

National Forest Timber Estimates Completed Now

Douglas Fir Given High Rating

46 Per Cent of Available Saw Timber Said on West Slope of Mountains

The preeminence of the national forest of Oregon and Washington in the total national forest timber set up of the United States is shown by Forest Research Notes No. 22, "Timber Volume and Type Acreage on the National Forests of the North Pacific Region," recently published by the Pacific Northwest forest experiment station. This report includes data on all national forest land of the two states except a small area in extreme northeastern Washington belonging to the northern forest region (headquarters, Missoula, Montana), and a very small area in southern Oregon which is part of the California region.

These first reliable figures on national forest timber are the result of the complete forest survey for the two states which in turn was part of the nation-wide forest survey begun several years ago, the experiment points out.

The survey estimates that the national forests of this region contain a sawtimber volume of nearly 263 billion board feet log scale. Converted to lumber tally this approximates 300 billion board feet which is 54 per cent of the estimated total sawtimber volume of all the national forests in the United States. It is nearly one-fifth of all the softwood sawtimber in the country. Oregon national forests contain 60 per cent and Washington forests 40 per cent of the regional

national forest volume. The Willamette forest with headquarters at Eugene, Oregon, ranks first in timber volume with a total of nearly 40 billion board feet; the Olympic forest is second with approximately 34 billion board feet and the Umpqua (headquarters, Roseburg, Oregon), the Columbia (headquarters, Vancouver, Washington), and the Mt. Hood rank next with more than 22 billion board feet each.

Douglas fir comprises 46 per cent of the total volume and ponderosa pine 14 per cent.

In arriving at final estimates, coniferous stands in western Oregon and western Washington were classified as of merchantable size, if most of the volume was in trees more than 16 to 20 inches in diameter breast high. In eastern Oregon and eastern Washington they were classified as second growth.

Containing well over a third of the two states' sawtimber, the national forests are a vital force in planning a sustained-yield program that will assure the forest industries of Oregon and Washington a permanent supply of raw material. The volume of available mature timber as well as the capacity for growth on the national forests are fundamental factors in determining sustained yield possibilities, forest officials point out. As a part of the forest survey all forest land in the two states was classified according to its ability to produce forest crops, and computations are now being made to determine the present and potential forest growth.

Total timber supply of the two states is approximately 45 per cent of that of the whole nation.

Goes To Baker

Charles Fanchier of Vernonia has spent the past 10 days in Baker visiting with his brother who is reported ill here.

Milk, Dairy Income Ups Farm Totals

Figures for 1937 Encouraging to Agriculturists of State; Highest Since 1933

Cash income for Oregon farmers for 1937 will be the highest since pre-depression days and will approximate the previous peak of 1929, according to a compilation made by L. R. Breithaupt, extension economist at Oregon State college, and based on latest government estimates and other data.

"Sales of crop and animal products from Oregon farms during 1937 will amount to between \$130,000,000 and \$140,000,000, which is more than double the cash farm income during the 1932-1933 low years and equal to the 1928-1929 peak period," says Breithaupt.

"Oregon's agricultural manufacturing and processing industries, such as mills, canneries, and milk product plants, will add perhaps \$30,000,000 to \$40,000,000 additional to the farm sales income, bringing the total agricultural income up around \$163,000,000 to \$170,000,000. This equals if not exceeds the previous high mark of \$163,000,000 in 1929, which figure includes \$34,300,000 credited to agricultural manufacturing, but does not include returns from specialty crops estimated in this year's totals. Without either manufacturing of specialty crop income the latest government estimates for this state are \$127,811,000 for 1937."

Breithaupt calls attention to the growing importance of specialty crops in Oregon's income, even though milk production and wheat continue as the principal single items, with beef cattle, sheep and other livestock accounting for fully a fourth of the total. Tree fruits, nuts, small fruits and nursery crops together bring in about a fifth of the total.

Specialty crops include a half of all the crops produced in the United States, a large volume of eggs and fine baby chicks, and a turkey output that puts Oregon in the front rank of turkey growing states. Specialty crops often omitted from estimates include celery and other truck crops, field, garden and flower seeds; bulbs, peppermint oil, furs, and a great variety of nursery stock for both ornamental and commercial planting.

