

Farm Legislation In Oregon Listed By Head Of State Farm Department

Highlights of proposed legislation affecting laws administered by the state department of agriculture were today released by Director Frank McKennon.

Without discussing the merits of each, McKennon noted that the following bills to be entertained by the 1959 Legislature are principally from three sources: (1) those the department has suggested as "housekeeping amendments" to make laws more workable or to modernize existing statutes; (2) proposal resulting from conferences of the department's advisory group and officials; (3) and changes affecting the department which originate from independent sources.

Seed law—Would establish funds for control work by budget rather than by continuing appropriation.

Produce act—Remove walnuts and filberts from the law.

Control area law—Authorize department to receive and expend funds to enforce control areas. Allow publication of control area orders in a local newspaper where applicable.

Insecticide application—Control application of insecticides to protect pollinating insects. (Move for this legislation originates from Malheur County alfalfa growers.)

Hay dealers act—Establish a flat \$1,000 bond requirement; provide more adequate funds for enforcement.

Livestock brands—Authority to use simplified procedures in recording. Amendments to improve brand procedures upon death of recorded owner, and to correct conflicting statutes with re-

spect to estrays.

Predatory animal and rodent laws—Revisions to bring both programs under a single law administered by the state department of agriculture; provision for an advisory board composed of representatives from O.S.C., State Game Commission and other interested agencies.

Auction markets—Special provision for the holding of one-day horse sales and providing adequate supervision by the department.

Meat inspection—Require operators to pay full costs of overtime inspection. Permit department to establish exempt areas for farm slaughter, with farm slaughterers to sell output within the area. Eliminate hearing requirement in designating slaughter time between

given plants.

Confine slaughtering of exempt custom plants to their own establishment. Require retail meat markets and locker plants not licensed to slaughter to have carcasses of animals they handle slaughtered at an officially inspected plant or to identify as uninspected farm slaughtered meats received for custom processing.

Permit farmers to sell farm-slaughtered animals direct to a home consumer and give the department the option of requiring an inspected or uninspected tag on such products.

Fluid milk—License milk truck driver to take samples for bacteria tests. Authorize department to set frequency of butterfat sampling of producer milk by regulation (now established by law). Change frequency of department's city milk inspection surveys to every two years instead of annually. Amendments defining milk and establishing standards of identity for various milk products.

Frozen desserts—Raise license fee for retail freezers from \$5 to \$10 plus \$2.50 for each freezer head and fee for wholesalers from \$15 to \$25 plus \$5 for each freezer head. Also eliminate present maximum licenses of \$20 for retail and \$50 for wholesale; and license each business establishment.

Eggs—Make standards of quality (no change in sizes) same as federal grades. Set annual \$5 license fee at wholesale and producer levels, exempting producers who sell their eggs only on their own premises. Apply case tax fee to producers as well as wholesalers. Give director of agriculture authority to lower case fee tax below legal maximum.

Producers selling to wholesalers would not be subject to license or case tax.

Warehouse law—Require non-li-

censed warehouses to post appropriate sign and let department check their business records to make sure they are not subject to this law. Adopt compulsory insurance for warehouses.

Storage of grain as basis for farm credit—Repeat proposed by department.

Fryer and broiler labeling—To require container or tag to show state where grown and name of any chemical preservative used. (Sponsored by fryer industry committee.)

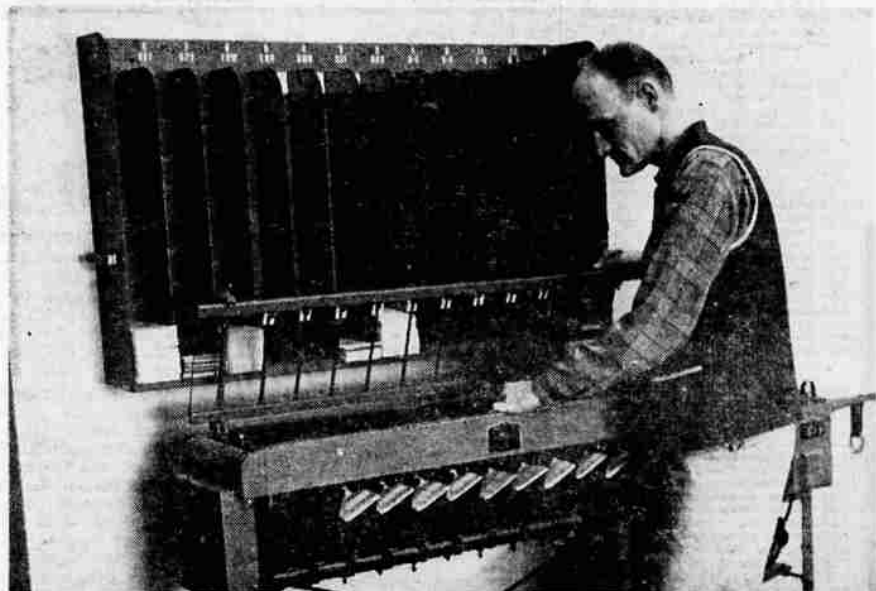
Produce dealer bonding—To require bonding of all dealers in agricultural produce; probably will be submitted as amendment to Oregon produce dealers' act. (Originates from Klamath potato growing region.)

Breed milk—Proposal to repeal existing law.

Financial—Authorize department to regular extension of credit; authorize bad debt charge-off; increase department revolving fund to \$2,500.

Commodity Commissions—Proposals as a result of legislative interim reorganization study would (1) relieve the legislature of commission budget approval—put them on an annual basis and require a public meeting before commission adoption, certification and filing through the director of agriculture; (2) give commission direct control of their banking; (3) require consideration by governor of producers' recommendations on commission appointments, and (4) make state services by Department of Finance and Administration optional on cost basis to commissions.

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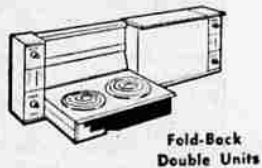
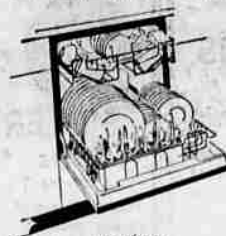
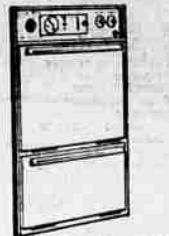
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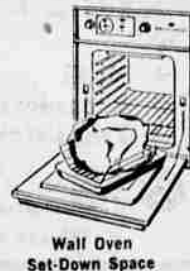
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