

West Leads in Per Capita Consumption

Oregon Led Nation in Amount of Board Feet Used in 1936

Oregon led the nation in 1936 with lumber consumption of 1,149 board feet per capita, and Washington ranked second with 840 feet, according to R. V. Reynolds and A. H. Pierson of the division of forest economics of the U. S. forest service, Washington, D. C. Next in order of per capita consumption were Idaho, 537 feet; Nevada, 532 feet; California, 424 feet; Montana, 409 feet and Wyoming, 403 feet. Connecticut and Pennsylvania ranked lowest with 91 board feet per capita, each. Forest service findings indicate a high per capita consump-

tion of lumber where there is ample local timber.

The study indicates that the per capita consumption of lumber is five times as high in the Pacific Coast states as in New England and Middle Atlantic states combined. All of the 22 states which are below the national average in lumber consumption lie east of the Great Plains. Of these, 18 appear to be deficient in timber supply, according to the report.

Although the per capita consumption is low, the largest market for lumber is in the industrial block of states east of the Mississippi river and north of the Ohio, which contain more than half of the nation's population. The region now uses more than one third of the lumber consumed in the United States, of which 75 per cent. is obtained from imports or from other states, particularly those in the distant lumber producing regions of the Pacific Northwest and the south. The United States as a whole con-

sumed more than 23 billion board feet of lumber in 1936—approximately twice as much as in 1932. In the same period average per capita consumption increased from 94 feet to 184.

The results of the study by Reynolds and Pierson are contained in the Government publication "Lumber Distribution and Consumption in 1936," which may be obtained free from the forest service, U. S. department of agriculture, Washington, D. C., while the supply lasts.

Payments Are Available for Seeding Now

Best Growth Can Be Obtained by Planting Now on Non-Crop Land

The Agricultural Conservation As-

sociation allows a benefit payment for seeding non-crop land and rejuvenating old pastures. They allow one unit for every ten pounds of approved seed mixture that is seeded. A unit amounts to about \$1.50 or possibly a little more. This is quite a help towards the cost of supplying the seed.

A good pasture mixture of seed to sow is western rye grass, four pounds; English rye grass, four pounds; timothy, two pounds; orchard grass, three pounds; alsike clover, two pounds; and white clover, one-half pound. To this should be added sod-forming grasses if the pasture is to be permanent such as one or two of the following grasses; Astoria bent, one-half pound; Chewings fescue, two pounds, superior Reeds canary grass, or Kentucky blue grass of about two pounds each. About 10 or 12 pounds of the above mixture should be applied per acre.

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the above mixture to be added which has proven quite successful on the hill land especially and which has been in a grass nursery at Vernonia for the last ten years is tall fescue. There is seed available of this new grass at the present time. It is advised that as many as possible try this grass.

Guide Books of Oregon Under Preparation

WPA Writer's Project Is Compiling Information to Assist Tourists

A streamlined guide book of Oregon is being prepared by the WPA writers' project to be released for the use of the summer vacationists

and tourists. Special emphasis will be given to seasonal sports and recreation with an accompanying description of recreational area facilities. Brief descriptions of points of scenic and historical interest along highways, living accommodations and road conditions, distances and other general tourist information will be given. The guide book will also contain a folding map of the state, showing the highways and indicating recreational centers. In addition there will be a brief physical description of the state and a miscellany of facts about Oregon intended to satisfy the tourists' interest and curiosity.

The guide book will not cost more than 5c and will be in such form that travelers may easily obtain any basic information needed. Guide books, similar to the Oregon edition, are planned by the national office of the federal writers' project for every state in the union.



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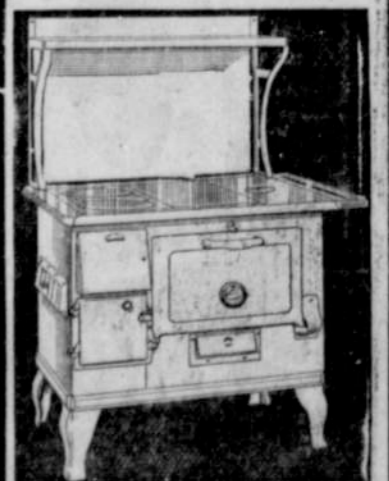
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