

Spotlight On Food

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We're proud of Oregon's agriculture which produces a wide range of food crops. Our state is favored with a variety of soil and climatic conditions which encourage diversified farming. More than 100 different crops are grown commercially in the state. Did you know that Oregon is one of the top ranking states nationally in the production of strawberries, snap beans, filberts, pears, sweet corn, onions, peas and cherries?

More than 40,000 of the families in Oregon live on farms. Modern Oregon farmers generate more than a half billion dollars in buying power each year. They spend more than \$700 million a year for goods and services to produce crops and livestock. In addition they are a creator of jobs for Oregonians who depend on agriculture for employment and income.

Farming brings in more than 200 million dollars a year from products sold outside the state.

STRAWBERRIES
Oregon has been an important strawberry state since the establishment of canning and freezing. About 95 per cent of Oregon's berries are processed. Last year Oregon processed more berries than any other state in the union. Strawberry production is centered in the Willamette Valley — top producing counties are Marion, Washington, Yamhill, Clackamas and Multnomah.

SNAP BEANS
Oregon leads the nation in snap bean production for processing. Folks all over the United States enjoy our frozen and canned Blue Lake Beans. Climatic conditions are ideal for this famous variety which is produced mainly in the Willamette Valley, with Marion, Lane and Yamhill the leading counties.

FILBERTS
Oregon produces over 95 per cent of the nation's crop. Washington state produces the remainder.

der. However, the Northwest crop is a small part of the world total. Turkey and other Mediterranean countries are the big producers. Washington, Lane, Yamhill, Clackamas and Marion counties are the leading filbert producing counties.

ONIONS
Oregon has been an important producer of onions, ranking in the top ten during most of the 20th Century. In recent years it has varied between third and fifth. Main supply is split between Malheur County and the Willamette Valley.

GREEN PEAS
Oregon rated fourth in national production of green peas in 1962. Most of these peas are either canned or frozen. Nearly all the peas are grown in eastern Oregon, with Umatilla producing approximately 95 per cent of the state total.

PEARS
Oregon has stood among the top five states for pear production since the 1920s — she was second in national production for 1962. Thirty five to 50 per cent of the total production are Bartlett's — three-fourths of these are canned. Winter pears which include the Bose, D'Anjou, Comice and some Nelis and Easter varieties make up the balance. Hood River and Jackson counties produce over 90 per cent of the pears grown in Oregon.

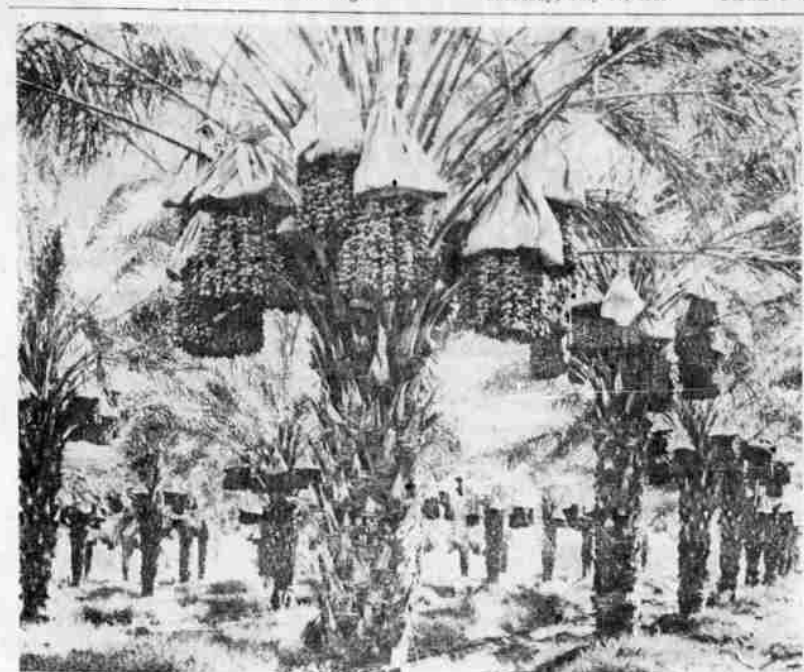
SWEET CORN
Sweet Corn did not become an important commercial crop until after 1940. Both increased yield and increased acreage have accounted for the higher production. Nationally, Oregon was fourth in 1962 production of sweet corn for processing.

Although the greater portion of the sweet corn is grown in western Oregon, Malheur County in eastern Oregon leads in county production. Lane and Linn are other important counties.

CHERRIES
Oregon has been among the top five or six states for cherry production during the past 40 years. In 1962, Oregon was second nationally in sweet cherry production and fifth for sour cherries. Sweet cherries account for between 80 per cent and 90 per cent of all cherries produced in Oregon. Polk, Wasco, Marion, Yamhill, and Lane counties are the leading producers of sweet cherries. Lane, Polk and Marion are the leading counties in sour cherry production.

POTATOES
Potatoes were one of the first crops grown in Oregon — first recorded planting was at Fort Astoria in 1811. Since 1930, production has fluctuated widely — with Oregon ranking 18th in national production of potatoes in 1962, and 12th in 1963. Klamath, Jefferson, Crook, Malheur, and Deschutes are important potato producing counties.

WHEAT
Wheat was one of the first and most important crops grown by pioneer farmers in Oregon. Oregon's rank among the states in wheat production and acreage has usually varied between 14th and 20th during the past 100 years. Oregon ranks high as a producer of soft wheat and generally had a high yield per acre for the total wheat crop.



EVER Ponder? The culture and harvesting of the earth's bounty is a never-ending wonder. Those of us who take the cycle of growth of vegetables and fruits we find in the markets for granted, often know little of the grower's problems. The vagaries of nature often ruin a crop. Here paper umbrellas cover date clusters in a palm grove of California's Coachella Valley to protect the ripening fruit. They assure top-grade fruit. Each date cluster holds approximately 20 pounds of fruit and each palm has from 10 to 20 clusters. There are over 5,000 acres of dates under culture in the Coachella Valley. This is a significant contribution of fresh California dates to Americans' daily eating habits.

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