

Livestock Feed Diversion Plan For Potatoes Okayed

Livestock feed diversion has been definitely authorized for potatoes in the Oregon California marketing order area.

Approval of the area's marketing plan and authorization of livestock feed diversion for the area was received by the marketing order control committee in a wire from Floyd Hedlund, acting head of USDA's Fruit and Vegetable branch.

The feed diversion program provides federal payment of 30 cents per cwt. (through December) for U.S. No. 2 or better grade potatoes over two inches in diameter when sliced, chopped or crushed and fed to livestock or made into silage for later feeding.

The payment rate drops to 40 cents for the first three months of 1956 and to 30 cents for the months April, May and June.

Administrative details involve application at the local ASC of-

rice, filing of a performance bond and receipt of a diversion authorization by individual participants.

Determination of quantity by weight or measurement, inspection for percentage grade and certification that stock offered for diversion has been sliced, chopped or crushed must be certified by a Federal State inspector, Form CSS-119, "Invoice and Certificate of Inspection and Diversion," provided for this purpose also serves as claim for payment.

Participants are cautioned that no payments will be made in connection with potatoes diverted prior to approval of their application or in the absence of an inspector.

The wire from Hedlund advises exporters that forms required have been sent to state ASC offices.

Details are not available in respect to the performance bond required. A USDA form (CSS-119) is provided for this purpose. The amount of the bond required is the amount of payment expected at the applicable payment rate per cwt. for the tonnage authorized for diversion. The form provides for the signatures of two securities. Married women, county and community ASC committeemen and employees of county offices are not eligible to sign as securities.

County Agent Walt Jendryzewski stated that the diversion program has the effect of providing a bottom of around \$1.00 per cwt. naked, or around \$1.25 FOB for the balance of 1955. For two inch minimum size table stock.

The chopping, slicing or crushing requirements has packing sheds, livestock feeders and growers busy inventing devices which can acceptably slice or crush tubers without beating them to a pulp by condition, objectionable to feeders.

The agent reports that the livestock feed value of 4 1/2 cwt. of potatoes equals the feed value of one sack of good quality barley. Potato feeding to fatten livestock has been very successful in the Basin.

Stock piling of potatoes required for organization of feeding operations can be accomplished by using small sizes for this purpose. The diversion program is not available for undersize tubers and there is no need to crush them. Sizing screens eliminate the separate tubers. Culls picked over the sides of grading tables need not be crushed or sliced if kept separate from No. 2's or No. 1's picked out.

Growers anticipate that No. 2's will make up the bulk of the tonnage fed to stock under the diversion program. An appreciable tonnage may be available over the shipping season but it is probable that these coarsely chopped, sliced or crushed potatoes can be fed rapidly enough that the crushing requirement will not prove objectionable to feeders.

The agent stated that the program definitely makes an additional percentage of the crop available for livestock feeding purposes. Feeders who recognize this and equip to meet the chopping requirements should benefit from additional feed supplies.



SOMETHING TO CROW ABOUT for Flight Commander Frank Tarr (left) was a complete crew on deck for the advanced gifts group blast off breakfast Wednesday morning at the Willard Hotel. His reward, presented by Operation Fair Share advanced gifts commanders, Arthur Rickbell (center) and David S. Troy (right) was a year's supply of eggs, in the form of a live chicken!

Job Figures Show Increase

Employment in the Klamath Basin in all industries continued at a high peak with shortages developing in skilled labor during September, announced Guy Barker, manager of the Klamath Falls office of the Oregon State Employment Service.

Logging and lumbering operations are absorbing all experienced workers and have unfilled openings for block setters, graders and cat skimmers.

Grain harvest hands were scarce during the recent harvest and a general shortage of labor is expected to develop during the coming potato harvest.

Construction workers are continuing to arrive from outside the Basin to fill the demand for help here. Private construction work is at the Klamath Falls jet air base. Private construction work is expected to continue at a high rate as long as the weather permits.

Retail trade and service employment maintained a high rate with some surplus of sales women available.

Payrolls and employment in the Basin are estimated at 10 per cent above 1954 figures. Winter employment should be above normal with much depending on the weather, Barker said.

GRANTHAM VISITS

HONG KONG (AP)—Hong Kong Gov. Sir Alexander Grantham got the glad hand and a free passage when he crossed into Red China Tuesday. He is en route to Peiping for a night-day private visit.

Met by cordial officials of the Chinese Foreign Affairs Bureau, the governor offered to pay his fare. The Communists smilingly waved the money aside.

Goldy Speaks To Lake CC

LAKEVIEW—Guest speaker at the chamber of commerce luncheon on October 3 was Daniel L. Goldy, regional director, U.S. Department of Labor, Seattle, who discussed labor conditions of the Pacific Northwest.

In discussing Lake County, Goldy said it was a county making moderate, steady growth which is far better than having too rapid growth. He pointed out the agricultural income of the county has been steady over a period of years. Summer unemployment in the county runs three per cent and winter unemployment, 30 per cent, he stated.

He explained four points for communities to consider when planning for additional industries. First, community must be willing to promote; second general appearance of the city and its schools must be attractive; third, work to promote industry suited to community; fourth, have program well planned before asking for community funds.

Mineral industries in the county look favorable, the speaker said. Another industry, which he believed might be favorable for this area is a glue and paste industry which utilized dried blood and potatoes.

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UF Advanced Gift Division Blasts Off Big Fund Drive

The advanced gifts division of Operation Fair Share blasted off towards the \$129,627 target Wednesday morning as flight commanders began signing their own pledge cards following a 7:30 a.m. breakfast at the Willard Hotel.

The advanced gifts group of the United Fund-Red Cross campaign is commanded by David S. Troy and Arthur Rickbell. Wing commander of the entire operation is Bob Beach.

Speakers at the breakfast included Andrew Collier, planning committee member of the advanced gifts group and consistent supporter of community fund drives. Collier told flight commanders and their crew members that the United Fund-Red Cross campaign is "the finest investment you can make."

"You are not just paying salaries, you are backing up an army of volunteer workers in the 26 agencies," he said.

H. J. Chandler, United Fund board member, told crewmen that Operation Fair Share is a job of selling people on the purchase of investment shares totaling \$129,627. He pointed out that the agencies supported through United Fund have been marked "sterling" by the board of directors of the fund.

The job is ours to do, Chandler told the flight commanders and squadron leaders. "If we don't do it, the government must and that would reverse the American tra-

Klamath Men Report Kills

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