FDA ANNOUNCES PLAN TO PURCHASE POTATOES

The Food Distribution Administration will make arrangements to purchase from eligible growers all Irish potatoes produced in 1943 at the following f.o.b. prices:

$2.25 per hundred pounds for potatoes grading U.S. No. -; $2.15 per hundred pounds for potatoes grading at least 85 percent U.S. No. 1; $2.05 per hundred pounds for potatoes grading U.S. Commercial; and $1.35 per hundred pounds for potatoes grading U.S. No. 2, or U. S. No. 1 size B (60 percent of support price for U.S. No. 1 potatoes).

The above prices are applicable to potatoes graded, packed in standard containers, and loaded on cars. Any grower producing potatoes in 1943 on a farm for which no potato war crop goal is determined regardless of the acreage grown, will be eligible to participate in the price support program.

This program will guarantee producers of Irish potatoes, that they will receive not less than $2.25 per 100 pounds for their potatoes, however, the County Committee does not feel that there will be any need for the operation of this program in this county, as shipments would have to be in car lots and will probably not be sufficient acreage to warrant arrangements for handling in this manner.

Potato growers who have a goal of 3 acres or more will also receive incentive payments at the rate of 50c per bushel times the average yield on the acreage they grow in excess of 90 per cent of their war goal and not exceeding 110 per cent of this goal.

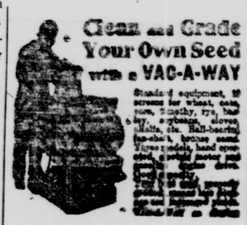
SUGGESTS METHOD FOR CANNING STRAWBERRIES

Many requests are coming in to the home demonstration agent for information on the best way to can the crop of strawberries which is now coming in. The following method is suggested as the most satisfactory plan.

Pick over, wash and stem the berries the night before you wish to can them, using one or several large enamel or china bowls according to the number of berries to be prepared. Sugar the berries down the night before canning. This is done by placing in the bowl a layer of berries, then a layer of sugar, another layer of berries, another layer of sugar, etc., ending with a layer of sugar. Cover the bowl and keep in a warm, but not too warm room over night. By the following morning the berries will have made their own syrup and absorbed a good deal of it. They should be brought slowly just to the boiling point, packed hot in hot sterilized jars, sealed or partially sealed according to the type of lid being used, and processed five minutes in a hot water bath, counting the time from when the water in the bath begins to boil. Berries canned in this way are less apt to rise to the top of the jar than those which are canned by making a syrup with the water.

The sugar for canning these berries should be used at the rate of one-half cup for every two quarts of uncooked berries as it takes approximately 2 quarts of the fresh berries to make one quart canned. This will be using sugar at the prescribed rate of one pound for every 4 finished quarts.

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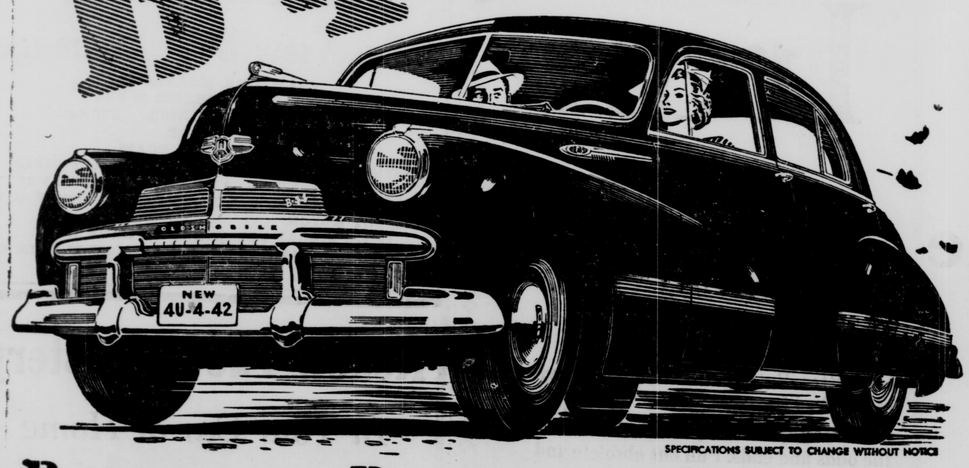
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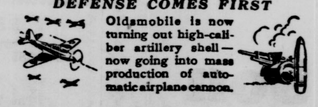
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