Weed Control Conference Scheduled Here Nov. 7, 8

Perennial weed control will be emphasized during the 12th annual Oregon Weed Conference Nov. 7 and 8 at the Willard Hotel in Klamath Falls, reports Rex Warren, Oregon State University extension farm crops specialist and conference secretary.

Also receiving special attention this year will be control of weeds in range areas and in irrigation districts. The meeting is open to growers, chemical applicators and industry representatives, stressed O. K. Petersen, Junction City, conference president.

Each year the conference is held in a different section of the state. About 200 persons usually attend. This year's program will hold special interest to producers in the Klamath Basin and adjoining areas in Northern California, Warren believes.

Two talks on chemicals and weed control are scheduled. Dr. C. L. Foy of the University of California, Davis, will speak on plant responses to chemical use and Dr. Virgil Freed, head of the OSU Department of Agricultural Chemicals, will stress selecting chemicals for plant control.

Progress in biological weed control will be the topic of James K. Holloway, of the entomology research division, USDA Agricultural Research Service at Albany, Calif.

Conference participants will also hear reports on national weed problems and what is being done about them. Weed problems in the Klamath Basin and two panel discussions featuring industry representatives who will describe new herbicides and their uses.

Keith Sime, Portland, is vice president of the Oregon Weed Conference Association. Directors are Paulen Kaseburg, Wasco; Ed Hoeft, Pilot Rock; George Moore, Woodburn, and W. H. Kosesan, Salem. J. D. Vertrees, Douglas County extension agent, and Bud Jones, Oswego, serve as ex-officio directors.

Recognition Night Held

ALTURAS—Four-H boys and girls from Davis Creek, Likely, Pitt River, and the Warner Mountain clubs received recognition for their project work at the 4-H Achievement Night held in Alturas on Oct. 18.

Hosts for the evening were members of the Davis Creek 4-H Club. Mary Thompson, mistress of ceremonies, introduced speakers from each club who gave a report of the year's activities.

Speaking for the Warner Mountain club was Phylis Morgan. Joan Flournoy reported on the Likely club activities. Frank Bishop reported for Davis Creek and Beth Reid reported for the Pitt River club.

Peggy Callahan, All - Star member from the Pitt River 4-H, also told of her trip to the All-Star conference in Sacramento as one of Modoc County's representatives.

Clarence Parsons, manager of the Alturas branch of the Bank of America, presented senior leader pins and year pins to the members. Senior leader pins were awarded to Warner Mountain club, John Younger, Ida Grace Humbel, Dr. Al Baird, Electra Fogerty, Carl Morgan, Georgia Morgan, Charlotte Porter, Bill Russell, Pat Schluter, and Irma Schluter.

ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT — Serving as hosts for the Alturas 4-H achievement night program, members of the Davis Creek 4-H Club prepare to serve refreshments. From left are Vickie Hughes, treasurer; Karen Burrell, vice president; Mark Burrell, secretary; Mary Thompson; Frank Bishop; Randy Pointere, president; and John Crabtree, reporter.

Annual Sheep, Wool Field Event Scheduled Nov. 1 At Corvallis

Sheep industry economics as well as practical production problems will occupy center stage at the annual Sheep and Wool Field Day Nov. 1 at Oregon State University.

First reports from a new industry - wide study committee, and a progress report on the state's foot-rot eradication program will receive special attention. Sessions will start at 9 a.m. in OSU's Withycombe Hall, according to Dr. C. W. Fox, OSU animal scientist and chairman for the event.

Ray Eller, Eastern Oregon Experiment Station, will report on the annual monetary return per ewe from two different breeds. Wayne Mosher, Douglas County extension agent, will summarize an economic study of sheep ranches in his area.

Doug Chambers, one of the state's outstanding Shropshire breeders, will describe his use of production records in selecting the ewes and rams which are the most efficient for lamb production. A study of the Oregon sheep production testing program will be discussed by Dean Frischknecht, OSU extension livestock specialist.

