

Distribution of Consumer's Dollar Is Shown

Department of Agriculture Investigates Market Spreads and Efficiency of Agencies.

Washington, May 21.—What share of the consumer's dollar goes to the farmer who raises the food? The United States Department of Agriculture is engaged in marketing studies that will be useful in proving whether or not the farmer is getting his fair share.

Market spreads and the cost of marketing are being examined with the idea of increasing the efficiency of marketing agencies. There often is a wide margin between what the farmer gets and what the consumer pays, and it is desired to determine how nearly the margins correspond to the necessary cost.

It is most important to notice that what the farmer gets out of the consumer's dollar varies with conditions and cannot fairly be represented by a single figure. Dr. Erdman, who is in charge of the cost of marketing studies, says, "The farmer may be getting his full share at 20 cents in one case and be mercifully cheated in another case where he gets 75 cents out of the consumer's dollar."

Dr. Erdman lists some of the conditions which cause the farmer's share to vary: Perishability, distance to market and freight rate, extent to which manufacturing or conditioning processes involve labor, length of time product must be stored, extent to which packing is necessary, quantity which the consumer takes at each purchase, value per pound.

What Farmer Receives. The following figures represent the cents received by the farmer out of each dollar spent by the consumer on an average. Notice particularly the variations, Dr. Erdman advises:

Apples: These crops were sold in Columbus, O. Potatoes (Mich., Ia., Wis.) handled by a group of commission men in Des Moines, Iowa, season 1918-19, etc. see 1919-20, 48 c.

Share Varies Widely. It should be noted that in such products as wheat and milk the farmer's share varies widely with the stage at which the product is consumed, Dr. Erdman says: "Thus we may calculate the farmer's share of (1) the wheat which the miller buys, (2) the flour which the housewife buys, (3) the bread which the housewife buys at a store, and (4) the bread which the guests of a fashionable hotel eat. At each of the successive stages expensive services have been added."

Farm Garden Profitable. School Experiments Show Lincoln experiment stations that have operated farm gardens on an experimental basis universally report large gains from the family vegetable garden, and refute the tendency of farmers to "accept them as a necessary nuisance that must be tolerated," says the agricultural college.

Burwell Fair Association Improves Grounds Burwell—The Burwell Frontier Fair association had a landscape gardener from the state farm at Lincoln map out an outline for the park and building locations on their fair grounds, and the setting of trees and other improvements are under way.

Labor Requirements for Corn Production in Nebraska Shown

By The Associated Press.

Lincoln.—Labor requirements for corn production in Nebraska, Hamilton, Madison, Nance, Otoe, Richardson, Saline, Seward and Thayer counties, chosen as representative producing centers for comparative purposes, varied from 10.2 to 21.65 man hours per acre, and from 13.5 to 41.18 horse hours per acre, for average yields per acre of from 26.8 to 43 bushels, according to figures based upon enterprise cost records on file in the department of extension of the University of Nebraska, covering the years 1920 and 1921.

Tractors Are Used. Tractor hours per acre ranged from 0.6 to 2.7, and larger yields occurred where used, but the department does not state soil conditions and not to the use of tractors. Acres hogged down varied from 1.9 to 20.2, for bushel figures of 108 to 887.

Table with columns: County, Year, Man Hours, Horse Hours, Yield. Rows include Dakota, Average, Nebraska, Otoe, Richardson, Saline, Seward, Thayer.

Live Stock Tour of Dodge County Being Planned

Four-Day Trip to Visit Pure-Bred Herds to Leave Snyder May 31 and End in Fremont.

Fremont.—Members of the Dodge County Livestock Breeders' association have decided to give residents in this locality an opportunity to see Dodge county livestock first. Beginning May 31, the association will supervise a tour of the principal stock farms of the county.

The proposed tour has evinced considerable interest among business men as well as farmers in the county to stage a welcome for the breeders.

Needwork Demonstrations Are Held in Gage County. Beatrice.—Needwork and clothing demonstrations have been conducted this week at a number of farm homes in Gage county by Miss Gladys Legg, university expert, under the direction of the farm bureau.

