

Feed Sources Surveyed

available pasturage and hay located by counties in western states

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In March, California livestock men faced possible loss of even their breeding herds and flocks through drouth-forced sales to the butcher or to producers in more favorable feeding areas. Through representatives of three of their associations they asked the Agricultural Extension Service for data on available livestock feed.

The requested information was collected in 16 days through questionnaires mailed to more than 800 cooperating county agents in all states of the West and to all counties of those states—except in eastern Texas. The area covered half of the United States.

The cattlemen's request was made on March 2, and by March 16 the completed questionnaires were returned by the

county agents and the information they contained was prepared for report.

Pasturage for 164,540 head of cattle or for 404,250 head of sheep was found available for rent.

Hay ready for purchase amounted to 262,785 tons.

The bulk of the available pasturage and hay was located in counties east of the 100th meridian—a line which runs north and south through central Kansas and Nebraska.

The report written from the questionnaires, although covering 70 pages, was prepared for quick reference. It is arranged alphabetically by states and by counties within the states so that individual livestock feeders can readily locate areas accessible to their needs.

For each state, three maps are given showing, in color:

1. Counties that reported surplus pasturage that might be rented;
2. Counties that reported surplus hay or other forage for sale;
3. Counties that reported neither surplus hay nor forage available.

More detailed information than is shown generally by areas on the colored map is given in the narrative reports—prepared by the county agents—which accompany each state map.

Here are given data concerning dates during which the pasturage will be open, and the kind, price and amount of pasturage or hay available at the time of the survey.

Names, addresses and telephone numbers of county agents reporting in the survey are listed. These county agents will be able to assist cattlemen in contacting ranchers who have pasturage for rent or feed for sale.

Copies of the survey report may be consulted at the office of any farm advisor in California.

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New School of Veterinary Medicine

under construction at Davis

Construction of the new School of Veterinary Medicine at Davis was begun April 16. A four-year curriculum has been developed in the School of Veterinary Medicine, following a two-year preveteri-

nary course in the College of Agriculture, making a total of six years before the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine is earned. A beginning class of 40 students will be enrolled this fall. Applica-

tions for admission will be accepted until June 30, 1948. More applicants are expected this fall than can possibly be admitted and screening will be done carefully for scholarship, and aptitude.

