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Farmers Home Administration Supplies Needs

In a Big Way, Too By FERDIE DEERING

LOS ANGELES, July 17—This is the place where Texans could come to learn how to brag. Hol-

lywood has used up a lot of the best superlatives such as stupendous and colossal but there still seem to be plenty left over for the agriculturists to use in telling about the farming in this part of the golden state. Most commonly heard in visits to crange groves, Calavo packing plants, walnut canneries, dairies and raches is the term "largest in the world."

USDA statistics show that Cal-

California Gets The Most From Water

SAN FRANCISCO. July 24-If the Pacific ocean depended on California farmers for its water, the level would soon be subtantially reduced. Farmers out here don't let much of it get away until it has watered a erop or two. The way they save water could be a profitable example to Oklahoma farmers, because it means bigger yields and more income.

Annual precipitation ranges from a lot 108 WORK CAN BE FUN e : of California to more than 60 inches in the northwestern corner of the state. The most highly developed farming regions get from 5 to 36 inches, mostly in

the winter. Total area of California is about 100 million acres, much of

the crops at the right time makes most of the difference. E. G. Stahl of San Francisco. manager of agricultural sales for Pacific Gas and Electric Co. and the foremost authorities on California farming, told me that \$5 percent of the total crop value of California is produced on some 7 milli gated land

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We tried to make a section on agriculture for The Oklahoman but gave up after a year or two. It didn't pay.

cisco, and acrossital valley. It is in this great ifornia actually held 32 firsts, 10 basin between the coastal mour seconds and ranked fifth or above

tain ranges and the Sierra N in 14 more of 90 commodities vadas that about three-fourths listed. Naturally this is because

in agriculture. To save labor th orange growers, for example, ar shifting away from cultivate orchards to keep down weeds, ne cessitating rebuilding of irrigation borders after each plowing. In stead, they're using oil and chemicais to control weeds and grass on permanent irrigation installa-

Because land is so expensive here, ranging upwards of \$2,000 an acre plus water rights, even pastures are irrigated to get maximum production. Besides superphosphate and dry fertilizers, the grass and legume mixtures are fed nitrogen with every watering by addition of liquid ammonia to the irrigation setup. This feed is harvested by field choppers or else is carefully grazed by moving fences to give each herd a portion of new grazing daily. At the Rolling Ridge ranch I saw fat Polled Herefords on lush pastures that had this treatment, with watering both by flooding and sprinkler methods

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States Unity Urged as Aid To Southwest

By FERDIE DEERING Editor, The Farmer-Stockman

TEXARKANA, June 12.—(Special.)

—Just as United States is pulling together to put over fifth war loan drive being officially opened by Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau in Texarkana Monday, the five states of the gulf southwest must pull together to develop its resources now and after the war.

So John W. Carpenter, Dallas, president of Gulf Southwest Agricultural and Industrial, Conference, told reresentatives from Texas. Arkanss Louisiana, Oklahoma and New Me

Gulf cours The Farm Corner

Harvest Hit By Scarcity Of Workers

By FERDIE DEERING (Editor, The Farmer-Stockman) of THE pinch of the shortage of farm labor is now being felt. Wheat harvest is under way in Cotton, Till-knarvest is under way in Cotton, Cotton, Greer, Caddo, Cotton, Greer, Caddo, man, Jackson, and Kiowa counties and will open in other counties of the main wheat belt during the next wood or two. (Editor, The Farmer-Stockman) Clean Sweep

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recognized the conservation of the soil and its fertility as Oklahoma's No. 1 farm problem. The statemies No. 2 farm problem their in Oklahoma City in March averaged the By FERDIE DEERING Editor, The Farmer-Stocks THE biggest obstacle in the I accomplishing soil con and proper land use in Okla and proper land use in Okie the confusion, overlapping, tion and gross inefficiency United States department

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Closes State Plans To Observe Cotton Week

By FERDIE DEERING (Editor, The Farmer-Stockman)

OVERNOR KERR has proclaimed GOVERNOR REFER has planting in on the observance of National Cotton Week next week, May 22-27. Cotton planting is under way and folks who like beefsteak are interested in seeing more cotton produced in Oklahoma in 1944 than was grown in 1943. Bad weather and insects cut the crop to 385,000 bales, slightly more than Jackson, Klowa, n counties alone

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New Output Record Seen For Farmers

By FERDIE DEERING

(Editor, The Farmer-Stockman).

No other industry could have lost the manpower that agriculture has lost since the war started and yet gone ahead to achieve greater and greater production. As of today farmers are almost current on their farm work. They have accomplished this by going to the fields early, staying late; by the help of their wives and children who are making full time members of

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The Farm Corner Books List Best Types Of Pastures

By FERDIE DEERING

Editor, The Farmer-Stockman THE cheapest feed a farmer can livestock do the harvesting and haulivestock do the harvesting and hauling in of the feed considerable cost to be planted and cultivated, but perhaps this cost.

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plows, tractor-mounted cultivators and nearly a dozen other items than called for. All these in-

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This Owner, Tiller Both Reap Profit

(Editor, The Farmer-Stockman) FEW days ago the owner of a large farm out west told me: "I just lost the best tenant I've er had and I'm glad of it."

