

FARM and GARDEN NEWS

Pendleton Site Of Annual Ram Sale August 17

Seven different breeds will be represented among the 375 select rams offered at the twenty-fifth annual Oregon ram sale in Pendleton Friday, August 17, announces Victor W. Johnson, Umatilla county extension agent and secretary to the Oregon Wool Growers association, the sale sponsor.

The sale will be held in the Round-Up livestock sales pavilion starting at 10 a. m.

Both stud and yearling rams will be included among the offerings made by 20 prominent breeders. Consignments are being made by two out-of-state breeders, Bennie

Farms, Stanwood, Wash., and John K. Madsen Rambouillet farm, Mt. Pleasant, Utah.

The eastern Oregon livestock branch experiment station, Union, will consign seven Columbias and three Hampshire yearling rams.

Breeds represented include Rambouillets, Lincoln-Rambouillet crossbreds, Columbias, Corriedales, Lincolns, Suffolks and Hampshires.

One purebred Suffolk breeder, Glenn Cox, Philomath, is donating one ram. Proceeds from sale of this animal will be used toward entertaining guests attending the eighth annual convention of the National Wool Growers association. The four-day convention will be held in Portland December 4 to 7.

Although the bulk of the sale offerings are yearling rams, there will be 10 stud rams sold in addi-

Western Oregon Counties Show Big Value Increase

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The 44,841 farms in the 18 counties of western Oregon which constitute the first, third and fourth congressional districts, had remarkable increases in values and production during the five years prior to the 1950 census, according to an announcement by Dr. Roy V. Peel, director of the census.

The value of land and buildings reached a total of \$712,979,948 in 1950 compared with a valuation of \$436,262,296 in the year 1945. This was a 1950 valuation, per acre, for the entire area of \$135.33 compared with \$93.24 five years earlier.

Production increases

Production, as indicated by the volume of sales of farm products, enjoyed a relative increase to \$160,869,430 for the 1949 crop year compared with \$130,330,430 five years earlier. Thus, dollar production per acre increased during the five year period from \$27.85 to \$34.61.

The increase in values amounted to \$285,718,652, and the increase in production was \$30,539,000.

The counties included in this report were: Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Lane, Lincoln, Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Lincoln, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Washington and Yamhill.

Highest dollar production per acre was in the intensively operated farm land surrounding Portland in Multnomah county where the return was at the rate of \$127.72 per acre.

Marion County Second

Marion county was second in dollar return per acre, with \$63.87; Tillamook, third with \$63.60; Washington, fourth with \$60.30; Clackamas, fifth with \$51.28; Yamhill, sixth with \$44.26; and Josephine, seventh with \$40.39.

The lowest return, per acre, was \$10.99 in Douglas county.

Consolidations decreased the number of farms in this area during five years by 2,839. Average acreage, per farm, increased from 98.14 acres to 103.65.

In these 18 counties there were 4,647,860 acres in farms in 1950 compared with 4,679,372 five years earlier.

Production of dairy products showed the largest increase in farm revenue, from \$30,316,883 in 1944 to \$35,271,235 in 1949. Proceeds from the sale of fruits and nuts showed an increase of \$1,928,883

Curry County Marks Up First In Ram Grading

The state's first ram grading demonstration was held recently in Curry county. For several years, according to Harry Lindgren, Oregon State college extension animal husbandry specialist, beef animal grading demonstrations have been commonplace, but the Curry county affair was the first occasion when a ram grading demonstration has been held.

Seven breeders in the area brought 25 Romney, Cheviot, Suffolk and Border Leicester rams to the Curry county fairgrounds at Gold Beach to be graded. Owners were Raymond Capps, Langlois; Red and Robert McKenzie, Sixes; Sea View ranch, Sixes; Henry Adolfsen, Sixes; R. M. Knox, Gold Beach; Jasper Yorkum, Port Orford; and Harley Cook, Pistol River.

To conduct the grading demonstration, Lindgren worked out a card similar to that used to grade beef bulls. Six of the rams placed A minus. None graded below B minus, Lindgren revealed. The demonstration was arranged by Clifford Jenkins, Curry county extension agent.