A discussion of the statewide program to eradicate foot rot in sheep will be presented by Dr. Glen Rae of the State Department of Agriculture and Ronald Hogg of Salem, a member of the Oregon Purebred Sheep Breeders Association. Several flocks have already been inspected and received the coveted "free of foot rot" certification.

Research briefs will cover current topics including control of white muscle disease, new drugs for control of internal parasites, methods of control and treatment of foot rot, and responses from selection for increased lamb and wool production.

During the afternoon, Dr. Walter Kennick, OSU meat technologist, will demonstrate the cutting and trimming of lamb carcasses to determine their retail cutout value.

A major portion of the afternoon will be devoted to reports from members of the newly organized industry-wide committee for sheep and wool. The committee was formed to take an objective look at problems affecting the entire industry, from production through marketing of lamb and wool.

A panel discussion by all members who have participated in the program will wind up the Field Day, which is scheduled to end at 3 p.m.

Potato Subsidy Proposition Offered By Ag Department

WASHINGTON (UPI)— Agriculture Secretary Orville L. Freeman Friday announced plans to bolster potato prices by offering the growers a subsidy for diverting part of their 1963 crop away from normal consumer markets.

The diversion program, designed to raise prices by restricting supplies in the regular market, has been used in every marketing season since 1953 except for 1959.

Diversion payments are made to farmers who send table-grade potatoes—excluding culls— into starch and flour factories or for use as livestock feed.

Freeman said the payments, as usual would be offered only in states or areas where the potato industry develops a plan for keeping all but top-grade spuds off consumer markets.

Lower quality potatoes must be withheld from the "fresh" market in order to qualify an area for the payments.

Payments for potatoes diverted to starch, flour and livestock feed will be made only on potatoes of U.S. No. 2 or better quality with a minimum diameter of two inches for round varieties. For long varieties, payments will be made only on potatoes with a minimum diameter of two inches or a minimum weight of four ounces.

Payments will be 50 cents per hundredweight diverted through Dec. 31, 40 cents from next Jan. 1 to Feb. 29, 1964, and 30 cents from March 1, 1964, until the program is terminated.

Payments under the program totaled $1.4 million last year and $10 million in 1961.

States in which the program has operated in recent years include Maine, California, Colorado, Oregon, Rhode Island, Utah, Washington, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, New York, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana and New Jersey.

This year's program was announced after the Agriculture Department had estimated the 1963 crop of fall-harvest potatoes at 193,992,000 hundredweight, up nearly 3 million hundredweight above average.

Areas which want to qualify for diversion payments must restrict fresh-market shipments to the following quality standards:

For round varieties: U.S. No. 1, minimum two inches diameter.

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Federal Wheat Sales Reflect Improved Price

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Agriculture Department said today it had begun to move its surplus wheat stocks into the open market.

Between July 1 and mid-October, the department sold about 35 million bushels of wheat out of the government-owned surplus, in the same period last year practically no government wheat was sold.

Sales are being made now because rising demand has pushed the open market price of wheat up sharply in recent weeks. For some classes of wheat, prices have risen to or above the level at which government surplus grain is available for sale.

Under present regulations, the surplus wheat can be sold only when market prices reach 105 per cent of the price support rate or higher. Market prices have been pushed up to that level because the 1963 crop was smaller than potential demand during the current marketing season.

Agriculture Department experts now believe that if the Soviet Union and Communist satellite countries buy up to 200 million bushels of American wheat, total American exports this season will reach one billion bushels. The total domestic and export demand will amount to one billion, 600 million bushels.

If this forecast is accurate, total demand for American wheat will be about 465 million bushels greater than the 1963 crop. This means automatically, that 465 million bushels would have to be sold out of the government surplus in order to meet all demands. Sales at that level would leave the surplus next summer at about 725 million bushels, the lowest since 1953.

The Agriculture Department also predicted today that the season average wheat price to farmers this year will average moderately above the support price of $1.82 a bushel. Last year the market price average was exactly the same as the support—$2 a bushel.

