

4-H NEWS

PINE NEEDLES
Pine Needles Knitting Club met at the home of Mrs. Jack Brandon, our leader. There were six members present. Officers elected are these: Sharon Reeves, president; Linda Revis, vice president; Kim Collins, secretary; Linda Revis, news reporter; Norhala Olson, Sherrie Baker, recreation leader; and other members in the club are: Elaine Anderson, Jackie Starr, Sandra Braniff, and Caroline Carpenter.

The meetings are held every Wednesday at 3:45 p.m.

Linda Revis, News Reporter.

BUSY BEAVERS

The first meeting of the Busy Beavers 4-H clothing club was held at the home of Mrs. Hargrove. The first meeting on Oct. 15 was for the girls and their parents. Mrs. Beverly Wischnofsky presented a talk on 4-H and refreshments were served. Our books were also given to us.

The second meeting of the Busy Beavers was held at Mrs. Hargrove's home on Oct. 22. We elected the following officers: Ilene Miller, president; Connie Charlton, vice president; Paula James, secretary; Toni Hayden, news reporter; Paity Baker, recreation leader; Deanna Hargrove, song leader; Debby Baker, refreshment chairman.

We gave our pledge and sang songs. Refreshments were served by Deanna Hargrove.

The third meeting of the Busy Beavers was held Oct. 29, at the home of Mrs. Baker. We received our boxes and sewed a straight seam on the sewing machine. We covered our boxes. Refreshments were served by Toni Hayden.

Toni Hayden, News Reporter.

FARM REVIEW

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Potato Diversion Program Most Used, Misunderstood

By JOHN S. WYNN, Manager, Tulelake Growers Association

TULELAKE—One of the least understood as well as most used government programs in this area is the Potato Diversion Program.

This program is designed to divert potatoes from the fresh markets into other channels. It is intended that this program be used in years of over-production with the hope that enough marketable potatoes will be diverted from the fresh market to remove the surplus.

The demand for the remaining potatoes should be strong enough to return the grower a better net profit than he would otherwise have received—if he had sold his entire crop on the fresh market.

Small payments of from 30 cents to 50 cents per hundred-weight are paid to encourage growers to divert potatoes. In actual operation many farmers have come to look on diversion payments as a sort of subsidy to keep them from going broke too fast, rather than as an inducement to withhold part of the crop from the market.

Many feel that the value of the program is limited to the amount of the payments. Unless the program actually leads to the diversion of potatoes that

would otherwise be marketed, the value of the program is probably not sufficient to justify it.

The other misconception concerning the program (and this is a widely held belief among the general public as well as among potato farmers) is that American taxpayers are footing the bill for the entire program.

More Cattle, Less Hogs Seen For 1964 Forecast

By GAYLORD P. GODWIN, United Press International

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Agriculture Department predicts farmers will feed more beef cattle in 1963-64, slightly fewer hogs, and about the same number of poultry, as in 1962-63.

The volume of livestock fed is measured in terms of grain-consuming animal units. For example, a milk cow equals one animal grain-consuming unit. A beef cow represents 1.7 units. Cattle on feed represent two units each. A horse is one animal unit. Of the animals whose food capacity is small, it often takes many to comprise one unit. Eight sheep equal one

unit. Similarly, 125 broilers equal one unit, 18 laying hens equal one unit, and 15 tom turkeys make up one unit.

The department said the total number of grain-consuming animal units to be fed in 1963-64 is expected to be 174 million, an increase of about a million over 1962-63.

The department said expansion in cattle feeding is expected to continue through most of 1963-64 in spite of lower cattle prices during recent months. The agency said the number of cattle on feed for market in 28 states on Oct. 1 was 10 per cent higher than in that month last year.



PITCHFORK ON WHEELS—City folk driving past farms in the northern United States and Canada may be startled in the future to see a haystack chasing a tractor. Thanks to the ingenuity of South Dakota farmer-mechanic Fritz Lahman, farmers can take the drudgery out of hauling hay a forkful at a time from field to barn lot for winter cattle feeding. In top photo, the "5-Minute Stack Mover" is shown backing up to a haystack. A cable placed around the stack is winched in, pulling the stack onto the carrier. Below, the huge haystack weighing many tons is then hauled off with a saving of many man hours of work. To farmers, that's not hay.



Conference To Study Ag Economic Picture

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Agriculture Department will take a long, hard look at economic prospects for agriculture and business during the 41st annual Agricultural Outlook Conference here Nov. 18-21.

Department economists will examine economic facts and interpret them from a standpoint of agriculture for the coming year. In fact, the conference considers primarily "the agricultural outlook for 1964." The conference is a fact finding and fact interpreting workshop which is based on a continuous year-round activity.

Agricultural and home economists from state extension services and land grant colleges, along with representatives of farm organizations and businesses interested in farm prospects will attend the four-day meeting.

The Economic Research Service (ERS), which issues outlook and situation reports about agriculture during the year, is coordinating the conference. Other department agencies with speakers at the conference include the Federal Extension Service, Statistical Reporting Service, Foreign Agricultural Service, and the Agricultural Research Service.

The extension service is the department's educational arm which helps spread agricultural economic information throughout the country. Outlook is part of the department's intelligence system. Together with crop and livestock reports and market news, outlook provides a continuing flow of information of the situation

in agriculture and the most probable developments in the future.

