

# Blue Tag Rating More Difficult This Year

It's going to be more difficult to rate blue tag seed in 1952. Due to lightning damage in southern state marketing areas, certification standards for seed and other crop seeds have been made more stringent this year, announced Merrill Sather, Oregon state college extension service seed certification specialist. He adds that deadline for 1952 crop certification applications is June 1.

The maximum weed seed content for blue tag seed has been lowered from one-half to three-tenths of one per cent. The upper limit for presence of other crop seeds has been lowered from one to one-half per cent.

Sather says Georgia allows no blue tag seed to be imported as certified if it shows presence of any chess or sorrel, both common Oregon weeds. Other southern states, he says, are likely to follow.

With announcement of the blue tag certification changes for this year, Sather said the 1951 crop blue tag seed was worth 1,150,000 to farmers. Of 2,377,847 pounds involved in the certification program, the specialist says 70 per cent of it was tagged either blue or red, indicating its quality.

Blue tag or first quality seed included 1,500,027 pounds and accounted for 55 per cent of the total. Red tags were affixed to 562,000 pounds and 675,260 or 25 per cent of the crop entered for certification failed to meet minimum standards.

Linn County with 3,879 acres passed and a total 935,382 pounds was the state's number one county from the standpoint of blue tag certification. In order, Linn was followed by Union and Marion counties. Altogether, 15 counties were involved in the blue tag certification program.

Presence of regrass was the chief barrier to more western Oregon seed gaining the blue tag rating. Chess and buckhorn weeds also caused considerable trouble. In Oregon, weed problems included presence of chess, sorrel, quackgrass, pennycress and wild oats.

# PMA Supports For Honey, Wool Told

1952 price support programs for wool and honey were announced by the Department of Agriculture, according to William J. Burnett, chairman of the Klamath county Production and Marketing Administration committee.

The price of wool is to be supported at 90 per cent of parity which will reflect a national average of 54.2 cents per pound, grease basis. Producers will obtain price support loans on shorn wool through authorized handlers. Authorized handlers are those approved by commodity credit corporation.

The first step in obtaining a loan will be a request for an appraisal. This request must be made prior to Dec. 1, 1951. However loan applications may be made any time after appraisal through December 31, 1952.

County offices will be provided with names of approved handlers as soon as they are available.

The price of honey will be supported by loans on honey stored in approved farm storage or in an approved warehouse, and through purchase agreements. Loans will be available from July 1, 1952 through Dec. 31, 1952.

The support price will vary from 9 1/2 cents to 11 1/2 cents per pound according to quality. Price support operations will be handled by the county PMA office.

The Klamath county PMA office is located in the Tower theater building. Anyone desiring further information should contact this office.

# Lake 4-H'ers FFA Judging Largest Yet

LAKEVIEW — 46 4-H Club boys and girls and 12 Future Farmers of America took part Sunday, May 18, in the largest 20-40 Farmers Livestock judging day ever held in Lake County. It was reported by Lee Hansen, 4-H Club agent.

Theo Williams, with a score of 1016.5 out of a possible 1100 points, placed first in the FFA contingent, and Stuart Smith, with 939.9 score, placed first for the 4-H group. FFA and 4-H groups compete only within their own groups and not against each other in this annual judging series sponsored by the 20-40 Farmers to encourage better livestock judging. Two more judging events will be held before the final winners are named and one event may be held prior to the fair.

Stuart Smith was the only 4-H boy to place higher than 800 points Sunday. Six 4-H girls placed over 800. Cecilia Swingle, 937.9; Norma Lyford, 924.8; Beth Tracy, 924.4; Clarice Tracy, 927.2; Rylee Garrett, 906.2; Birdie Manning, 900.8.

Eight FFA boys placed higher than 900 points, including Theo Williams, 1016.5; FFA contingent, Burt Swingle, 994.5; Delyn Williams, 982.9; Dan Dunham, 968.8; Brenton Tracy, 963.1; Bruce Vandewaw, 934.8; George Manning, 932.8; and Laird Smith, 917.8.

# Berry Patch Easy; Pamphlet Tells How

Don't let the fact that you live in a home on a small city lot stop you from eating strawberries out of your own berry patch.

Grow them in a barrel, a terraced or a pyramid bed, writes Ralph Clark, Oregon State college extension horticulture specialist in a new extension circular, number 547, entitled "Strawberry Production in Small Areas," which is now ready for distribution. Copies of the four-page mimeograph may be obtained from county extension offices or directly from OSC. Included are plans for a space-saving barrel, terraced and pyramid strawberry beds. The circular also outlines desirable soil types, watering, fertilization, winter protection, and insect control.

