

Wheat Marketing Quota Referendum Heads Farm Events

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The headline story concerning agriculture this week is the wheat marketing quota referendum to be held Saturday, May 31. On that day wheat growers have an important decision to make. In Klamath county, four polling places will be open from 9:00 a. m. to 9:00 p. m. Ballots should be cast at polling places indicated on mailed notices. The polling places are:

Bonanza — Agricultural building, high school.
Merrill — Basement community hall.

Henley — Henley grange hall at Mac's store.
Klamath Falls — Room 211, Federal building.

Notices have been mailed to every farmer in the county. Many, however, are not eligible to vote. Voting eligibility is based on 1941 wheat seeding. Eligible voters are those who have an interest in the production of at least 15 acres of wheat. Farmers who have less than 15 acres of wheat will not be affected by quotas, consequently are not eligible voters. The acreage method of determining eligibility is a change from original provisions which based eligibility and quota regulations on production of 200 bushels.

Purpose
Quotas are intended to regulate the amount of wheat that may be sold. If approved by two-thirds of the eligible voters voting quotas will regulate wheat sale by imposing a penalty on wheat produced in excess of acreage allotments or in excess of 15 acres in cases where lack of wheat history does not permit setting of allotments. The penalty is now definitely set at half of the basic loan rate. Recent legislation has provided that the loan rate is to be 85 per cent of parity price at the beginning of the marketing year. Since the wheat marketing year begins in July, parity is not determined but is tentatively being figured at \$1.14 per bushel at Portland. Loan rate at Portland then, will be approximately 97 cents. Loan rate at Klamath Falls will be approximately 80 cents per bushel. Penalty on excess wheat will be approximately 40 cents per bushel.

If growers approve quotas, the man who plants over his allotment, or over 15 acres in cases where his wheat production history does not permit setting up an acreage allotment for his farm, will be able to sell or feed or obtain the full 80 cents per bushel loan on wheat produced on the allotted acreage or the 15 acres. He may not sell or feed the excess wheat produced until the 40 cents per bushel penalty is paid, but he may get a loan on the excess wheat at a lower rate. The loan rate on penalty wheat is 60 per cent of the loan rate on non-penalty wheat. Klamath farmers could, therefore, obtain a loan of 48 cents per bushel on penalty wheat.

That, in brief, is what farmers will be voting for or against on Saturday, May 31st. If the plan is approved, Klamath farmers can expect 80 cents a bushel or \$1.33 per cwt. for wheat. Wheat prices must approach that since growers will ask for loans if

prices do not come up to the loan rate.

Now, what will happen if growers reject quotas? Only one thing can be definitely said, and that is — "No loans can be made." But many who are vitally interested in wheat are looking forward to see what that might mean.

Until recently, when anticipation of higher loans and voting quotas strengthened the wheat market, wheat was around 60 cents at Portland. It is said that wheat was 60 cents because loans now in effect supported that price. World price was somewhere between 30 cents and 40 cents. A better world price can hardly be expected. Present expectations of 1941 United States wheat exports are 20 million bushels. That is quite a drop from the 200 million bushel annual average for the period 1920 to 1929. The demand isn't there and we can expect to sell very little of what demand there is since 1,100 million bushels is on statistical record as available for world export.

In the United States the 1941 supply made up of 385 million bushels carry over on July 1, and an expected 1941 production of 815 million bushels adds up to 1,200 million bushels. Estimated disappearance for food, seed, feed, waste and 30 million bushels export figures at 630 million bushels. That means 570 million bushels to carry over to 1942.

In these times a carryover is just all right. Defense preparations might well include a large wheat reserve. But it is thought wise to handle that reserve in such a way that it will not result in disastrous prices.

Wheat is only one agricultural commodity but is more widely grown than any other. Without question wheat supplies are out of line with demand for wheat. Perhaps, wheat growers should be squeezed out of business. Low prices will crimp them just as much as low wages crimp the buying power and living standards of labor.

There are those who oppose interference with the free play of the forces of supply and demand, yet there are few commodities in which those forces act freely today. Wheat growers are, of course, trying to effect price support. To effect such support they know supplies available for market must be cut down. The nation, however, does not want a scarcity program. Acreage allotments are set each year with the thought that there must be an adequate but not burdensome surplus. But acreage allotments have not given control. Many over-plant them. Except for direct AAA payments, non-cooperators obtain as much benefit as those who reduce acreage. The whole thing adds up to an ineffective program. For this reason it is felt that quotas are necessary.

