MARYLAND'S FARM FRONT

Ask High Farm Production

The Maryland USDA Council closed its goals sessions of December 19 and 20 by recommending slight increases in milk, beef, sheep, and hogs for 1946 with a proportionate increase in feed crops to support the livestock, but called for considerable decrease in broiler production and in egg production, as well as in the number of chickens and turkeys raised in 1946.

Increases in feed and hay crops were suggested to Maryland farmers to support continued livestock production, together with a decrease of 4 per cent in processing crops in 2 per cent in fresh market produce. An increase of 4½ percent above 1944 in tobacco acreage was proposed. A total crop acreage of 1,884,818 was advocated, 1.7 per cent above the 1,853,350 acres cropped in 1945.

Must Figure Closely

The Council, composed of representatives of the many state and federal agricultural agencies of the State meeting together with farmers and farm organization delegates, pointed out that this year the goals for farm production are a guide that must be considered by each farmer separately, as he outlines his production possibilities in the face of prospective markets, and in the face of a continued shortage of labor and of new farm machinery. All-out effort to produce food this year must give way to efficient production of the needed amount of feed and food while building up the soil, and making the best possible use of labor and facilities available.

Dairy and Livestock

A one per cent increase in milk flow, to total 1,057,000,000 pounds in 1946 was called for, on the basis of about a 1 per cent increase in the number of milking cows. The dairy committee advised farmers to breed more cows for fall freshening, to increase milk flow in the fall months and help prevent such serious shortages of milk as experienced this fall.

The group advocated keeping the number of beef cattle on farms at an even keel, to mantain total cattle numbers on farms at about 373,000 head. Beef production, the livestock committee said, must now emphasize quality meat and more and more baby beef will be one answer to both the quality and the labor problems.

A five per cent increase of breeding ewes was called for, to make a total of 45,000 in 1946. Hog goals were set earlier this fall, with an overall increase of 11 per cent from the 54,000 sows farrowed last year, to 60,000 this year. All of the increase is suggested in the Spring farrowing goal, a change from 24,000 to 30,000.

Must Adjust Poultry

Downward revision of poultry enterprises was called for to fit expected markets and feed supplies in 1946. This would bring a drop of 14 per cent in the number of chickens to be raised, or 7,124,000, a 13 per cent drop in egg production, or 31,466,000 dozen, a 13 per cent decrease in commercial broilers to 20,000,000 birds; a 10.5 per cent drop in number of turkeys, to 430,000; and an estimated 9 per cent lowering of the number of hens and pullets on farms January 1, 1947, to a total of 3,324,000.

Some Cash Crops Down

The largest slice of the 4 per cent decrease suggested for canning crops, from 140,620 acres to 135,025 acres was in snap beans, a 25 per cent drop from the 1945 figure of 14,100 acres to 10,600. These and all other vegetable goals, the Council said, were tentative until the OPA ceilings should be announced in February.

Only increase suggested for a cannery crop was in lima beans, a 25 per cent jump to 3,750 acres. Goals for canner ytomatoes and peas stayed at 100 per cent, or 59,700 and 12,000 acres respectively. A five per cent drop in cannery corn was suggested to 44,700 acres.

Fresh Market Crops

Late potato acreage advised for 1946 is the same as in 1945, but the earlier announced decrease suggested for early white potatoes brings the total suggested potato acreage down 5 per cent to 18,400 acres. Another 8,000 acre crop of sweet potatoes was called for.

Fresh market crops for which production suggested for 1946 remains the same as in 1945 include tomatoes, 7,800 acres; cantaloupes, 6,300 acres; watermelons, 5,600 acres; cucumbers, 3,800 acres; and asparagus, 2,600 acres. A suggester 25 per cent reduction in market snap beans would mean only 3,500 acres planted to this crop, while a 20 per cent increase in fresh market lima beans would bring an acreage of 1,800. The committee on market crops also called for an increase of strawberry plantings to 5,000 acres (for 1947 harvest) compared to the 2,800 acres ready for 1946 picking. Total market crops, except potatoes and sweet potatoes, would be 33,435 acres in 1946, compared to 36,000 acres in 1945.