Any of the three growing devices are things of beauty as well as a source of strawberries, Clark concludes.

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# Herald and News FARM NEWS



# Short Farm Supply Seen by OSC Expert

Here's a thumbnail report of farm supplies availability this spring as reported by M. G. Huber, Oregon State college extension agricultural engineering specialist.

Barbed wire: Supplies are improving and by the third and fourth quarters of the year, stocks will have shown decided improvement. The current deficit is based on the steel shortage, lack of zinc for coating, and heavy military purchases.

Woven wire: Shortages will be less in evidence as the year rolls along.

Bale ties and coiled wire: Huber thinks it is advisable for farmers to spruce their needs and place their orders early. Local shortages may develop but the national picture is good.

Welding rods and other farm repair shop supplies: Although production is high, construction outlets form a heavy drain. Demand has increased and supplies to repairmen including those serving farmers is tight.

Metal roofing: It has been in short supply, but there are prospects for an increasing supply of zinc and galvanized steel products. Thus, the shortage will gradually be eased. Similarly, increasing aluminum production is resulting in a gradual improvement in the supply of aluminum roofing.

Cement: Nationally, adequate supplies are on hand with production expected to increase materially in 1952 as compared with a year ago.

Nails: Spot shortages may occur, but for the country over, supplies are expected to meet demands.

Tires and rubber: Controls over the consumption of rubber have been relaxed considerably during the past few months. The over-all situation appears reasonably good for the types of tires which farmers normally buy.

Water well casing and galvanized steel pipe: Both galvanized pipe and well casing will continue in short supply until the supply of zinc for galvanizing is increased and until the backlog of demand is satisfied. The outlook is brighter.

# Swine Disease Studied

Rhinitis, a disease which could become but is not now a serious swine disease in Oregon, is the subject for a new circular issued by the Oregon State extension service.

Extension circular 548, entitled "Rhinitis in Hogs," is available free from county extension offices or from the college. The two-page mimeograph was prepared in answer to a request made by the Western Oregon Livestock association.

The swine disease, sometimes called bull-nose, is characterized by swelling and enlargement of nose and face tissues including the bony structure followed by destruction and sloughing of snout, lips and mouth tissues.

The circular describes treatment which may be undertaken while the disease is in the early stages. After the infection is fairly well established, no further treatment proves unsatisfactory and affected pigs should be destroyed.

# Horticultural Booklet Out

A new statistical yearbook, Oregon's Specialty Horticultural Crops has been released by the Oregon State college extension service.

Prepared by extension agricultural economists, the 15-page publication, extension bulletin 724, contains state and county estimates of acreage and value of farm marketings from 1936 through 1949. Discussed is the fact that cash receipts from Oregon's specialty horticultural crops totaled more than \$10,000,000 for the final year tabulated. This is about 6 per cent less than the estimated record of three times the 1936-1939 average.

Of about equal importance financially in the horticultural specialty group are greenhouse, nursery, and flower bulb crops. Cut flowers, holly, and flower seeds are also included in the grouping.

The bulletin points out that Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties have more than half the total acreage and income from these crops.

# Bees Need More Than What Ladino Contains

Farmers depending on bees for seed crop pollination should make certain that the bees' operations are not restricted to Ladino clover, according to Dr. H. A. Scullen, agricultural expert for the Oregon State college agricultural experiment station.

Studies in Jefferson county by Dr. Scullen show that bees frequently lose weight and often do not survive when they get only Ladino. The OSC bee expert says this happens because Ladino is low in nectar and high in pollen content.

Pollen is necessary as a protein for the growth of young bees, Dr. Scullen explains, but a certain amount of nectar also is necessary for making honey.

The tests in Jefferson county showed that bees colonies lost as much as half a pound a day while working on Ladino clover blossoms during the main blossom period. The low nectar contents is believed responsible for the weight loss.

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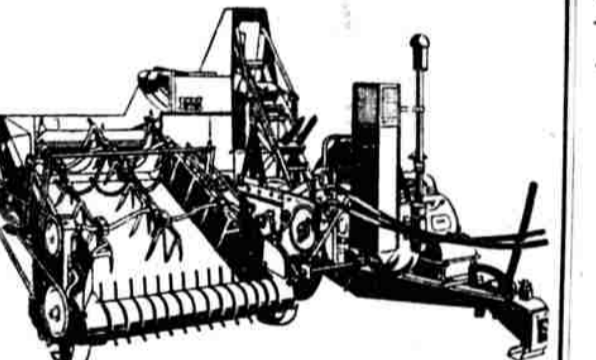
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