Not Scarcity Measures
Allotments and quotas are the mechanism for reducing burdensome supplies. They are not scarcity measures. They are the means for keeping the great number of wheat farmers from planting more wheat than it is evident should be planted. The two measures, however, do not assure parity price. To obtain parity price for wheat, loans are provided. Parity price simply means a price for today's wheat that will give today as much buying power as wheat gave during the period prior to the last war. Loans, however, will not be made if growers refuse to realize that

Democracy in Action Farmers to Decide Quota Question



One of the foundations of democracy is the right of people to share in national decisions affecting their everyday lives. Although many other parts of the world are under the heel of dictatorship, here in America farmers are strengthening democracy by putting it into practice in their AAA marketing quota referendums. The Secretary of Agriculture has proclaimed a wheat marketing quota for 1941, subject to approval by farmers in a national referendum on May 31. When farmers vote in the referendum on that date, they will be exercising a fundamental privilege of citizens in a democracy.

cuts in production are the basic answer.

In analyzing all this we can say that all these measures will set up commercial wheat growing as a closed union. That fact cannot be side-stepped, because allotments are based on wheat production in past years. This statement applies only to commercial wheat production since those who produce 15 acres or less are exempt from quota penalties. The closed union is also modified in that each year 3 per cent of each county's allotment must be reserved for new growers.

This discussion is an attempt to present as clearly as possible the provisions of wheat marketing quotas and the facts which have resulted in presentation of the issue. If two-thirds of the eligible growers voting approve quotas they will be in effect. Under the provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, the secretary of agriculture was bound to declare quotas this year since supplies are over 35 per cent more than can be used and exported. Quotas will not be in effect, however, if more than one-third of growers voting don't want them. The voting will be done all over the United States. Saturday is the time to express opinion by use of a voting right, the value of which we are again beginning to appreciate.

ON VACATION

MALIN—Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dalton and son Billy, are vacationing at Richardson Springs, Calif., and at San Francisco. While south they will be joined by their daughter Betty, a student at St. Dominic's seminary at San Raphael. Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Dalton, Merrill, are remaining at the home of the travelers during their absence.

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A sharp rise in farm prices from mid-March to mid-May, despite better than average crop production prospects, is the outstanding fact of the current agricultural situation as reviewed by the agricultural extension service at OSC in the current report just released.

The advance in the general level of prices for farm products is estimated to have been around 10 per cent for the two-month period. The rise is attributed principally to stronger demand from domestic consumers and government activities under the defense program.

Compared with a year ago, meat animals and truck crops show the greatest gains in price, followed by poultry products and dairy products. Prices for these commodities usually respond rather definitely to changes in the purchasing power of consumers. Although milk production on May 1 was 6 per cent greater than a year previous, farm prices for dairy products were fully 10 per cent higher due to strong demand with mounting payrolls.

From the standpoint of production, an increase in output of most farm products appears probable. Crop conditions are generally better than average at this season of the year and interest in expanding production of certain items needed for better diets is being stimulated by government measures.

Production prospects in the country as a whole are better than average. Indications are favorable for an abundance of hay. On May 1 pastures were the best for the date since 1929. Poultry flocks are being increased substantially, and cattle, hogs and sheep are being increased somewhat.

Wheat and rye prospects are very favorable. The May 1 estimate of winter wheat production was 653,000,000 bushels compared with 590,000,000 in 1940. Prospects are also favorable for spring wheat yields, though it is too early to make definite estimates. Carryover stocks of wheat are also sure to be abnormally high.

In view of this condition the national wheat acreage allotment for 1942 has been set at 55,000,000 acres, with Oregon's share being 756,281 acres. This national allotment is the minimum allowable under the agricultural adjustment act.

BRAND BOOK READY FOR DISTRIBUTION

The 1941 Oregon brand book, containing the thousands of brands that were re-recorded in 1940, is now ready for distribution to livestock owners of the state. The book is available through the state department of agriculture, a animal division. There is a \$1 charge, which is the cost of compiling and printing.

This is the first brand book published in Oregon since 1918. It contains some 6000 brands, mostly those used on cattle, horses and sheep. Poultry markings are recorded also.

Through courtesy of the Oregon Cattle and Horse Raisers' association, every member of that organization in good standing will receive a free copy of the brand book. The association-purchased books are in a special red binding.

Engineer Coming To Inspect New Tulelake Sewers

TULELAKE — Edward K. Hussey, Oakland engineer is being summoned by the city council for an inspection and approval of the city's sewer system which is being completed this week. Hussey, who has engineered installation of the water system as well, is expected to arrive within the next few days.

