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Oregon Lamb Show May 26

SCIO — (AP) — The first of four Willamette valley lamb shows will be held here May 26.

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HE WENT TO EXTREMES

All this talk about taxes and more taxes as a cure for the inflation we already have and a preventive for what we expect to have gives us to wonder. And that's about all we can do; wonder and protest.

Goodness knows, taxes are higher now than they ever have been. Yet nobody could possibly say we don't have inflation. Truthfully, that is. And Congress is looking at everybody trying to figure who to hook for a bit more booty.

And everybody says: "Who? Me? Oh, no, you don't! I'm broke already!" A rent a pack on cigarettes and all the fag smokers howl. An extra levy on beer brings a gurgie of protest from the suds guzzlers. An extra buck per fifth on schnapps and we all hit for the water wagon.

Piling more on top of what we already have in our enthusiasm for bigger and better taxes reminds us of a story told by one of our good customers. In reading this story, we insist that no comparisons nor inferences be drawn. With that in all our minds, here is the story.

In saving his winter's wood supply a poultryman noted that the sawdust resembled his egg mash in appearance and texture, so thought of a bright idea for economizing. He began mixing sawdust with the egg mash, gradually increasing the proportions until eventually he was feeding 100 percent sawdust.

Everything seemed to be going fine until one morning he heard a terrific din in the laying house. Rushing out to investigate, he found to his amazement that a New Hamp hen had hatched a setting of 14 eggs, bringing off 14 wooden-legged chicks and a wood pecker.

Probably nothing but a New Hamp hen and a bunch of fair-haired Washington bureaucrats would dream up a thing like that.

ON CHANGING FEED

We wouldn't dream of suggesting that one go to the extremes mentioned above. But we read some experiments reported by Noel Bennion, Extension man at O.S.C., carried out at the Western Washington Station on changing feeds.

Despite violent emphasis in the past on the dire necessity of maintaining exact uniform texture of feed and clock-like regularity in feeding, these experiments prove that "sudden changes in texture of the ma-

fed laying hens, or changing from pellets to mash and back again did not affect the rate of lay in feeding trials."

Tests proved further that "laying birds will eat and utilize with equal efficiency mashes ranging from coarse to fine; that feeding red wheat brought equal consumption and performance with white wheat; that pellets resulted in more mash consumption and greater body weight, but not greater egg production."

These findings clash with commonly accepted views, but serve to corroborate the advice passed out by ye editor for years past, viz: "when you get ready to change from starter mash to developing mash, or to laying mash, just go ahead and change. Don't fiddle round for weeks wasting your time and the chickens'. After all, it's all UMPQUA FEED."

Marine: "I saw a guy trying to kiss your girl last night."

Sailor: "Trying to? Didn't he make it?"

Marine: "Naw, she wouldn't let him."

Sailor: "Couldn't 'a' been my girl, then?"

Lou: "I was getting very fond of her till he got fresh and spoiled it."

Sue: "Isn't it pitiful the way a man can undo everything?"

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EVERY TIME WE GO into the hardware department we find Pop Ward has something we hadn't seen before. Time to water the lawn, and what do you think? He has a set of what we dub "multiple sprinklers." Couple them together with short pieces of hose, and you can have as nice a system as those underground elite affairs, and at much less cash outlay. Then he has salmon eggs, sinkers, flies, and just about anything else you need for fishing—including the poles, but not the license. An' he's got tools for tinkering around the house, repairing or most anything you can imagine. Pop wants to see you right away.

EXPENSIVE LUXURIES Doc Billings, head of the tur-

Time Saved By Sprinklers In Applying Nitrogen Shots

Save time and see results of your fertilizer application sooner by applying nitrogen to crops through your sprinkler irrigation system, suggests Mel Hagood, Oregon State college extension irrigation specialist.

Much value in commercial fertilizers, he adds, is dependent on the amount of moisture available in the soil because the plant food must be in solution to be used by a crop. Use of the sprinkler system also makes it possible to apply several light fertilizer applications during the season at times when it would be difficult to do the task using a ground applicator.

To be used, Hagood says fertilizer materials must go into solution readily. Thus, nitrogen carriers, with the exception of 16-20 and 11-48 Amn-Phos, are the only materials which can be used successfully.

There are two types of nitrogen carriers — ammonia and nitrate forms — and the irrigation specialist says a good deal of dollar value will be lost unless each is applied correctly.

Apply nitrate forms of nitrogen, he says, about 20 to 30 minutes before finishing an irrigation — just long enough ahead of stopping to wash the fertilizer material which is corrosive out of the system. Don't stop too soon or the fertilizer can be leached past the main feeder roots, the specialist adds.

Ammonia form nitrogen fertilizers should be applied at the beginning of the irrigation since this type of nitrogen ties itself to the soil and the second it touches and continued falling water helps drive the nitrogen to the root zone.

Ammonia type fertilizers include ammonium sulfate and Nu Green, while nitrate types include calcium nitrate, nitrate of soda and ammonium nitrate. Cyanamid should not be used in sprinkler systems due to its caustic effect on both plants and irrigation systems.