Snell Gives New Year Resolutions

Car Should Be Kept in Excellent Condition to Assure Safety, Reported

Taking advantage of the open season on New Year's resolutions, Secretary of State Earl Snell this week listed the following seven pledges which, if observed by motorists, would in his opinion go far in cutting this state's traffic toll.

"I, holder of an Oregon driver's license, hereby resolve:

"First, never to insist upon the right-of-way when to do so might cause an accident.

"Second, to use my horn as a warning device and not as a public address system.

"Third, to keep my car in tip-top mechanical condition at all times.

"Fourth, never to drive my car at a speed greater than would permit me to bring it to a stop within the distance I KNOW to be clear and unobstructed—whether by day or night.

"Fifth, to know the traffic law and to give 100 per cent cooperation to traffic officers.

"Sixth, to treat everyone on the road, whether pedestrian or motorist, with utmost courtesy and consideration.

"Seventh, to keep my mind on my driving."

Return to School—

The Misses Cathrin and Alice Hoffman, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hoffman of Vernonia returned to their studies at Oregon State College and the University, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman motored as far as Corvallis, Miss Alice going on to Eugene from there.

The Forum

CHISLER'S NIGHTMARE

(Submitted by Mrs. A. E. Jennings)
Circular letter sent to American business man—his answer:

In reply to your request to send a check, I wish to inform you that at the present time the condition of my bank account makes it impossible; my shattered principal condition is due to federal laws, county laws, state laws, city laws, mother-in-laws, brother-in-laws and out laws. Through these laws I am compelled to pay a business tax, amusement tax, head tax, school tax, light tax, water tax, sales tax, liquor tax, income tax, furniture tax, excise tax, carpet tax. Even my brains are taxed. I am required to get business license, car license, truck license, liquor license, and dog license, not to mention marriage license. I am also required to contribute to every society and organization which the genus man is capable of bringing to life; to women's relief, unemployment relief, and the gold-diggers relief, also to every hospital and charitable institution in the city, including the Red Cross, the purple cross and the double cross. For my own safety I am required to carry life insurance, property liability, business, earthquake and tornado insurance, old-age and fire insurance.

My business is so governed that it is no easy matter to know who owns it. I am inspected, rejected, suspected, dejected, examined, informed, required, summoned, fined, commanded and compelled until I provide an inexhaustible supply of money for every known need, desire or life of the human race.

Simply because I refuse to donate to something or other I am boycotted, talked about, lied about,

held up, held down, and robbed until I am almost ruined; I can tell you honestly that except for the miracle that happened, I could not enclose this check, the wolf that comes to so many doors now-a-days just had pups in my kitchen. I sold the pups, so here's the money!

County Agents Get Specimens Of Weeds

Displays Available at All State Offices; Bulletin Reported Ready Too

Mounted specimens of Oregon weeds have been prepared and distributed to each county agent office to enable farmers or others to become acquainted with the appearance of the worst weeds in their own or neighboring counties.

More than 500 specimens of 70 different weeds were collected last summer and mounted by the extension service at Oregon State college.

Much of the actual work was done by students at the college paid from NYA funds and supervised by Lawrence Jenkins, assistant specialist in farm crops.

A new weed bulletin is also being prepared, weed control demonstration plots are being expanded, and 4-H weed control clubs are being formed as part of a general campaign to control the noxious weeds of the state. In addition the last legislature appropriated funds for definite research projects in weed control.

Civil Service Exam—

Postmaster Emil Messing said yesterday that the U. S. Civil Service board, through its bulletin, announced openings in several positions. They are: junior tabulating machine operator, \$1,440; alphabetic tabulating machine operator, \$1,440; inspector of railway signaling and train control, \$3,800; mathematical statistical analyst, senior, associated and assistant, from \$2,600 to \$4,600. Full information may be obtained from O. T. Bateman, local post office clerk, or from Washington, D. C.

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