Agriculture Department economists say the record 1963 soybean crop apparently won't strain the capacity of the soybean processing industry.

Soybean crushing in the year which ended Sept. 30 reached a record of 475 million bushels. In the current marketing season, crushings are expected to go up to another new high of about 490 million bushels.

The Agriculture Department estimates, however, that soybean processors have more than enough capacity to handle the increase.

Total capacity in the industry last season was estimated at not more than 575 million bushels. In other words, the industry was operating last season at about 80 per cent of capacity.

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POTATO COMMITTEE MANAGERS' JOINT DISPOSITION REPORT, 1963 CROP SEASON WITH 1962 CROP SEASON COMPARISONS
CUMULATIVE FIGURES THRU October 18, 1963 COMPILED BY OREGON-CALIFORNIA POTATO COMMITTEE, P.O. BOX 788, REDMOND, OREGON

(CARLOTS - 100 cwt.)

	Ore.-Calif. 1963	Ore.-Calif. 1962	Washington 1963	Washington 1962	Idaho-E.Ore. 1963	Idaho-E.Ore. 1962	Ba/Lois.Col. 1963	Ba/Lois.Col. 1962	No. Colo. 1963	No. Colo. 1962	Red River 1963	Red River 1962	Maine 1963	Maine 1962	Total 4 Areas 1963	Total 4 Areas 1962
Fresh Market /1																
1. By Carrier:																
Rail	412	197	7930	7177	3796	4900					3476	2842			15614	15116
Truck	891	500	2781	2910	1002	1052					1773	1353			6447	5815
Total	1303	697	10711	10087	4798	5952					5249	4195			22061	20931
2. By Grades:																
U. S. 1	1088	594	9003	8603	3746	4640					3550	2227			17387	16064
U. S. 2	215	103	1529	1476	435	455					225	317			2504	2351
U. S. Com'l.			79	8							1474	1651			1553	1659
Mixed					617	857									617	857
Total	1303	697	10711	10087	4798	5952					5249	4195			22061	20931
3. By Variety:																
Reds	38	26	302	303	115	189					2901	2435			3356	2953
Whites	143	155	959	1077	203	207					2324	1766			3629	3195
Russets	1122	506	9302	8514	4408	5450					24	14			14856	14484
Mixed			148	193	72	106									220	299
Total	1303 (74%)	697 (74%)	10711 (70%)	10087 (74%)	4798 (51%)	5952 (48%)					5249 (84%)	4195 (77%)			22061 (67%)	20931 (65%)
Other Outlets																
1. Seed/2	34	11	2	8							302	415			338	434
2. Export			35	4											35	4
3. Food Processing/3	49	38	1419	1527	4046	5228									5514	6893
4. Non-Food/4																
Starch			452	1179		600					353	357			805	2136
Livestock Feed/5	385	194	2695	539	584	620					127	457			3971	1910
Total	468 (25%)	243 (26%)	4603 (30%)	3457 (26%)	4910 (49%)	5448 (52%)					982 (16%)	1229 (23%)			10363 (33%)	11377 (35%)
TOTAL DISPOSITION	1771	940	15314	13544	9708	11400					6231	5424			32724	32308

/1 Certified as meeting M.O. fresh market requirements. Primarily table stock but may include few shipments to non-table stock outlets.
/2 Certified seed shipments only and reports from some areas incomplete.
/3 Many lots contain high percentage U.S. 1 and U.S. 2 grades. Includes chips, canning, freezing, flour and all types dehydrated products.
/4 Lots contain lower percentage of U.S. 1 and U.S. 2 grades or fail to meet M.O. fresh market requirements.
/5 Includes diversion to livestock feed, farm use, seed used for planting within area, etc.

Sterilized Milk Hearing Slated

Hearings will be held by the Oregon Department of Agriculture Oct. 31 to consider a proposed standard of identity for sterilized milk and an approved list of edible stabilizers for use in dairy products.

The hearings will be in the Agriculture Building, Salem, at 1:30 p.m.