Farmers' Union Notes. President Charles S. Barrett of the National Farmers' union will make a speaking tour of the state during the next few days. He will visit the following counties: Adams, Boone, Cass, DeWitt, Franklin, Gage, Hamilton, Kearney, Lincoln, Madison, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Platte, Polk, Saunders, Thayer, York, and Zebulon.

Cass County. T. B. Snipes and Ida M. Wilkins, Agents. The Florence Atwood, nutrition specialist from the college of agriculture in Cass county. Much interest is being shown in these meetings and the women are certainly making club work a success in connection with this particular breed.

Dodge County. B. N. Hooser, Agent. Hog cholera has been reported in three distinct localities in this county. Measures of sanitation and vaccination are being suggested by local and government veterinarians who fear considerable trouble during the coming season.

SAUNDERS COUNTY. Walter F. Roberts and Edith Jones, Agents. Wahoo.—The two county corn tests are being planted again this year by the Saunders county corn growers.

Hebron's Library Finished

Next week the Secrist library, costing \$13,000 to build and finished inside with oak and outside with Endicott brick, is to be formally opened.

The building is 36 by 48. The main floor will be used for library purposes. In the basement is a small assembly hall and workroom. The library will have a capacity of 14,000 volumes.

The Farmer's Wife. Household Questions Answered by Mary Ann Greer. Carrot and Celery Salad—1 1/2 c. carrots, 1 1/2 c. chopped young celery, 1 1/2 c. diced celery, 1 1/2 c. chopped young celery, 1 1/2 c. diced celery.

Farm Bureau Notes. Fruit Prospects Favorable. David City.—With favorable prospects for the first fruit crop in Butler county since 1914, farmers are showing interest in that industry.

Accelerated Classes Will Start June 12. The School of Individual Instruction, 3507 Harney street, opens its summer classes June 12 and will offer accelerated work in high school, grammar and primary subjects.

Radio Club Organized by Wahoo Farm Bureau. Wahoo.—The first radio club to be organized in Nebraska under the direction of the extension service, college of agriculture, has just been organized at Wahoo.

Poland-China Breeders Organize in Polk County. Stromsburg.—The Polk County Poland-China Breeders' association, with a membership of 20 hog breeders, has been organized here.

Bloomfield Legion Post Aids Fair Association. Bloomfield, Neb., May 21.—(Special.)—In addition to calling off the celebration it had planned for July 4 and donating the money raised to the fund for the erection of a new grandstand on the grounds of the Knox County Fair association, to replace the one recently destroyed by a tornado, the Ray Lamb post of the American Legion has voted \$100 from its treasury to the same cause.

Culls Is Increasing

Report of Department of Commerce Is Encouraging to American Farmers.

Washington, May 21.—(Special.)—Farmers who believe that the export margin on farm products establishes the price in this country, an axiom finding expression in the assertion that Liverpool fixes the price of wheat, have reason to be encouraged over a report on foreign trade emanating from the Department of Commerce. The report is made by Dr. Julius Klein, director of the United States bureau of domestic and foreign commerce in Mr. Hoover's department.

35 Cows Placed on Honor Roll. Beatrice Animal Leads in Senior Four-Year-Old and Mature Class. Lincoln.—Thirty-five cows entered in the dairy products test at the agricultural college gained a place on the April honor roll. Fonda Belle Hensel, owner of Fonda, was the leader with a production of 5,905 pounds.

Crops Near Central City in Excellent Condition. Central City.—Indications of a bumper small grain crop throughout the county have never looked brighter. Wheat and alfalfa look particularly promising and farmers are more than optimistic, stating that an average amount of rainfall will put the crops over the top in a very satisfying manner.

Teacup Woman Burned by Explosion of Cooker. Tecumseh, Neb., May 21.—(Special.)—Mrs. T. E. Nichols of Tecumseh was painfully scalded by the explosion of a steam cooker. The contents of the cooker was thrown over the room, and Mrs. Nichols' neck, arms and breast.

AUDIT BUREAU OF CIRCULATIONS. No. 6 of a series of advertisements explaining the A. B. C. QUESTION: When was The Omaha Bee last audited by the A. B. C.? ANSWER: The Audit Bureau finished its most recent audit of The Omaha Bee's circulation in April, 1922, and the period audited was the entire year of 1921.