Oregonian Bound For New Zealand Farm Youth Trade

Oregon's first international farm youth exchange, Glenn Klein, 23, of Aumsville in Marion county, has sailed for New Zealand.

A 1951 graduate in agricultural education from Oregon State college, Klein departed August 2 from Vancouver, B. C. Before returning early next year, he will spend the ensuing months living with New Zealand farm families.

Purpose of the farm youth exchange program is to promote peace through better understanding among the young farm people in the countries concerned. In Oregon, the project is being sponsored by the campus 4-H club, Mu Beta Beta, which raised \$800 toward making the trip possible for Klein. Other funds are provided by the National 4-H Foundation, Washington, D. C.

Since Klein was selected, the state 4-H club office has announced that additional money has been raised and another exchange will be selected early this fall. Farm youths between the ages of 18 and 28 who are interested in spending four months abroad are asked to contact their local county extension office for application forms.

Exchanges live with farm families in the country of their selection and work for room and board.

State 4-H club officials have also been notified that two foreign exchanges will arrive in September. One is Miss Ita Posch, 23, from The Netherlands, who would prefer living with a farm family operating a dairy farm. She will arrive September 27.

The second is Frederick Werren, 25, Switzerland, who will be in the state starting September 7 for approximately two months. He was graduated from the Agricultural Polytech institute at Zurich.

In the international farm youth exchange program, emphasis is placed on showing community life.

Potato Growers Urge Curtailment

MOSES LAKE — (AP) — Potato growers here are recommending that No. 2 grade spuds from Northwest states be kept off the market. Karl Goerlich, a local grower and chairman of the Washington state potato marketing agreement committee, said prices have dipped close to the cost of production.

Goerlich said prices are down to \$20-24 per ton to the grower, less \$3 to \$4 sorting charges, for No. 1 potatoes. Costs of production are \$18-20 per ton, including the No. 2's which make up about one-fourth of the crop.

Meanwhile, the early white rose variety harvest got underway slowly here this week. The slow market has delayed digging. Shipments are expected to reach 20 cars per day shortly, George LaValley, Milwaukee railroad freight agent, said. The record for the early harvest is 80 cars per day.

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Harvest Of Ladino Clover Is Underway In Oregon

PRINEVILLE — (AP) — The harvest of the ladino clover seed crop in central Oregon is under way. The crop was brought to maturity early this year.

The first deliveries of seed have been made. Growers, who lost part of their crop last year when the weather changed in late season, have brought the clover to maturity by turning off irrigation water.

The harvest is expected to be in full swing next week. An estimated 4,000,000 pounds of seed will be harvested. The price currently is somewhat above the support price of \$1.25 a pound.

MEETING POSTPONED

The Umpqua Flying club has postponed its monthly meeting, scheduled for Tuesday night, until Tuesday, Aug. 21. The meeting will be held the latter date at the Paul Hult home at Dillard.

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Wool Production Reveals Increase

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Agriculture department estimates this year's production of shorn wool at 229,111,000 pounds, an increase of about 4 percent over last year.

Production, however, is down about 27 percent from the 1940-49 average.

This year's larger crop reflected a two percent increase in the number of sheep shorn and a record heavy weight of fleece. This year's fleece averaged 8.23 pounds compared with 8.11 pounds last year and 8 pounds for the 10-year average.

Production is down from last year in such major states as Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, but up in the rest of the western states.

Domestic wool production has been falling less than a third of the nation's needs in recent years.

Production this year and last, respectively, in major producing states included:

Texas 15,943,000 and 12,686,000; Idaho 9,403,000 and 9,400,000; Wyoming 18,762,000 and 17,680,000; Washington 3,018,000 and 2,964,000; Oregon 5,506,000 and 5,366,000; and California 16,024,000 and 15,547,000.

SUPPLY REDUCED

LA GRANDE — (AP) — Most of the Grande Ronde valley's grass seed has been harvested — and production was down two-thirds to three-fourths due to winter chill and drought.

County Agent Burns Bailey made the report, as the harvest of most varieties neared completion.

