

# Tule Spud Expert Sees Good 1952 Crop Year

By BILL HUSE

Record breaking prices paid on the summer potato market certainly doesn't indicate a slump in the fall and winter potato markets. Every indication points to the fall crop entering a cleaned out market inasmuch as the summer potatoes are being eaten up as fast as they appear upon the market.

There is an longer much buyer resistance to high priced potatoes, the buying public having become accustomed to paying a fair price for potatoes, the only complaint seeming to be of the poor quality.

The July crop report of 329 million bushels for the nation is not enough to supply our normal demands if we consider the fact that the nation produced 325 million bushels last year and we ran far short of supplying the demand.

The August report, issued just last week, shows another 4,000,000 (M) bushel decrease in estimate—a drop to 325,421,000 (M) bushels. That's only 10,000,000 (M) bushels higher than last year's short crop.

The 18 late states shows only an increase of 6 1/2 per cent above last year while the nation as a whole shows only a 4 per cent increase above last year in spite of the 30 per cent increase in Maine, however the states of Maine, New York and Pennsylvania show only a 12 per cent increase in acreage over last year and a good demand in the east will greatly offset the increase in Maine.

For the Klamath Basin there is an acreage increase of approximately 3500 acres. However, this acreage increase will be offset by a lighter yield due to the June frost and cold weather which gave British Columbia an opportunity to do considerable damage with the result that the set of potatoes on the vines is considerably lighter in most fields than it was in 1951.

Indications point to an excellent seed year in the basin, inasmuch as every ounce of white rice potatoes will be sold for seed. An increase also is indicated in the sale of local green seed, particularly so if potato prices are good as there is always a tendency to increase plantings after a good potato year.

These factors combined will tend to reduce the quantity of commercial potatoes available in the Klamath Basin.

Should the state of Idaho find a strong eastern market as is now indicated, the Klamath Basin will enjoy a good to excellent potato market.

Inasmuch as this year's Basin crop will fall far short of the 1950 crop of some 17,000 cars which was adequately stored, it would seem that no shortage of storage will exist here this year forcing potatoes on the market against the will of the grower. This is particularly so in view of the fact that new storage built this year will accommodate from 400 to 500 thousand sacks.

Klamath basin buyers, must, however, be assured of a steady normal supply of potatoes throughout the season. For this crop to be held back until spring in anticipation of higher prices could become disastrous in that our terminal market receivers certainly would look and buy elsewhere. And once other producing areas have gained a toe hold in our markets it might be difficult to pry them loose in future years. However, this situation has never arisen before and is not likely to occur this year.

Probably the first time our local buyers were ever put out of business occurred this spring when outside black marketeers came in and took over.

To sum this up, all of the trends, signs, facts and figures point to a profitable year for the Klamath Basin Potato grower and handler.



70 TONS PER HOUR capacity is what the new Pacific Supply Co-op grain bin takes. Here Paul Copen unloads some Karl Dehlinger oats which weighed at 4 1/4 pounds. The Co-op's new elevator is one of the tallest buildings in Klamath Falls, rising 106 feet above the street.

# Jewel, State's Champ Milker

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All of the above records were made on three-time-daily milking, on official Advanced Registry test, supervised by Oregon State College in cooperation with the Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

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# Hiway Work Slows Travel

SALEM (AP)—Traffic delays because of construction were reported Tuesday by the State Highway Department on the following routes:

Ochoco, 10 miles west of Mitchell to Mitchell; Columbia River, Cascade Locks to Hood River; Old Oregon Trail, one-way traffic at Weiser and Payette bridges; The Dalles-California, Modoc Point to Barclay Springs and Lapine to Willamette Junction.

Pacific, Lane County line to Anland and Chenoweth Park to Oakland Junction; Pacific Highway West detour at St. Joe Junction.

Coast Highway, slight delays south of Reedsport and Coos Bay John Day-Burns, Crow Flat section; Wilson River, Rummel Point; Umpqua, Reedsport detour; section Coos Bay-Roseburg, Suicide Creek to Pacific Highway; Crater Lake, rim road closed at Anderson Point; Sams Valley, detour at Dodge Bridge via Shady Cove.

# Spud Storage Check Ready

TULELAKE — The experimental potato storage constructed on the Tulelake Field Station has been used for one season now and many worthwhile results have been noted, according to B.J. Hoyle, in charge there.

