural labor is certainly able to replace an American boy on the battlefield.

Considerable discussion followed, both pro and con. According to the information, the Army would certify the Koreans to be brought here. However, Davidson said, who would pay and other details have yet to be worked out.

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Davidson Tells OPS Tiff Story

The administration's favorite political football—the potato industry—was pulled off the shelf and dented off for a good kicking around via the price ceiling route because the administration was having trouble with steel unions, Administrator Ben Davidson of the Oregon Potato Commission told some 200 Klamath and Tulelake spudmen in a meeting at Merrill Monday.

Davidson, bespectacled and red-headed, blasted the ceilings and presently set to control potato prices as discriminatory and unworkable.

"The industry (potato) has tried to cooperate with the administration at all times," the administrator said. "During the war they wanted production and we did the job."

"We were pulled on the back for producing during the war, and then ridiculed afterwards."

He asserted the industry, finally ridged last season of price supports, thought it had no strings attached.

"Price ceilings were dropped on us like a bombshell," he said. Davidson commended Oregon's protesting delegation to Washington early in the year. He had heard only good reports on the manner in which they had presented Oregon's case.

"Potatoes came damned good reading, and thereby lies the story," he declared.

Davidson listed the historical differential Oregon potatoes have enjoyed for various reasons over and above all other potatoes in the United States: (per hundred pounds)

19 cents over Idaho
77 cents over West Central New York
81 cents over Michigan
91 cents over Maine
99 cents over Wisconsin

Potato Commission Chairman Scott Warren said his group was presently working to either reestablish the differential or kick out the whole thing altogether.

FEED BACK PLANS The Tulelake Farm Advisor has just received blueprints for hay racks for sheep, equipment for creep feeding of lambs (knock-down type), hay mangers, the bulk feeding bin, and the poultry fryer house. Ken Baggett, Farm Advisor says these blueprints are very adaptable for Tulelake conditions and farmers who are interested in any of the blueprints may obtain them from his office, or may call at his office to look them over.

The Farm Advisor mentions that there has been many requests from sheep feeders for hay racks and creep feeders. The sheep feeder will be interested in this.

Carolee Singleton News Reporter

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The tiny bugs work on roots of alfalfa clover plants, and can lower clover yields noticeably.

County Agent J. D. Vertrees reports the weevils are laying eggs now, and larvae will soon hatch, move into the soil and begin boring into the roots.

Vertrees advises dusting and spraying operations get moving as soon as farmers can get on their feet.

BOY FINDS STOLEN CAR BURBANK, Calif. (AP)—Nine-year-old Dier Ganner and his mother, Mrs. Ina Ganner, left a Burbank movie recently to find their car had been stolen.

Mrs. Ganner called police, but her young son took more direct action.

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