

UNIVERSITY FARM JERSEY MAKES SPLENDID RECORD.

Jap's Rose, 296,927, owned by the University of California, recently completed a Register of Merit test of 12,810 pounds of milk and 720.88 pounds of butterfat, starting the test at eight years and one month of age. This is the second highest record for Jersey cows over five years of age. She is a daughter of the famous gold and silver medal sire, The Imported Jap, 75,265, with forty-seven daughters in the Register of Merit, and which have now won a total of seven gold medals—two of these medals of merit—and four silver medals. Rose's dam, The Duke's V. B. Rose, on a year's test, starting at three years and three months of age, produced 7,458 pounds of milk and 433.5 pounds of butterfat.

In commenting on the special importance of this record, the secretary of the American Jersey Cattle Club says: "It must be noted that this record was made when the Register of Merit was first established, and at a time when testing was hardly practiced except by a very few breeders, and the proper care and ration were not as well known then as now."

PLEASANT BEAN SALE.

A check for \$4,772 was being mailed to a bean grower by the California Bean Growers' Association while we were in the latter's office recently. We were informed that \$6,645 had been advanced to the grower on delivery of his 2,000 sacks of large white beans to the Association; some \$2,000 had been advanced later; the beans were sold May 19 under Plan 2 of the Association contract, and the growers' final payment was mailed to him on May 20. No more do growers have to wait for their money long after the beans are sold. They netted him \$6,708 per hundred after all Association charges were paid.

"CHULA VISTA" IS NEW PEAR BRAND.

Dr. H. L. Coffman, who years ago founded the town of Palm Springs in Riverside county, has purchased the Fisk ranch located north of Beaumont. This place lies at an elevation of 3,500 feet and has on it one of the finest pear orchards in southern California. This orchard contains a number of varieties of pears and has been named the "Chula Vista" orchard. Dr. Coffman intends to put out a fancy brand of fruit under a brand by this name and intends to enter it in competition at the fairs this year.

OLIVE OIL TARIFF STRENGTHENED.

An olive oil tariff of 50 cents per gallon in bulk and 60 cents per gallon in packages has been approved by the United States Senate after its finance committee had recommended 40 and 50 cents respectively as amendments to the House bill, which passed carrying rates of 49 and 57 cents respectively. The California Olive Association is credited with the presentation of facts which prevented the finance committee's reduction and secured an increase over the House proposed rate.

GOOD GRAIN, LESS HAY.

Grain binding commenced last week in western San Joaquin county. It looks like a good yield. Grain in the Delta Islands is nearly all about ripe and will soon be cut. There is a good bit of good-looking wheat here this year. Very little grain has been cut for hay. In Livermore Valley it seems that the grain looked too good for hay and less has been cut for that purpose. But the tonnage per acre in the hills around this valley seems considerably heavier than usual.

NEVADA HAS MONEY.

Money seems more plentiful in Nevada than a year ago. The Churchill County Bank statement to the state bank examiner recently shows that deposits on hand exceed those of March 10 by \$60,000. Considerable money has been coming from sales of hay, and more will come from the same source when settlements are complete.

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MANY VARIETIES HEAVILY FRUITED.

A heavy crop of apricots that had to be thinned set on the Moorpark, Tilton, and Blenheim trees planted four years ago above Tisdale weir in Sutter county by J. G. Berryhill as an experimental orchard to test varieties for a 1,000-acre tract soon to be planted. Nonpareil, IXL and other varieties of almonds also are loaded. Elberta, Muir, Lovell, Early and Late Crawford, Hale's Early, J. H. Hale, and Strawberry peaches are all well fruited. Even the Imperial, French, and Robe de Sargent prunes all are "pretty fairly" fruited where they were long-pruned. The short-pruned prunes have no fruit at all. A neighbor who has these varieties of prunes also has a fine crop of Imperials. Probably, in addition to long pruning, there is much in the mixture of varieties to account for the heavy early fruiting.

CO-OPERATIVE GRAZING SUCCESSFUL.