In this storage several different types of construction and insulating materials were used in the walls and in the ceiling. Recording instruments were embedded in the structure as it was put up and, by the use of these instruments, the effectiveness of one type of insulation over the other was determined.

This structure was built under the supervision of Dr. R. N. Neubauer, Division of Agriculture Engineering, University of California. Dr. Neubauer and an associate will be in Tulelake Aug. 27.

The public is invited to visit the Field Station and discuss potato storages with Dr. Neubauer any time during the day. During the time the engineers are up here an additional storage room will be constructed which will be entirely insulated with aluminum foil.

Those who are interested in aluminum as an insulating medium are also invited to visit the station on the 27th, at which time they can see the material being installed and have a chance to talk with the engineers.

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# Strikes Still Plague Nation

By The Associated Press

At least 33,000 workers in nine states remained on strike Tuesday, and in New York a CIO union served a strike notice involving another 32,000 employees at eight Bethlehem Steel Co. shipyards.

At Canton, O., 32,000 CIO United Steelworkers studied a proposed new contract which union leaders predict will end a 30-day strike at the Timken Roller Bearing Co.

At Cleveland, some 2,000 Republic Steel Corp. workers were off the job at the firm's 98-inch strip mill. Both the management and CIO United Steel Workers officials termed the walkout wildcat strike.

About 18,000 B. F. Goodrich Co. workers who struck nine plants at midnight Sunday are still off the job. The walkout occurred after 10 weeks of wage and contract talks.

At Lawrenceburg, Ind., about 1,000 distillery workers stayed away from their jobs at the Joseph E. Seagram & Sons plant for the fourth day in a dispute over mechanization of the plant.

At Terre Haute, Ind., the CIO United Auto Workers Monday night

accepted a wage contract to end their 14-week-old strike against the jet plane plant of Allison-Chalmers Manufacturing Co. about 340 workers are involved.

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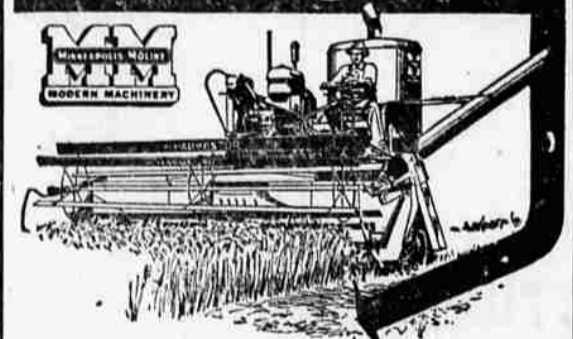
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# OPS Posting Plan Set For October

By WILLIAM O. VARN

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government stepped up plans today to post dollars and cents food price ceilings on the walls of more than half of the nation's 500,000 grocery stores by Oct. 1.

The Office of Price Stabilization said orders will go out shortly to its 34 district offices to set the pricing charts ready for posting. Each poster is expected to show the ceilings for some 300 major market-basket items.

The action will be a return to the uniform community pricing program used in World War II.

Price Stabilizer Ellis Arnall said this has proved to be the most effective means of food price control. He said the program will have two big advantages:

1. It will let consumers know at a glance the ceiling prices on many basic foods they buy.
2. It will relieve grocers of the necessity of calculating individual ceilings on the items that must be posted.

OPS said the decision to expand the community pricing program from coast to coast is based on results from trial tests in three areas started last January. The agency said these tests have been a success in the marketing areas surrounding Jacksonville, Fla.; Fargo, N. D.; and Fresno, Calif. Officials said both consumer and trade groups in those areas have asked that the program be continued.

The lists to be posted will be selected from about 40 per cent of the approximately 5,000 items sold by grocers. The OPS district offices will pick the items from the best-selling foods in their communities and their importance to the family budget.

Fresh, frozen and canned fruits and vegetables will not be included. These items, making up an estimated 20 per cent of a family's food costs, were exempted by Congress July 1.

Meats, which account for the remaining 40 per cent of food items, also will not be included at this time. Meats are subject to dollars and cents ceilings, but butchers only have to label the selling price on meat displayed.

Individual grocers have been figuring their own ceilings, using specified markups on various types of food over their wholesale costs. Prices have varied from store to store.

Under the new plan OPS will determine wholesale costs in an area and apply the markups to

set uniform ceilings. OPS will provide the charts each month for posting. They will be amended on the basis of changes each week. The charts will differ from store to store depending on the volume of business done by each grocer.

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