Clifford Dunn, Klamath Falls was contractor on the \$42,000 sewer system.

Bonanza

Miss Opal Brown, Bonanza high graduate, was the honor guest at a bridal shower at the library building last Wednesday evening when some 40 friends

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Cattlemen Urged Against Expansion at Ontario Meet

War profits are misleading and false and for that reason livestock men should be very careful about expansion now. That was the burden of several of the many addresses presented at the 28th annual convention of the Oregon Cattle and Horse Raisers' association at Ontario recently.

For instance, Dr. Orlo Maughan, Spokane economist, said that the peak of the price of cattle, on basis of purchasing power, was reached January 1, this year, or will be reached January 1, 1942. Studies have shown price peaks about every 15 years. A four-point program suggested to keep livestock producers on an even keel: 1. Do not expand; 2. Get out of debt; 3. Use credit only for production purposes; 4. Put part of the surplus into government bonds.

Highlights in a series of resolutions: Opposition to free admission of dressed meats from foreign countries; opposition to consolidation of forest service

with department of interior; opposition to any increase in present charges for grazing on Taylor grazing act lands; protest against abuse occurring under protection of the Wagner labor law; amendment of which was urged; urged abolition of all big game refuges in Oregon with power to the game commission to create such when necessary; urged open season in areas of over population of elk, deer and antelope; reduction in antelope fees and low charge for elk tags; requests greater efforts to live-trap beavers that are doing material damage to cultivated areas but no open season on beavers was recommended.

All officers were re-elected: Wayne Stewart, Dayville, president; Robert Lister, Paulina, first vice president; Herbert Chandler, Baker, second vice president; C. L. Jamison, Canyon City, secretary-treasurer. John Day was chosen as site of the 1942 convention, also to be held in mid-May.

gathered to congratulate her on her coming marriage. After games and the opening of many gifts, refreshments were served by the hostesses, Peggy Robertson, Juanita Horsley, Mary Jane Beebe, Mrs. Alice Sessions and Mrs. Blanche Gowan.

Paul Dyer left Monday morning for Oakland, Calif., where he expects to work. He will also visit with two of his daughters who reside there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Pankey and baby son of Sprague River were visitors last Sunday at the homes of the Bill Hartleys and the Ed Gowan.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Tompkins and son Buddy and Louetta Henke and Mrs. Flossie Busk of Klamath Falls, also Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Lovelady of Poe valley and Neils Busk of Bonanza were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Busk in Bonanza last Sunday.

Oliver Pankey left last week for a visit with relatives in Alturas, Calif., where she expects to find work.

As the regular meeting day of the Bonanza Garden club falls on Memorial day, the meeting was postponed to Friday, June 6, when it will be held at the home of Mrs. Ruth Mulleneaux with Mrs. Christine Brown acting as hostess.

Dreamland dance hall is having roller skating twice a week, on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Lubbes and Mrs. Edith Wilson left last week for Portland where they were called by the illness of Lubbes' mother.

Merrill

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Steele, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Steele and daughter Dolores, made a round-trip trip to Yreka, Ashland and Medford Sunday, following the Burke-Mattson wedding at which they were guests.

Mrs. W. C. Bailey is visiting this week at the home of her

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The members, increased from 20 to 30, are responsible also for the rural equipment housed with the city's truck, making runs to fires out of town as well as in the city limits.

Lyle Sherer and Francis O'Conner, members of the force, attended a district meeting last weekend of fire officials at Hobberg, Calif.

ANNUAL SHOW SET BY GARDEN CLUB

MERRILL — Sunday, June 15, has been set as the date for the annual spring flower show by the Lost River Garden club when early blossoms from Klamath county gardens are expected to be at their peak. Mrs. Dan Cashman, general chairman, announced that the exhibit will be held in the gymnasium of the grade school and that the schedule will be announced soon.

Plans for the exhibit were worked out this week at the May meeting of the Garden club at the home of Mrs. M. A. Bowman. The membership will picnic on June 24 at Lake o' the Woods, the picnic pilgrimage also being an annual affair. Present for the meeting were Mrs. Almo Newton, Tulelake, Mrs. R. W. Steele, Tulelake, Mrs. George Houck, Mrs. Scott McKendree, Mrs. O. T. McKendree, Mrs. Hansen, Mrs. Lewis Kandara, Mrs. Dan Cashman, Mrs. C. E. Sharp.

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