More Tobacco

Production of tobacco on 47,000 acres of land in Southern Maryland was asked for 1946, compared to the 45,000 acres of 1944, and the 36,000 acres grown in 1945. In view of the excellent market for this special type tobacco the increase called for seems small, but is limited by labor, and plant production problems.

Need Feed and Grain

Since bad weather this fall has cut the acreage of winter wheat sown about 57,000 acres below the goals of 425,000 acres set in September, increases of other crops including hay, may replace this wheat. Also increases of 6 per cent in corn and 11 per cent in barley were advised, or 490,000 acres in corn, and 78,00 acres in barley, A drop of 5 per cent in oats, to 39,000 acres, was approved, since this crop is not well adapted to many Maryland soils. A 1 per cent increase in hay, to 440,00 acres was called for, together with a 40 per cent increase in clover seed production or 35,000 acres harvested, to assure ample seed supplies.

A 7 per cent drop in soybeans to 70,000 acres was also advised, while buckwheat acreage, it was agreed, might stay at 6,000 acres. Fall planted rye goal was earlier set at 20,000 acres.

Corn Loans at $1.14

Farmers can get loans on No. 3 corn stored on the farm at the rate of $1.14 a bushel in all Maryland counties, through the county AAA offices. This compares with a national average loan price of $1.01 a bushel. Loans will be available through May 31, 1946 and will mature September 1, 1946. Farmers who deliver corn grading better than No. 3 will be credited a ½ cent premium per bushel for grade 2 and 1 cent per bushel for grade 1 corn. As corn has been selling at considerably lower prices in some parts of the State, the loan program will help bring the corn price up to state average.

Federal Inspection

A meat plant that operates with federal inspectors on the job must comply with high standards for clean, wholesome food that is accurately labeled. Department of agriculture regulations for such a meat packing plant deal with practically everything from the aprons the workers wear to the wrapping and labeling of the meat.

STILL POND

Santa arrived in Still Pond around 12 o'clock Christmas Eve and left lots of Christmas Cheer and Christmas gifts for all.

Mrs. Ralph Copper spent part of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Hope Copper near Cecilton.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nicholson and granddaughter, Doris Nicholson, enjoyed the holiday season with relatives in Wilmington, Del.

Weather conditions prevented the Christmas entertainment and treat on Wednesday. On Sunday morning during the Church School session a Christmas Play "The Christmas Spirit" was presented in two scenes by members of the Sunday school and day school scholars. The much beloved Christmas Poem ""Twas The Night Before Christmas" was read also Christmas carols were sung. Recitations by Margaret Ann Nicholson, Mary Lill Atwell, Bessie Starkey and Theresa Mann, after which Santa Claus, who on ordinary days is better known as Norman Hopkins arrived with candy and oranges and gifts for all.

The winner of the blanket from the County Wide Club for this week is Mr. Robert L. Usilton, Lynch, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Lynch visited with his mother in Chestertown, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Whitley and children, Nancy and Joan, and Bessie Starkey were guests Rock Hall relatives Sunday.

Rev. H. H. and Mrs. Conner are holding "Open House" at the parsonage on New Year's Day from 2 o'clock to 5 o'clock. Everyone welcome.

The many friends of Mrs. Howard Toulson will be glad to know she is home from the Dover Hospital after a most successful operation.

Several new members joined with the church at the 11 o'clock worship service on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Geary were Sunday dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Leonard Price at Price's cottage, Betterton.

We wish to welcome to our village Mr. and Mrs. Vanwinkle and family, who have moved to Still Pond from Baltimore recently.

Mr. John Jarvis and Mr. and Mrs. Plant have been on our housed list the past week.

The Rebekah's planned to hold their Christmas Party the 27th in the I.O.O.F. Hall.

