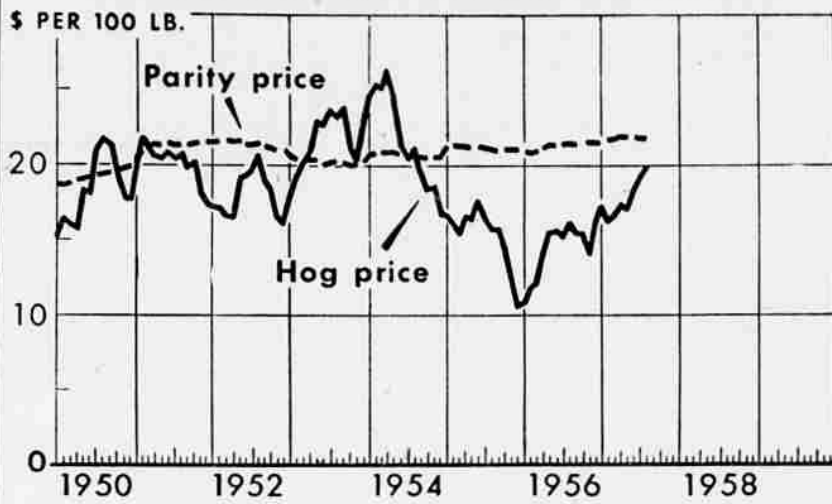


PRICES RECEIVED FOR HOGS



PRICES OF HOGS to producers have recovered from the low point to which they fell in December 1955. Their steady advance since that month repeats a similar uptrend which took place in 1952. Prolonged downtrends occurred in 1948-49 and 1954-55.

Hay Dealers Need Licenses

To date, 49 licenses have been issued under the new hay dealer's licensing and bonding law, reports Frank McKennon, chief of the plant division of the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

Probably more dealers are subject to this law and the department is attempting to contact them. Everyone, whether an individual or a business concern, who buys hay from producers for resale is required to be licensed and bonded under this act.

Application blanks are available at the department headquarters in Salem, the branch office in Portland, and at shipping point inspection offices in Milton-Freewater, Ontario, Redmond, Hood River, Klamath Falls and Medford.

HE WAS FIRST

George Washington was not first president of the United States. It was John Hanson of Maryland, under the Articles of Confederation.

September Tests Show Few Bangers

Brucellosis testing in September covered 18,226 cattle in 1,833 Oregon herds, according to the federal and state veterinarians' offices at Salem. There were 111 reactors in 53 herds for a reactor percentage of six-tenths of one per cent.

Jackson, Tillamook and Clatsop counties had the highest reactor percentages — all over two per cent. However, according to Dr. A. G. Beagle, in charge of federal participation here, most of the testing in these counties was confined to known infected herds.

A reactor percentage of one-tenth of one per cent was recorded for tuberculosis tests during September. Three reactors were found in 2,714 cattle tested.

TOOTHLESS TURTLES

Being toothless, a turtle cannot chew, but its jaws have sharp, horny edges, so they shear off bites of food, which then are swallowed whole.

Oregon Wheat Exports Down

Wheat movement to foreign ports from Oregon during September dropped below the total exported in August, according to the monthly report of T. Ralph Harry, grain division chief for the state department of agriculture. September wheat exports totalled more than 5.3 million bushels, compared with 5.7 million bushels in August.

The amount of incoming wheat inspected in September was 7.7 million bushels, or a little more than a half million bushels less than during the previous month. More barley was exported last month than in August, but the total amount of barley imported was a little lower.

The grain branch office in Pendleton reported twice as much flour inspected during September as in August. However, pea, wheat and hay inspections at Pendleton were down. Flour inspection was also up at the Astoria branch.

The Merrill grain office, which opened August 1, reported 191 track inspections, 176 sample inspections and 35 truck inspections. During August the new branch had made 93 track inspections, 27 sample inspections and one truck inspection.

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