Co-operative grazing of the Jackass range in Madera county, as described in our issue of July 31, 1920, proved satisfactory and was expanded in 1921. A \$2 per head assessment was made to cover the costs. The treasurer's report for 1921 shows that this \$2 paid the Forest Service grazing fee, material for fencing two holding pastures, the making of 50 salt logs and supplying salt all season, a supply of blackleg aggressin, feed for the stock en route to and from the ranges, feed and shoes for saddle horses, and \$125 per month each for two range riders who stayed with the cattle all summer and brought them home in the fall. A little balance is left in the treasury.

MORE SANTA MARIA BEANS.

An increased acreage of beans is displacing barley in the Santa Maria Valley of Santa Barbara county this year, according to H. R. Nicholson, one of the leading growers, and R. B. Saunders, one of the leading commercial dealers. Barley is too cheap this season, and is only a rotation crop, not raised for cash returns anyhow. Conditions have been nearly ideal this season; and Mr. Saunders forecasts over 400,000 bags, as compared with 150,000 last year. About 25 per cent were pinks and most of the balance were bluepod small whites in 1921.

GEBHART NEW NURSERY HEAD.

George C. Roeding announces the appointment of S. A. Gebhart (formerly General Superintendent of this company and other Roeding interests) as manager of the Fancher Creek Nurseries, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of E. W. Horton. Mr. Gebhart has been connected with the Fancher Creek Nurseries for many years, during which time he has creditably filled every position to which he has been assigned. Mr. Horton has not yet announced his future plans.

CANNING PACHES \$60 PER TON.

Markets look good to the organized canning-peach growers. A year ago, unorganized, they were talking \$30 and \$35 per ton. But on May 25, 1922, the Directors of the California Canning Peach Growers, organized in the past few months, held a meeting and set a price of \$60 per ton for No. 1 clings, \$30 for No. 2's, \$45 for Lovells and \$40 for other freestones. The organization claims control of 60 per cent of the cling peach crop.

INYO RODEO A THRILLER.

Tom Mix, the movie star, graced the big rodeo at Bishop last week with his presence. The event was staged by the Inyo County Cattleman's Association and gate receipts amounted to \$3,000. One day's admittance receipts amounted to \$1,250. Cow-men came for hundreds of miles to compete and win prizes. The association has paid off all debts and has money in the bank as a result.

BEAN PRICE RISE BENEFITED GROWERS.

When the Michigan bean market jumped last week from \$6.50 per hundred for large whites on the 13th to \$6.75 on the 16th and \$7.10 on the 19th, there had been a rather level stagnation in California for some time around \$6 and \$6.25. Of course the bean dealers learned by wire about the rise; but most growers did not know about it. In the absence of such knowledge on the part of growers, the buyers could have bought large quantities at the stagnation prices and turned them over for more profit in a week than the growers made for their entire season's labor, risk, and investment. But the growers have an association that is onto its job; association prices on whites were immediately raised to conform to eastern conditions; and sales were made, putting into growers' pockets the profit that would otherwise have gone into dealers' pockets.

HALF-FAT CATTLE NOT SELLING.

Word has been coming in from time to time recently that small country cattle buyers are succeeding in getting a plentiful supply of half-fat and unfitted cattle to fill their local needs at prices much lower than those for ripe stuff. These have been palmed off on the public as first-class stuff and the Los Angeles and San Francisco packers have seized upon these prices as an excuse for giving lower quotations themselves. It was at first thought possible that the present general market tone would be hurt. Upon investigation it is found, however, that almost every cattle district is overestimating its ability to market its beef at an early date. This will continue to keep half-fed stuff from doing harm for another month at least.

WORLD BEET SUGAR INCREASED.

Raw beet sugar production in the season 1921-22 totaled 8,937,714,400 pounds as compared with 8,303,818,200 pounds the season previous in Germany, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, Spain, Finland, France, Alsace-Lorraine, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Sweden, Bohemia and the United States. These figures represent production of the factories during the chief part of their seasons' runs, and are reasonably comparable. They show an increase of 633,896,200 pounds this year over the season before. Germany produced a third more this season than the United States. The extra-big European crop for next season forecasted a few weeks ago seems certain now not to materialize.