Sterilized milk was included in Oregon's list of manufactured dairy products by the 1963 legislature.

The proposed standard of identity would establish sterilized milk as milk containing no viable micro-organisms and with a butterfat content of not less than 3.5 per cent and a minimum content of solids not fat of 8.5 per cent. Use of edible stabilizers would be optional but they would have to be named on the label.

Written testimony and evidence will be accepted by the department until date of the hearing.

4-H NEWS

JUNIOR HORSEMASTERS

The Junior Horsemasters held their annual play day Sept. 14. We had participants from the Vaqueros, Junior Broncs, Sage Riders, Silver Spurs, Wood River Wranglers and the Junior Horsemasters.

We gave beautiful 11½ - inch ribbons for 10 places in each class. Trophies were given to the first place winners. Champion showman of the day was Janis Payne, of the Vaqueros. Champion Western horseman was Janis Payne of the Vaqueros.

I'm sure everybody throughly enjoyed themselves and we hope they come again next year.

EAGER BEATERS

The first meeting of Eager Beaters Crafts and Foods Club was held at Mrs. Virginia Kent's home on Oct. 17. Election of officers was held with the following being elected: Bruce Nichols, president; Patty Hawkins, vice president; Diane Hawkins, secretary, and Connie Shelley, news reporter.

We also elected song and game leaders. Lisa Kent and Susie Lee are song leaders and Lauryn Yancey and Linda Kent are the game leaders.

All the members chose three craft projects to work on. We decided to meet once a week to work on our crafts for Christmas presents.

Connie Shelley,

MODOC TOILERS

Keith Buckingham was elected the new president of the Modoc Toilers at a regular meeting of the club on Oct. 15.

A discussion was held on the coming achievement night which is scheduled Nov. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the Tulelake Fairgrounds. Parents were reminded to attend to help the club retain its trophy.

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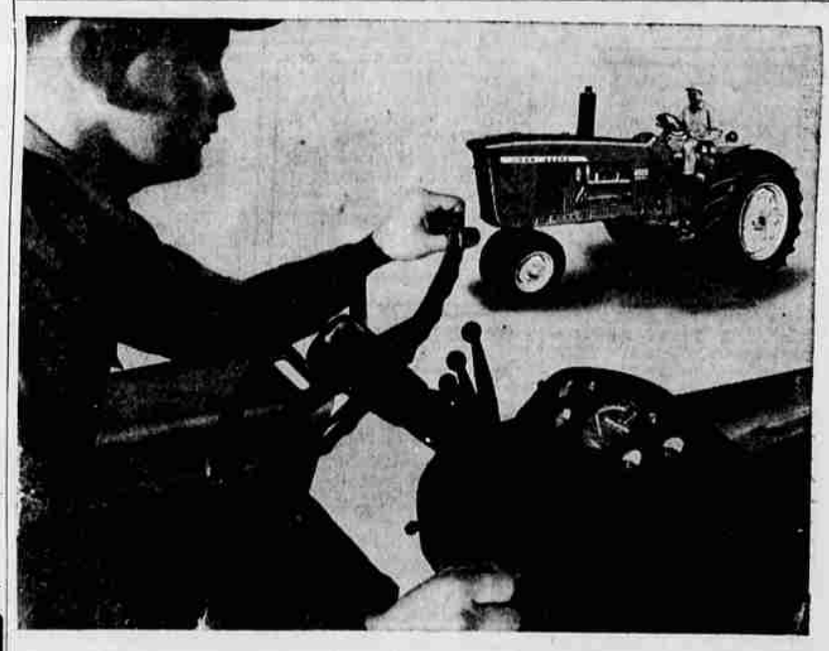
BEE STING FATAL

SUNNYVALE, Calif. (UPI)— Blood tests have been ordered to determine the cause of the death of a Sunnyvale construction worker who was stung on the tongue by a bee.

A bee entered the neck of the soft drink bottle from which Manual C. Texeira was drinking Thursday and stung him as he started to drink. He died en route to a local hospital.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