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**A BUNCH OF REGISTERED AYRSHIRES**  
 Pure blood stock is rapidly taking the place of "grade" on the dairy farms of the valley

**Sheep and Hogs** The climatic conditions which make the valley a successful dairy district also make it an ideal hog country. There is a marked absence of all hog diseases, and hog cholera is unknown.

Wool growing is another profitable industry, great bands of sheep, owned here, adding considerably to the valley's wealth. Poultry raising, although one of the valley's smaller industries, has proven very successful.

**Honey** Owens River Valley has been noted for many years for the exceptionally fine quality of its honey. With increased production the fame of this honey is rapidly spreading. The bee keepers have formed a strong association for handling and marketing the honey crop and are receiving good financial returns.

**Soil Products** The principal soil products of the valley are alfalfa, wheat, corn, potatoes, sugar beets, pears, apples and other deciduous fruits, berries and garden truck of all kinds. An exceptionally fine quality of alfalfa is produced, giving an average yield for the season of from four to six tons. Yields of seven and eight tons are not uncommon.

Wheat throughout the valley yields from 30 to 45 bushels to the acre. Corn is an especially productive and profitable crop.

**Pears** The soil, climate and altitude are especially favorable for the growing of pears, and this promises to become one of the most important industries of the valley. While there are at present very few commercially bearing orchards, pears have been grown here for many years in family orchards scattered throughout the length and breadth of the valley. Many of these orchards are from twenty to thirty-five years old and have borne heavy crops from year to year without a single crop failure. Pear blight, common in most pear districts throughout the United States, is unknown here.

With the purpose of developing the pear



**A FIELD OF CORN AND RUSSIAN SUNFLOWERS**  
 Planted for ensilage on new ground—20 tons to the acre