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The problem that ranks next to prices, is reason Mr. B. lost his to the control of prices. That objective would be a con

idea in its adopted slogan, "Conserve Your Soil or Sell Your Land." After I became editor of the F-S, it was decided I should write a column for The Sinds Oklahoman. It looked like

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Changes Made: National publication of the Farmers Union features item about incoming USDA officials finding a list of Farm Bureau's top 10 Washington officials under blotter on USDA front desk. Shall we assume it has now been replaced with a list of FU's top 10?

California Duster: Elmer T. Peterson, retired writer who still writes, reported from a Los Angeles suburb: "No rural atmosphere here, or within a long distance. One of our weirdest experiences was running into a severe dust storm immediately after entering California."

Cake or Keg? Banker George H. C. Green-Jr. was evasive about taking on the job of fixing up a birthday cake for the 10th anniversary of the International Land Judging contest (April 27-28) until he got a clearer understanding from Chairman Russell Pierson. "Oh, did you say cake?" Green asked, "I thought you said keg."

3.000 Scalps: Henry "Heinie" Bomhoff, who flew a homemade airplane to gun down his first coyote in 1935, is flying again. He retired 4 years ago after collecting 3,000 coyote scalps, mostly around Calumet where he farms. Heinie once brought the first load of wheat to town by landing his plane on Calumet's Main street.

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-- Ferdie Deering.

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HOG KILLING: We were wrong in a recent column when we mentioned that hardly anybody butchers hogs at home any more. Mrs. Paul Mungle of Atoka tells me that they do and that they have plenty of good pork sausage to go with their Guernsey milk from their dairy.

TOO WET: A few sections haven't had enough moisture lately to keep the small grains growing fast enough for the livestock on it, but Walter B. Jessee of Durant tells me they're "too wet" down around Durant. He's

afraid a lot of farmers won't be able to plant spring oats. OKLAHOMA FIRST: Jim Haley, Mountain View cattleman, believes that

Oklahoma is out in front in soil and water conservation and that we're gaining all the time. At a national meeting of conservation district supervisors he found Oklahoma is doing some things leaders in other states

COUNT THE SHEEP: Andrew J. "Andy" Swanson of Medford delivers a personal invitation to the annual Grant County Lamb and Wool Growers haven't even heard about. tour on February 2. Each year they look at flocks in a different part of the county. This year they'll tour the Lamont area and have roast lamb

for lunch. You can bet on that and it'll be good, too. SANDBURS: M. A. Caruso of Fort Cobb laughingly recalled our first visit about 15 years ago when he showed a farm he'd just taken over. An abandoned field was covered with a perfect stand of grassburrs. But now avanaged field was covered with a perfect stand of grassburs. But now it's a near perfect pasture for the livestock, thanks to good conservation farming.

My farm column appeared in The Sunday Oklahoman in this form for several months in 1961

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By Ferdie J. Deering

A million new babies in India, a thousand calves on the Pampas in Argentina, and a hundred more oil wells in Saudi Arabia are a part of the Oklahoma agri-business scene. So are Russia's wheat harvest, electronic factories in Japan, cotton fields in Egypt, and auto plants in Germany and Italy.

Whatever Oklahoma agriculture or business does now must be considered in the light of international supply and demand. "Get used to thinking in terms of what your market is worldwide," Dr. Clayton Yeutter, assistant secretary of agriculture, recently told members of the Oklahoma Livestock Marketing Assn.

Wheat, soybean and grain growers already have found out what can happen to supplies and prices when big buyers bid against each other on the world market. So have stockmen who are paying big feed bills for cattle that they must sell for lower prices.

Last year, the United States exported a record



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Will Politics Decide Who Will Be Fed?

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By Ferdie J. Deering

Politics will determine whether the world feeds itself or starves. Which politics will prevail has not been determined and the fate of hungry millions is undecided.

Politics is involved in rapid population growth because leaders of many smaller nations and some larger ones

State Agriculture Leaders Pleased by Ford's Visit

By Ferdie J. Deering

The conference Oklahoma agricultural leaders had with President Ford in Oklahoma City Tuesday was not as confused as some reports may have indicated.

The group had the undivided attention of the

pressing surplus of beef. That's why the campaign homa is in better conditions sponsored by Oklahoma than surrounding states.

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Farm Policy

Demands for improvements in the food industry, a the way from the farm to the consumer, are numerou often asking for government action but not always spe fying what kind of action.

Congress, now mostly urban-oriented, is looking : ways to help, but there is danger that the commes. might load to actions which could worsen the same

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n has just been announced by a quiet p of 200 business executives and edu

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ment (CED). Its statement, "A New U.S. Fairs Policy for Change World Food Needs", reviews world and names food cumstances and proposes a number of recommen

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Farm Groups Proposing Must Aid All Give Meat for Holidays

By Ferdie J. Deering

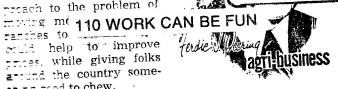
Oklahoma farm organizations have come up with the most sensible meat demonstration that has been proposed in the present crisis. That is their suggestion to "Give Meat for the Holidays".

This is a positive aprecach to the problem of

and help to improve prices, while giving folks around the country somein mg good to chew.

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