The 1964 outlook issue of the poultry and egg situation reports there will be more eggs, more broilers, and more turkeys next year than in 1963.

Egg production next year is expected to exceed the 176 million cases in prospect for 1963, the department said. Egg prices early in 1964 probably will be lower than a year earlier.

Broiler production early in 1964 likely will be about the same as a year earlier, the department said, but output for the whole year likely will be above 1963.

The 1964 turkey crop is expected to be somewhat larger than the 92.7 million birds expected this year, the agency said.

In a projection report to 1968, the department said per capita use of eggs five years hence would be 5 to 10 per cent lower than the 316 eggs this year. The number of broilers for 1968 is expected to be almost 2.5 billion birds, up more than 15 per cent from 1963. Turkey output in 1968 is expected to increase about 20 per cent from this year.

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POTATO COMMITTEE MANAGERS' JOINT DISPOSITION REPORT, 1963 CROP SEASON WITH 1962 CROP SEASON COMPARISONS

CUMULATIVE FIGURES THRU November 1, 1963	1963		1962		1963		1962		1963		1962	
	1963	1962	1963	1962	1963	1962	1963	1962	1963	1962	1963	1962
Fresh Market												
1. By Carrier												
Ball	896	404	8176	8224	5715	5591	4500	3789	19287	19008	1240	1284
Truck	1514	721	2978	3221	1214	1284	2401	2051	2401	2051	2401	2051
Total	2410	1125	11154	11445	6929	7875	6901	5840	27337	25299	2401	2051
2. By Grades												
U. S. 1	2017	1017	9158	9681	5391	6130	4623	3189	21399	20017	1124	1284
U. S. 2	613	180	1727	1756	647	564	355	480	3122	2978	1124	1284
U. S. Com'l.			79	8			1926	2173	2005	2181	1124	1284
Mixed					891	1124	690	584	2737	25299	1124	1284
Total	2630	1197	11156	11445	6929	7875	6901	5840	27337	25299	2401	2051
3. By Variety												
Rode	38	27	304	306	115	189	451	1206	451	1206	451	1206
Whites	368	206	1014	1138	230	211	2751	2111	4355	3166	1124	1284
Russets	2044	964	9686	9907	6522	7309	49	47	18301	18127	1124	1284
Mixed			148	124	22	18			280	300	1124	1284
Total	2650	1197	11156	11445	6929	7875	6901	5840	27337	25299	2401	2051
4. Other												
1. Seed	81	15	11	8					447	489		
2. Export			35	4			355	466				
3. Food Processing	88	92	1804	2019	5824	7884			7734	9995		
4. Non-Food												
Starch			665	1385		800	481	543		940	2748	
Livestock Feed	1161	107	2874	230	815	864	412	576	132	576	1124	1284
Total	1312	114	5189	1318	6537	9312	1355	1599	12331	15997	1124	1284
Total	(1388)	(268)	(648)	(738)	(518)	(628)	(648)	(795)	(628)	(628)	(628)	(628)
TOTAL DISPOSITION	1782	1611	16162	15721	13386	12747	8249	7421	41970	41970	1124	1284

Exporters File Claim

SEATTLE (UPI)—An official of the Pacific Northwest Grain Export Association said today a protest had been lodged with the U.S. Department of Agriculture over what he contended was discrimination against Pacific Northwest wheat shippers.

W. H. Fisher, president of the association, said the charge was based on a notice, issued by the Commodity Credit Corp. in Portland, Ore., last Oct. 22. The notice said that until further notice, hard red winter wheat sold by the CCC for export in California will be priced two cents per bushel below the CCC export price in the Pacific Northwest.

The notice said the differential "reflects the current difference in ocean freight between California and the Northwest to North Asiatic countries."

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Thanksgiving Day Finds Turkeys In Good Supply

The holidays are coming and turkey—the traditional main feature of holiday dinners—is in generous supply this year, reports Stephen C. Marks, Oregon State University extension agricultural economist.

A larger poult hatch early in the year and earlier-than-usual slaughter pushed Oct. 1 cold storage holdings five per cent above the same level a year ago, he noted. However, the larger inventory poses no great problem to the trade in view of the coming holiday season, he adds.

Turkey prices have been holding fairly stable, with quotations to growers about the same as last year at this time. The 1963 turkey crop is estimated at about the same size as 1962.

For the year ahead, U.S. turkey growers are planning adjustments in size and composition of breeder flocks to be kept for the 1964 hatching season, Marks noted. Breeders in the 15 leading turkey producing states plan to keep about the same number of heavy-breed hens for the coming hatching season as in 1962, but intend to hold 10 per cent more of the light breed hens.

In Oregon, turkey breeders expect to keep slightly more heavy white breeds for egg production, but not so many bronze

and heavy types as last year, he said, and 10 per cent more of Beltville and other light breeds.

On the broiler scene, breeder marketings continue heavier than a year ago, due to the larger placements during summer months. However, they are not as large as earlier this fall and prices have somewhat improved, although they are still slightly below levels of a year ago, the economist said.

Hatchery production of egg-type chicks continues larger than last year, which means there will be more pullets available for flock replacement right after the first of the year. Marks pointed out. The number of pullets on farms and still to come into production as of Oct. 1 was up one per cent from last year, with increases reported in all regions of the nation.

PUPIL PADDLE
WASHINGTON (UPI)—The oldest board of education was about three inches wide, half an inch thick and not quite three feet long, say historians at the National Education Association.

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