

AGRICULTURAL NEWS

FARM VALUES ON INCREASE

Farm Real Estate Values Increase For Third Straight Year

Washington, May 22—For the third consecutive year, farm real estate values in the principal agricultural sections showed an increase. For the year ended March 1, 1936, the index of average value per acre of farm real estate, prepared by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, indicated an increase for the United States as a whole of three points from a year ago, six points over 1934, and nine points over 1933, when the lowest level of land values since before 1912 was recorded.

As in the two previous years, the increase in values during the year just past may be attributed chiefly to increasing farm incomes, improving farm real estate credit conditions, and the maintenance of lower levels of farm real estate taxes.

Although a three point rise has been indicated in the United States index each year since 1933, the increase of the past year was more widespread than during either of the two previous years.

The bureau shows there has been an increase in the value of farm land in Indiana during the last two years. The estimated real estate value per acre in terms of pre-war average value by states is: 1920, 161; 1935, 102; 1930, 80; 1931, 72; 1932, 60; 1933, 53; 1934, 51; 1935, 61, and 1936, 66.

A value of 100 is used as the pre-war or 1912 to 1914 value.

BUY FARM LAND

FOR SALE: The Charles Armstrong farm, of 111 2-3 acres, located 3 and one-half miles east of Geneva. The farm was appraised at \$5500 and has good fences, good buildings. It will be sold to settle an estate and anyone interested should get in touch with Nathan Nelson, commissioner, 133 So. Second street, office.

NOTICE

Crampton Canneries
of Celina will operate a receiving station for Tomatoes and Pickles at Decatur this season.

Anyone wishing to grow a patch of pickles this year may obtain pickle seed and fertilizer at the home of Wilbert Beer, 304 North 9th st., Decatur. Phone 1046. Pickle Dust will be there by May 22.

There is still an opportunity for a few more contracts of tomatoes as we can handle approximately 250 acres at Decatur this season.

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BEET GROWERS FIGURE RETURN

Sugar Beet Growers Enabled To Figure Accurate Returns

Sugar beet growers can figure out how they will fare under the new soil conservation program from the fact that under more or less average circumstances, the operator of an 80-acre farm could qualify for a grant of \$152.

From the 1935 crop acreage history, as obtained from the work sheet, a soil depleting base of 60 acres has been established for this particular farm. The farmer's cropping plan for 1936 provides for 13 acres of corn, 15 acres of oats in which there is to be a new seeding of red clover and from which the oats will be harvested, 20 acres of sugar beets, seven acres of alfalfa seeded alone in 1936, and 20 acres of second-year clover.

As the farmer plants 20 acres to sugar beets this year, a "special" sugar beet base of 20 acres will be established for him this summer. He then may qualify for a special Class 1 sugar payment to be made at the rate of 12 1/2 cents for each 100 pounds, raw value, of sugar recoverable from the normal yield of each acre of sugar beets in his domestic quota. If production of sugar beets in the United States in 1936, as estimated from normal yields on the planted acreage, exceeds the national quota of 1,550,000 tons, raw value, this farmer will be paid on his pro-rata share of the acreage needed to supply the quota.

If the national quota is not exceeded in 1936, the grower will be paid on each acre of sugar beets grown. With a yield of about 3,000 pounds, raw value, the special payment will average around \$3.75 an acre, qualifying this grower for a sugar beet payment of \$75 on his 20 acres.

Certain Requirements
There are certain minimum requirements, however, that this farmer must meet if he is to be eligible to the maximum payment which he otherwise may be entitled to receive under the program.

First, for every five acres of sugar beets which he grows in 1936, he must have two acres of soil conserving crops. Since he has 20 acres in sugar beets, he must have at least eight acres in soil-conserving crops. Second, he also must have an additional acreage in soil-conserving crops equal to at least 15 per cent of the soil depleting base for general crops grown on the farm.

The general base, obtained by subtracting the special base of 20 acres from the total base of 60 acres, is 40 acres on this farm. Fifteen per cent of 40 acres is six acres. Therefore, the minimum requirement of soil-conserving crops is 14 acres. With 20 acres of old

Tells Of Trip To Purdue University Club Round up

(Editor's note: This story was written by Louis Bleeke following his trip to Purdue University two weeks ago with a number of outstanding members of the 4-H clubs in the county.)

In 1935 I joined in the corn project of the 4-H Club. When harvest time came and the corn was estimated, it brought 104 bushels of corn. During the year I had enough luck in order to be tied with another person in a garden judging tour. Later on in the year I received the news that I had won a trip to the Round-Up at Purdue for a period of three days. I will now try to give a brief summary of what was done on the trip.

We left Decatur Wednesday morning, May 6, accompanied by Merwin Miller, county supervisor of the Dairy Herd Improvement Association. We arrived at the Purdue campus about 9:30 in the morning. We went to the Union Building to register. After this we were ready for our tour through the various class buildings.

One of the first places we came to was Smith Hall. This building shows the manufacturing of milk products. Continuing our journey, we came to a building which housed antique farm machinery. In the rear of this building is a new device which will probably make history in the years to come. It is a machine which is used to dry alfalfa hay. It is movable and receives the heat from a kerosene fire for drying the hay.

From there we went to the dairy and livestock barns to look at the various types of cattle, horses, etc. After supper we went through some more class buildings.