"SUNKIST" DOMINANT IN EAST.

A thousand young men and women in New York University were recently asked to write down the first advertised brand which came to mind when various products were named or shown to them. "In the field of fruit," says the Professor in charge of this investigation, "the name 'Sunkist' was dominant in the minds of about 63 per cent of all those who could name any brand at all." With less than 30 out of the 100 commodities so tested, did over half of those named consist of any one brand.

COLUSA PRUNES ALL RIGHT.

In Colusa county, Horticultural Commissioner L. R. Boedefeld states that the prune crop will be practically normal in spite of reports of a short setting. Ripe prunes look a good deal larger and closer together than small green prunes that look like the leaves. Probably there will be a fine crop after all. The fewer prunes on the tree the larger the size and the better the price, and the larger sizes make the tonnage rise fast too, so the fact that prunes seem a little short in spring is nothing to worry about as long as there is no crop failure.

MEAT COUNCIL MEMBERS' DUES.

Further news of the organization of the San Francisco Meat Council, which was announced last week is given here. The constitution and by-laws of the new organization were adopted on May 23. The San Francisco retailers have elected 5 men to the board of directors and pay \$250 monthly for support of a full time secretary and his educational work. The Alameda county retailers elected 2 directors and contribute \$100 monthly. The local branches of the eastern packers give an equal amount. The local killers have agreed to pay in 2 cents a head on all cattle slaughtered and ½ cent per head on all other classes of livestock. Together, these latter two groups of wholesalers elected 5 directors, making a total of 12. The indication is that San Jose retailers and the one or two slaughterers there will join the Council later.

On the evening of June 1, the Council will hold a mass meeting in the Knights of Columbus Hall in San Francisco to ratify its organization and launch its educational campaign. At this time John T. Russell, president of the National Association of Meat Councils, and W. W. Woods, secretary of that body, will explain the detailed plans and tell of the newly started national campaign to "eat more meat."

MORENGO RESERVATION APRICOTS SOLD.

The Indians on the Morengo Reservation near Banning, California, held a meeting of fruit growers on the Reservation May 22, 1922, and discussed plans of selling their apricot crops this year. Two different parties were soliciting to buy from them. The boys got together and talked the situation over and finally decided to sell to Sunset Canning Company of Pomona, Cal., R. H. Combs, representing the firm, was out May 23, 1922, signing up the boys, contracting with them at \$60 per ton delivered at the scales at Morengo Reservation, based on the standard of 16 apricots to the pound. The fruit is a very good quality this year and they expect to harvest the apricots about June 20. They estimate about 300 tons for this season.—Peter Sheen, Banning.

PETALUMA COUNTY FAIR.

A Sonoma County Fair at Petaluma, to be opened with the annual Petaluma Egg Day, has been projected at a meeting of the Sonoma County Fair Association (not the North-Bay Counties' Fair Association) and the Petaluma Chamber of Commerce. All sorts of agricultural and dairy exhibits are to be shown, and a merchants' exposition will form part of the fair. Co-operation of all other civic bodies in the county will be sought. The fair is to be held some time in August.

SHIPPING CHERRIES COOLED SOONER.

Faster cooler shipment of San Joaquin county cherries this year is likely to bring the growers more money than last. They are being hauled by truck to Stockton, loaded there onto iced cars, and shipped in carloads through the local association to the East. Formerly they were not cooled until they reached Sacramento.

NORTHERN CROSS-SIERRA HIGHWAY.

A low-altitude year-around highway across the Sierras via Winnemucca and Alturas to Redding, Weaverville, and Eureka is proposed and will be named at a meeting June 9 and 10 in Winnemucca. Representatives from California, Oregon, Nevada, Utah and Idaho are to attend. They hope to have it open for travel in the summer of 1923.

HALF A MILLION FOR COTTON.

Quite a sale of cotton is reported from Imperial county, where A. M. Schenk is said to have sold 6,124 bales to a London buyer for \$553,000 cash. This works out about eighteen cents per pound. It is probably the biggest single sale of cotton ever made to a single buyer by one grower.