



NEW HEAVY DUTY front-end loader, being operated by West-Hitchcock Mgr. Ray McNabb, has torque-converter drive, no-clutch loading, single lever control, 40.5 horsepower and 4-cubic yard bucket. It's the model TL-10 TractoLoader with clutch-type transmission.

Single-Grass Pasture Lands Interest Modern Ranchers

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Grass is important and the better it is the more important it is. It is assuming more importance at present in the face of high farming costs in that it reduces both labor and machinery requirements.

There was an old theory on grass pasture that you should put in as many kinds of grasses as possible in order to give the grazing animals an opportunity for picking out the grass that they liked. Old recommended pasture mixtures involved seven to eight grasses and at least three legumes. At present there is quite a lot of interest in a single grass and legume pasture and many are now in use with excellent results. It is pointed out by advocates of this kind of pasture that in pastures containing a large number of grasses, many of the less palatable grasses are grazed up, by the livestock, in preference to better tasting grass and clover, resulting in some grasses growing up and going to seed or becoming to mature and hard for good pasture.

In some areas, alta fescue, and ladino clover are used on the

heavier type soils. Others prefer white clover to the ladino as there is less danger of frost. On the lighter soils, such grasses as meadow foxtail, smooth brome, and orchard grass are used in combination with white dutch and some alsike. Where alta fescue and white dutch clover is used, 12 to 14 pounds of alta fescue plus four pounds of white dutch and one pound of alsike usually give good results. For use on lighter, irrigated, sandy soils, a mixture of five to six pounds of meadow foxtail, eight pounds smooth brome, three pounds white dutch and one pound of alsike usually give an excellent pasture. Orchard grass, of course, is excellent and could be used with either of these other grasses if desired.

ALKALINE
For soils somewhat alkaline, alta fescue or smooth brome will do best and strawberry clover is particularly good for alkaline soil in this area. Other grass and leg

Stock Ships To Stockton

The Klamath County Livestock Marketing Association Friday shipped a number of head of local cattle to Stockton under consignment, according to Mgr. C. M. Warren.

J. L. Haskins, Merrill, shipped three head fat steers and one cow. LaVern Haskins, Bonanza, shipped 27 steers, cows and feeders. Ross Brown furnished the transportation. Warren announced that several from going above parity, especially if the increase shows up in late potatoes which seems likely.

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limit where increased yields cease with the application of additional the smallest application of either 16-20-0, 15-15-8, or sulphate or ammonium or equivalent fertilizer is around 200 pounds per acre while 400 pounds of any of these materials will more than pay their way. Good irrigated pastures are becoming increasingly important in the Klamath basin. Yields in poundage of livestock are becoming greater as the pastures improve. Yields of over 900 pounds of beef per acre were reported in 1951. While this may have been exceptional, yields of 600 to 800 pounds were reasonably common and much improvement can still be made. Lands that have been cropped to row crops for years might well be put into pasture as this increases the humus content and decreases insect and diseases so harmful to row crops, particularly potatoes.

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Spud Prices Look Good

Potato prices this year should be fairly good if growers stick with their early intentions.

M. D. Thomas, Oregon State college extension economist, writing in a new agricultural situation and outlook circular, says chances are equal the past winter's prices are slim, but summer and early fall shipments should find better markets than last year.

His view of potato markets is included in the circular which can be obtained from any county extension office.

In March, Thomas reports, the nation's potato growers indicated plans to raise about the same acreage as in 1951. Odds are that planting will be topped some this month and rest when late potato seed goes into the ground.

The circular also includes a section devoted to truck crops for processing.

The way Thomas views the outlook, Oregon farmers will have less opportunity to grow truck crop this year as compared with a year ago. Except for sweet corn, prospects are in a need to hold the average line of actually make some cutbacks.

On the favorable side of the common corn picture is the fact that there is a high carryover. On the other hand, single supplies of green peas, snap peas, and beans have been available and processor's stocks are larger than a year ago. There is also a large carryover of tomatoes from last year's record crop.

Odds favor a larger onion crop and lower prices next fall and winter and Thomas thinks it would be good business for Oregon producers to plant no more than last year's acreage. The same thing holds true for lettuce.

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