Miss Harriett Skirven and father Mr. Romie Skirven of Fairlee and Chestertown were Christmas guests with Miss Louisa Travers.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schofield are visiting with their children in Wilmington during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Petterson of Philadelphia enjoyed the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clark.

MILLINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. William Kline and daughter, Sandra, of Morris Plains, N. J., were holiday guests of her father, Mr. John Phillips.

Mrs. Kate Garton left on Sunday for an extended visit in Elkton with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Melvin and family spent Friday in Wilmington.

The Homemakers held their Annual Christmas Party in the Community Hall Thursday, Dec. 13th.

Among those who have recently received their honorable discharges from the armed services are George Duling, U. S. Navy, who was serving in the Pacific; Millard Porter, U. S. Army who was serving in Europe and Earl Bottomley, U. S. Army who was serving in Iceland.

Home from school for the holidays are Miss Marjorie Higman of University of Maryland, and Miss Jane Rasin of Goldey College.

Mrs. Emma Airey of Catonsville and Miss Dorothy Jones of Baltimore are the holiday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Jones.

Lieut. Walter Lindsay and Mrs. Lindsay of Staunton, Va., are the holiday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Robbins.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gudelski and Mr. and Mrs. Gerson Freedman of Baltimore were the recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. Hollins.

Mr. Edward Newnam of Charlottesville, Va., was the Saturday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hollett.

Mrs. Georgia Woodall left this week to spend the winter with relatives in Philadelphia.

Mr. Warner Porter of New York is spending the holidays here at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Reynolds and daughter were the week-end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wyatt.

Mr. and Mrs. John Walls and family of Galena and Mr. and Mrs. Ennia Walls of Wilmington were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Walls.

Mr. and Mrs. Warner Porter, Mrs. Eva Porter, Mr. Jack Porter and Mr. Roland Porter and son were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Simms of Rock Hall.

Farm Roads

America has 2,400,000 miles of rural roads serving 6,000,000 farms, but only 45,000 miles have a high type pavement and 99,000 miles have a low-type bituminous surfacing. The rest of these country highways — 2,256,000 miles — have a non-treated surface, are merely graded and drained, or are simply trails.

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POST-WAR FLYING IN YOUR HOME TOWN

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On the Air Map

America has become air conscious. Under the impetus of war, aviation has advanced further than it might in several decades in normal times. Realizing this, town officials and civic minded citizens everywhere wonder just how and where their communities will fit in the postwar air picture.

First necessary step, it is generally understood, is to provide facilities so that planes can land and take-off, be maintained and repaired. But airports are known to be costly to build and operate. Medium-sized and small communities feel that such installations are beyond their reach.

If the term "airport" is used in its usual significance as a terminus for commercial airlines this may well be true. It is because "airport" is too general a term and does not allow for distinctions as to size and type of landing facility, that it has now become necessary to provide other designations.



A typical section of an air map recently published by the department of resources and development of a midwestern state.

Thus the Personal Aircraft Council of the Aircraft Industries Association of America has suggested that facilities suitable for small communities or for neighborhood landing areas in large cities be called **airparks.** Intermediate landing places between cities, probably spaced at intervals where distances are great, are to be termed **flightstops.** Towns or communities that have adjacent bays, rivers or lakes upon which aerial watercraft or amphibian planes could land, may be interested in establishing **air harbors.**

Showing that towns may easily be linked to world airways and pointing out that "the airplane has come to Main Street," the Council has prepared an illustrated booklet entitled "Put Your Town on the Air Map," for free distribution to community officials and planning groups.

It explains why the community which has no provisions to accommodate personal aircraft will be passed by in the air age. Whereas rails, roads and docks have built successful communities in the past, landing facilities for private planes as well as for feeder or area type transport planes will pace the growth of communities in the future.

In the plans and diagrams included it is emphasized that no community is too small for an airpark or similar landing facility; that the size and cost can be regulated according to the needs of the community or its potentialities; and that airparks eventually may pay their way, both directly and indirectly.

This is the third of a series of articles on post-war flying and its effect on community life. The next article, "The Aviation Committee" will appear in an early issue.

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