

OREGON-CALIFORNIA POTATO COMMITTEE MANAGER'S REPORT
1957 CROP SEASON WITH 1956 CROP SEASON COMPARISON

Date May 9, 1958

Disposition of shipments	Oregon-California		
	By Ending Season to 5-9-58	Season to 5-9-58	Season to 5-10-57
A. Fresh Market Δ			
1. By Carriers			
Rail	86	4297	4806
Truck	222	9451	7022
Total	308	13748	11828
2. By Grades			
U. S. 1	317	12969	9400
U. S. 2	61	2781	2499
U. S. Com'l.			
Mixed			
Total	378	15750	11899
3. By Variety			
Rada		44	16
Whitee		595	429
Russels	378	13111	11454
Mixed & Other			
Total	378	13750	11899
Percentage	(64%)	(64%)	(63%)
B. Other Outlets			
1. Seed Δ	49	1284	1214
2. Export		7	1
3. Food Processing Δ	2	600	660
4. Non-Food Δ			
Starch			
Livestock Feed Δ	762	5160	4995
Total	213	7071	6872
Percentage	(34%)	(34%)	(37%)
TOTAL DISPOSITION	521	20821	18771

- Δ Covers Inspection Certificates received through Friday. Certified as meeting M.O. fresh market requirements. Primarily table stock but may include few shipments to non-table stock outlets.
- Δ Certified seed shipments only and reports from some areas incomplete.
- Δ Many lots contain high percentage U.S. 1 and U.S. 2 grades. Includes chips, canning, freezing, flour and all types dehydrated products.
- Δ Lots contain lower percentage of U.S. No. 1 and U.S. No. 2 grades or fail to meet M.O. fresh market requirements.
- Δ Includes diversion to livestock feed, farm use, seed used for planting within area, etc.

California Milk Production Shows 5 Per Cent Increase

By THE UNITED PRESS

The final 1957 dairy statistics for California have been released by the State Department of Agriculture.

They show that California had an estimated average of 886,000 milk cows in the state last year. They produced more than seven and a half billion pounds of milk, an average of 8,880 pounds of milk per cow.

Total milk production last year increased five per cent over the previous year and the average of production of milk per cow increased just under three and a half per cent.

Cash receipts from California milk and cream marketing were just under 356 million dollars. This was 25 million dollars, or seven and a half per cent greater than 1956 cash receipts.

In 1957, California held top ranking among the states in average production of milk per cow. It ranked sixth in average number of cows milked, fourth in total milk production and third in cash receipts.

In average production of milk per cow, California's average of 8,880 pounds was 2,700 higher than the national average.

Field crop work of land preparation and planting is progressing well, according to the latest weather and crop bulletin. The total farm labor force in the San Joaquin Valley increased 9,000 workers to 124,000 last week and another 25,000 workers are needed by late May.

Cotton planting progressed rapidly in all areas last week. Recent plantings germinated well with few disease and pest problems. Cultivation and chipping has begun in all counties except Merced.

The planting of sugar beets is well along in the Sacramento Valley and growers are thinning and weeding in all areas. Harvest of 1958 sugar beets is well under way in the Imperial Valley and the harvest of over-wintered 1957 sugar beets is continuing.

Also in the Sacramento Valley, field preparation for rice made good progress. Growers are flooding fields and some rice has been seeded.

On fruit and nut crops, drying winds slowed the development of fungus diseases. And despite the unfavorable season for fruit set, in most areas it has been necessary to do some light thinning on apricots, plums, peaches and nectarines.

Livestock throughout the state

are in good condition. Pasture and range feed is abundant and in good quality although it is maturing rapidly. In Siskiyou and Modoc counties feed is sufficient without supplementary feeding.

The movement of cattle to feedlots is increasing. Also spring lambs are moving rapidly after a late start. But at heavier weights than usual.

The California Cattlemen's Association says imports of Mexican and Canadian cattle into this country quadrupled during the first three months of this year. More than 300,000 head were imported compared to 80-thousand head brought in during the same period last year.

At the same time, the Canadian Department of Agriculture says 15½ million pounds of dressed Canadian beef was shipped to this country from Canada during the first three months. This compares to 2,600,000 pounds shipped in the same period last year.

Ranchers made their own comparisons of crossbred lambs at the University of California's hopland field station recently. The 1958 hopland field day program today includes an exhibit of lambs sired by Southdown Rams and others sired by Suffolk Rams. The lambs are all from whiteface ewes.

Other features of the field day include wool milling, a demonstration of plastic weather shelters for sheep and wildlife and range plant research.

The 38th California ram sale brought an average of \$115 for just under 1,400. The sale reflected the recent downturn in spring lamb prices and were off about 20 per cent from last year's prices.

Hampshire Rams sold for an average of \$130 a head and Suffolk averaged \$90 a head.

