

## Seed Certification Plan In Oregon Paying Off

Blooming fields of crimson clover in mid-May are a sign that Oregon State College extension seed certification specialists are beginning their annual round of crop inspections.

About 80 varieties of grass, clover, alfalfa, grain, seed potatoes and miscellaneous legumes are inspected annually for impurities, according to H. E. Finnell, extension specialist in charge of certification.

Everyone benefits from the cer-

tification program—farmer, buyer and processor, he points out. It's to the farmer's advantage to raise certified seed because it generally brings him more money. The buyer and processor benefit because certification insures them of getting the quality product they need and are paying for.

Certification is important to Oregon's economy also for the state has long been a leader in the nation's seed production, Finnell notes. Many states depend on Oregon's favorable growing conditions to increase seed for use in other

areas of the country. \* Oregon farmers last year signed up 82,585 acres for seed certification in 27 counties. Fields are inspected mostly during the spring, summer and fall by four OSC extension certification specialists who made 2,643 farm calls last year.

The type of crop determines when it should be inspected. For instance, crimson clover is best inspected, while it is in bloom, but red clover should be checked in both the seedling and bloom stages.

Inspectors have several check points to look for. They must be sure the correct variety is planted. Since this is sometimes impossible to determine by just looking at the field, farmers must keep tags from seed sacks. Fields also must be checked to be sure there is no growth from previous plantings. Among other safeguards, varieties that can be cross pollinated must be planted certain distances apart. These are but a few of the requirements to be met for certification, Finnell said.

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## Job Outlook Bright For Farm Grads

OREGON STATE COLLEGE — The number of U.S. farmers may be decreasing every year but the number of people working in agriculture is steadily increasing and the job outlook for this year's graduates in agriculture may be about the brightest in history, according to Oregon State College officials.

The number of Americans "down on the farm" is getting smaller because farm operations are getting bigger, and because per acre production is ever climbing.

To many, the fact that the number of persons employed on farms has dropped from 13,555,000 in 1913 to 7,325,000 in 1958 is a sign that opportunities in agriculture are dimming.

Exactly the reverse is true, says Wilbur Cooney, associate dean of agriculture at OSC.

Agriculture is the nation's biggest single industry. It employs 40 per cent of the 65 million people who work in the United States today and its customers increase as rapidly as the population of the nation.

Behind the eight million farmers and ranchers today, are some seven million workers who produce the equipment and supplies for and who service farmers, and another 11 million who process and distribute farm food and fiber products — meat and poultry packing, dairy processing, food processing, textiles and fibers. In addition, a half million scientists directly or indirectly serve agriculture—research in feeds, plant and animal growth, better food products.

Recent surveys show that some 15,000 new college graduates with agricultural training are needed each year now for agricultural-type jobs. This year, less than half that number — about 7,000 — will graduate from the nation's 60 land-grant colleges, Cooney pointed out. OSC will graduate about 175 students in agriculture this June.

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MOSCOW (UPI)—Stars A. Cherepanov and A. Kutchevsky have been excluded from the Soviet all-star ice hockey team for hitting the vodka bottle, the newspaper Soviet Sport reported.

Chief trainer A. Tarasov said Kutchevsky's playing had been spotty while Cherepanov's worsened sharply "and he even showed signs of cowardice," on the ice. Both men were promised reinstatement if they gave up "their harmful habits."

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