The next morning we went to the dairy barns and saw some livestock judging and saw some demonstrations. In the afternoon we went to the Eliza Fowler Hall. A very interesting talk was given by Mr. McReynolds, state 4-H leader. He gave the importance of recreation and what each 4-H Club should do. He suggested learning

vacation sport of millionaires. "The park arrangements provide an ideal set-up, and millions of people are within a few hours motoring distance. I think we are starting an activity which will grow to be one of the greatest features of this southern Indiana vacation land," he said.

Activities of the dude ranchers will center around the stables in the north end of the park, but the entire 15,000 acres will be used.

A series of camping trips, horse back riding, roping and stunting and ranching instruction will be presented.

Dude ranch guests will be housed in cottages surrounding Abe Martin lodge on a ridge above the stables and meals will be taken at the lodge.

Veterans' Building Homes

Sacramento, Cal. —(UP)—Home building among California World War veterans is approaching the boom stage. A report of the Veterans' Welfare Board, which handles the financing of homes and small farms for California veterans, revealed that loans are being made at the rate of \$1,000,000 a month.

G-Men Trap Notorious Robber



Held in connection with the robbery of more than 60 banks in the past 10 years, Avery Simons, left, notorious bank bandit, shown as he was arraigned in Los Angeles as E. K. Merritt, right, federal agent, stood guard, was sought by G-men for several years in connection with daring robberies which netted Simons and his accomplices hundreds of thousands of dollars.

FLORISTS TELL PROPER WAYS TO FIX PLANTS

Decatur Florists Discuss Window Boxes, Planting Of Petunias

(Editor's note—The following article on the correct way to prepare and fill window boxes and urns was written by Don Stump, local florist.)

Be sure to use good soil to start with. A good mixture is two parts of garden soil and one part of good rotten manure. The box or urn must have drainage. See that the holes in the bottom are covered with pieces of broken pots or small stones so the soil will not clog the holes and prevent the proper drainage.

When filling a box or urn always see that the dirt gets in between the root balls of the plants. This is necessary if the plants are to do well. The soil should be worked with the fingers to get in as much as possible. However, the surface of the soil should be slightly below the edges of the box to permit watering. Don't crowd the plants. Crowding is not necessary if bushy plants are used.

In the center of the box or urn nothing is nicer than *Dracaena indivisa*. The main planting consists of mostly red or pink geraniums or petunias if the box does not get the broiling sun all day.

For the edges vines in the variegated form are hard to beat, although parlor or German ivy is very good and grows rapidly. Variety can be added to the vines by using ice plants, having pink flowers all summer; with *Lobelia*, blue flowers and black-eyed Susan. Coleus are not used as much as they were formerly, although if given plenty of room and good plants and varieties are selected they are all right.

For a partly shaded porch, a beautiful effect can be obtained by using *Fuchsia*. These plants will flower all summer and be a mass of blooms by the end of the season. Another good subject is the *Rosy Moon* petunia or the new petunia, *Celestial Rose*, which is an improved *Rosy Moon*. Of course any of these will be a success only when properly cared for.

In hanging baskets the most important thing is to have good vines that hang well down over the sides. What is planted in the center is not so important.

Always fill a basket from the outside and work in. That is, plant your vines first and then plants in the center. Use the best of soil in baskets and be sure that they can be watered when needed during the hot dry days of summer.

Petunias
George Rentz, local florist announced that seeding for petunias, Decatur's Centennial flower, can probably be begun safely immediately.

Seeds planted now should be in bloom by August 2 to 8 when they may be viewed by visitors to Decatur's Centennial.

Plants may be set out next week. Mr. Rentz states that the plants will be much larger than those grown from the seeds and will have more blooms, as they have better root systems.

Mr. Rentz stated that when the blooms have once started, they will continue, with proper care, until the close of the season.

Good dirt was recommended by Mr. Rentz for the Petunia beds.

It is not necessary to plant seedlings below the surface of the ground. The ground should be well worked and should be raked fine.

It is necessary to keep the ground moist at all times.

For more vigorous plants and faster growth he recommended a balanced fertilizer. A common formula used for petunias is a 5-8-5 which is sold under several trade names.

Adams County Ladies May Attend Meeting

Several ladies from Adams county may attend the triennial conference of the associated country women of the world in Washington, D. C., May 31 to June 6. Visits to points of interest in Washington, and to government departments, especially the department of agriculture, will be made during the week.

The big social event will be the garden party on the lawn of the White House, with President and Mrs. Roosevelt receiving the dele-

PROSPECTS FOR GOOD BEET CROP ARE EXCELLENT

of planting and harvesting of a good acreage insuring a good run by the factory next fall looks favorable.

At the present there is no limit on acreage which may be obtained by the local factory.

Asks Acreage Increase
According to the farmers and manufacturers beet sugar association there are bills pending in Congress adopted by the association urging that the American sugar producers should not be forced to meet competition from insular and foreign areas.

They favor the principle that there should be no restrictions whatever on continental American production and that producers outside the continental boundaries should be permitted to supply only that part of American consumption that cannot be grown here.

It also endorsed the benefit payment plan by which American growers would be compensated for the difference between the tariff established under the reciprocal trade agreement with Cuba and that held by the U. S. Tariff Commission to be necessary.

The farmer directors, representing more than 25,000 sugar beet growers in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Wisconsin, pointed out that continental United States produces only about 25 per cent of the sugar it consumes, the rest coming in from outside. About 30 per cent comes from Cuba. It is the farmer directors' contention that the American market should be preserved for American farmers to the extent of their ability to produce.

New "Hot Dog" Invented
Toledo, —(UP)—E. E. Marquart, an electrician who likes "to contrive mechanical things" when business is dull, has patented a machine which will roast wieners—or their meat fillers—and the bread batter encasing it.

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