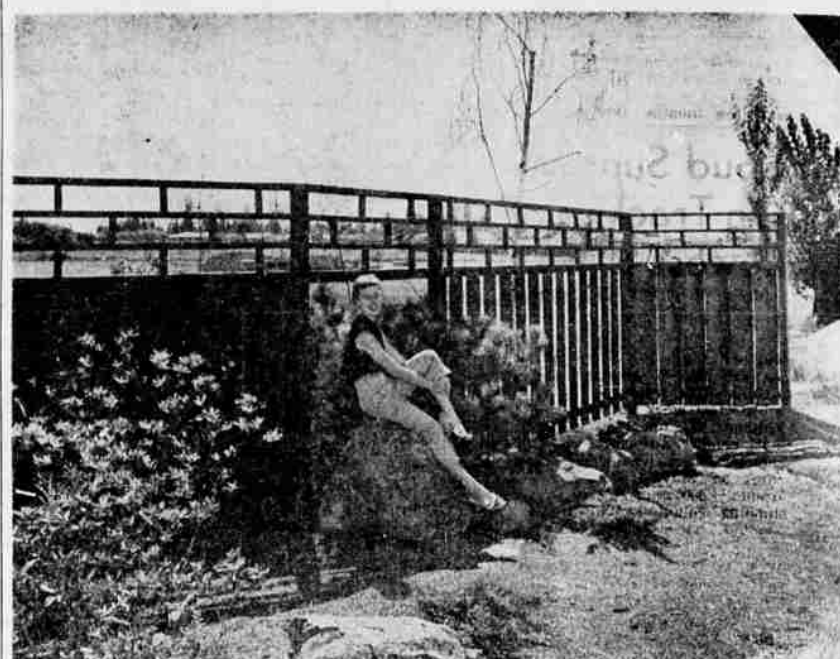
DOG USES MAN

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UP) — Hiram Johnson was digging a hole for plant bulbs when a dachshund sauntered over with a hambone in his mouth. The dog waited until Johnson finished, then dropped the bone in the hole, covered it up and waddled off.

THE HARD WAY

CORTLAND, N.Y. (UP) — After a third-floor resident of the YMCA reported he was locked out of his room, firemen rushed a ladder truck to the scene, fireman Gordon Puderbaugh crawled up and into the room and unlocked the door.

Fences Are Assets To A Home



FENCE A HOME ASSET. A screening fence can be the answer to a lot of problems. Not only can they be used as boundary markers and as a means of affording privacy, but also can be a real decorative asset to a yard. This lovely fence, set alongside the driveway, is of western red cedar in a handsome offset pattern which permits cooling breezes to pass through. Fence was built around native rocks and shrubs, using them as accents.

Fences are versatile critters. They can solve many a problem like wind control, put a stop to arguments over boundary lines, be used as traffic regulators to keep out four-footed marauders and pen in two-footed, under-age explorers.

There are times and places, however, when a fence is used primarily as a decorative piece — nothing more—a bit of eye-interest which contributes line and accent to the home.

One place where the fence is used primarily as decoration is along the driveway. So often the lines of the property are flat here; one lot flows into another, and the result is that the driveway gives a feeling of being too utilitarian, an intruder on nature's scene. But line it with a handsome fence and the results are startling. Suddenly dimension and form appear and change the prosaic into beauty.

Decorative fencing requires a decorative pattern, but one must be discriminate in choosing colors and materials, for garish color and unnatural material can destroy a desired effect and obtrude on the pattern of nature.

As a rule, time-honored materials like wood are the safest, for wood can be easily moulded into needed shapes and sizes. And, of course, being a product of nature itself, it complements existing lawns, shrubbery and trees.

One type of fence that enjoys great popularity as being decorative is made up of 1x6 inch boards installed vertically in an offset pattern. Here, dimensional relief is achieved through the shadow lines cast by the front boards on the back panels, and additional texture can be gotten by using rough sawn boards of a top quality softwood like western red cedar.

Many landscape architects top this fence with lacy openwork, rather than the usual cap, to lend lightness to the pattern, and if there are rocks or shrubs present along the fence line, these can be incorporated into the integral design by constructing the fence around them.

As a means of breaking the straight lines of a long fence, it can be set in a sawtooth line; or if there is not enough space to do this, alternating panels of vertical offset boards with panels of horizontal offset boards accomplishes the objective handsomely.

Two designs can also be successfully worked together—sections of corral fencing alternating with sections of vertical offset boards, for example.

Although there are many folks who paint their fences, smart homeowners have found that staining them to preserve the native coloring of wood cuts down considerably on refinishing. And if a homeowner appreciates the pure

beauty of natural, weathered wood and ants the bonus of no upkeep at all, the best and most modern idea is to let time and tempest paint the fence in their own minimalist style.

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California Farmers Enjoy Price Gains

The state crop and livestock reporting service says the mid-April prices received by California farmers showed significant price gains over the previous month for potatoes, oranges and turkeys.

Prices for all potatoes are up sharply from a month ago, mainly because of prices received for late spring potatoes. Prices for grapefruit, lemons and chickens were down substantially from their March levels. Other commodity prices remained largely unchanged.

Those price changes were noted in a one-month period. Compared to a year ago, April prices were up sharply for potatoes and oranges and alfalfa hay, grapefruit, livestock, eggs and milk cow prices showed gains.

Prices received for oats, alfalfa seed and wool were noticeably lower in April than they were a year ago.

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