Most farmers apply plant food through their irrigation systems by having a wooden barrel located alongside the pump. With the fertilizer in the solution, it is added by drawing it through a hose attached to the pump's suction side.

Certified Potatoes Contain Fewer Diseases This Year

There's less disease present in certified seed potato lots this year.

This is the way 1950 crop potatoes compared with 1949 in test plantings leading to certification by Oregon State college, according to Elmer Johnson, extension seed certification specialist, who has now finished testing 365 seed lots.

He added there is one exception to the generally improved disease picture — ring rot is on the increase throughout the state. Locally, last year was a bad one for leafroll and mosaic in Malheur county, Johnson reported.

Altogether, there were 3,352 acres which completed certification in 1950 compared with 3,036 in 1949. Final certification data is not available, the specialist explained, until seed lots are grown out and checked for disease during the winter months.

This year, for the first time, all test plots were grown in the new \$50,000 OSC greenhouse erected

with money provided by the state legislature and the Oregon Potato commission. In the past, most of the plots have been grown at Oceanside, Calif.

For the 1950 crop year, Nettle Gem potatoes were the most popular certified variety by a wide margin with 2,314 acres passed. Clyde Ward, Baker, had the largest acreage of Nettle Gems, 180 acres, and was the state's leading certified seed potato grower with a total of 185 acres.

In second and third place among 18 varieties certified were White Rose, 780 acres; and Burbank, 167 acres.

Of the state's 210 certified seed potato growers, Klamath was the leading grower county with 64. Certified seed was grown, however, in 13 counties.

Johnson said the Nettle Gem acreage is growing at the expense of other varieties, principally White Rose. Multnomah county, he added, is slipping out of the certified seed potato picture, having only 308 acres in 1950.

Oregon Crops Doing Well Department Report Shows

PORTLAND — (AP) — Oregon's crops are doing well, the weekly crop-weather report of the department of agriculture shows.

Showers of the past week have been helpful, the report said, coming just when most useful for vegetable, berry hop and peppermint growers.

Although some stands of fall-seeded oats suffered winter and spring freeze damage the general condition and color of fall seeded oats, wheat, winter peas, vetch, grass seed crops and crimson clover is "good to very good."

In the Willamette valley some spring grain seeding continues. Thinning of the sugar beet and the onion crops is about one-third completed, berry hoeing is about finished and pickers are being lined up for the strawberry harvest which is to start about June 1, the report said.

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Wall Moisture May Be Cause Of Paint Peeling

Moisture — too much of it — may be the answer to your painting problem.

In cases where paint blistering and peeling make it necessary to put on a new outside paint coat every year, lack of a vapor barrier in the house walls may be the reason, says John C. Campbell, Oregon State college rural housing specialist.

Where an adequate vapor barrier is not present under siding, severe blistering and peeling frequently occur during and following each winter heating season. This condition, the specialist explains, is due to an accumulation of moisture working its way out through the paint.

Well-constructed houses have an adequate vapor barrier installed at the time they are built. It should be continuous over the entire exterior wall with lapped joints occurring over studs. Campbell says it is important that the vapor barrier be placed directly behind plaster or other interior finish.

He emphasizes that the building paper between the sheathing and studding should be a vapor barrier but should be a breathing paper which will allow water vapor to pass through it readily.

Moisture control in wall cavities of existing homes is not easy, Campbell explains. He suggests that in homes where outside wall paint blistering and peeling is a severe annual problem, that insulating the inside walls with a vapor resistant paint will reduce the difficulty. An aluminum, oil, or rubber base paint in sufficient coats will result in a smooth glossy finish are types of material that may be expected to give satisfactory results.

The vapor-resistant paint may be covered with other materials such as wallpaper without reducing its effectiveness.

Green Feed Will Reduce Turkey Growing Costs

Turkey growers can reduce feed costs by 10 to 15 percent by making use of green feed, according to Noel L. Bennion of Oregon State college.

The extension poultry specialist says alfalfa and ladino clover are two of the best green feed crops, but both require good soil and irrigation to grow successfully. Sunflowers are also used extensively for turkeys. They provide green feed and shade during the summer months and supply additional feed when the seeds mature.

For green feed crops which do not require irrigation, Bennion suggests Sudan grass or spring planted winter rye. Alta fescue is another long growing season grass, which is used extensively. It makes a tough sod. Grasses used include highland bentgrass, ryegrass, and Cheving and red creeping fescue.

Where green feed is not available, Bennion suggests use of a good grade of alfalfa meal, alfalfa pellets or alfalfa hay in the feed ration. Addition of 10 percent molasses by weight and mixed with alfalfa meal will increase its palatability and consumption.

CULTIVATION EFFECTIVE WASHINGTON — (AP) — A warning to farmers who are fighting weeds with the new herbicides of recent years was issued here by Warren C. Shaw, agronomist with the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Shaw comes out in favor of cultivation as one of the most effective ways to control weeds.

"No available herbicide," says Shaw, "will kill all weeds and leave crop plants completely unharmed. If we do not cultivate to control resistant weeds, it will be only a short time until the fields will be weeder than ever—with weeds even more difficult to control."

Shaw adds that research results throughout the country show that even when weeds are controlled with chemicals, many soils will give higher crop yields when cultivated at least once.

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