There is a general seed shortage, he said, which should cause higher prices.

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New Blueberry Growing Bulletin Issued by OSC

With public interest in blueberry culture increasing in the Northwest, the Oregon State college agricultural experiment station has issued a new bulletin describing problems and requirements of commercial blueberry production in Oregon.

"Growing Blueberries in Oregon," which is officially station bulletin 499, points out the early success of hundreds of blueberry plantings in Oregon but cautions that only time will tell how widely this crop is adapted for commercial planting. C. A. Boller, assistant horticulturist at OSC, is author of the 20-page bulletin.

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4-H Club Buildings Burn

MEDFORD — (AP) — Three large 4-H club buildings burned Friday in the Jackson county fairground's second costly fire in a little over a month.

Damage was estimated at \$45,000 in the blaze which started at about 9 a. m. and swept through the sales pavilion, hog show building and a combination club room and kitchen.

Crop From Rented Land Brings Big Cash Return

SPOKANE — (AP) — A farmer who leased some land from the navy and put in two special varieties of wheat developed by Washington State college has sold his 100-acre crop for \$7,670.

The wheat was grown by W. R. Collier under the supervision of the state Department of Agriculture. He used some fertilizer and hired a flying service to spray his crop with a weed-killing solution.

The land is inside the Spokane naval supply depot but isn't used by the military. Collier has a five-year lease. He pays the navy rent.

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EASY WAY OF LIFE

We live in the "machine age." Machinery has made life easier for almost everybody in this good old U.S.A. It's an "electric thing" and a "mechanical thing," until we have to do it up with our own hands. We keep our waist line neat.

And now it has even come to the feller who raises chickens for a living. Yep, instead of slaving, digging and scraping to keep everything "hospital sanitary" in the chicken house, we now have "built-up litter," "pits," or no roosts, automatic waterers, and at long last, a workable automatic feeder, which can even be put on an alarm clock system. Just like your electric lights, or the wife's electric range.

Imagine, you old-time poultrymen! We used to get up before daylight to put out feed for the birds after we had the lanterns lit. And fill the fountains with fresh water. Then imagine just sleeping in, while the alarm clock starts the feed rolling out through the boxes, and the water is always sanitary. No need to get up until time to gather eggs.

Yes, and there are even some automatic egg gatherers, though they haven't learned how to handle broken eggs in the nests. Besides, there should be some fun left in the business, and gathering eggs is just that.

But, to get back to this automatic feeder. The Douglas County Flour Mill is selling the "Big Dutchman" Automatic Feeder. This, we believe, was the first of its kind ever made, and has been in production long enough that the manufacturers have got all the "bugs" out of it.

Anything revolutionary such as an automatic feeder starts out as a pretty crude affair. But it isn't long before American ingenuity figures out refinements and improvements, until in a few years we can expect streamlined perfection.

The Big Dutchman has just about reached that stage. It has a speed changer; you can have the chain move slow or fast. A feed pump, in case your birds don't eat it as fast as it comes out, the overflow is pumped back into the hopper, preventing waste. You can feed continuously or at regular intervals, controlled by a time clock. Have the feeder shut off at night, and start a few minutes before lights come on in the morning.

MASS PRODUCTION
A few years ago, 1500 chickens

ens was a full time job for a man and wife, and the kids had to help after they got home from school. Nowadays, with the new ideas and machinery the same man and wife can care for 5000 and do it easier. Besides, there should be an extra couple thousand to keep the kids out of mischief.

Because of this, the margin between cash cost and cash returns is sometimes smaller than it was years back. (Not right now, though, as there is a beautiful spread between cost and income. With commercial eggs \$18.00 a case and hatching eggs pointed towards a dollar a dozen.)

With automatic feeders and waterers, laying cages or deep litter, the poultryman has become a 40-hour a week man with big income taxes to pay. Or the man who handles a regular job can handle a thousand or two laying hens with a couple extra hours a day.

YOU NEXT, MAYBE

Just in one day the manufacturer had put in two hours with the income tax department, had a call from a man in the Federal Trade Comm., another caller from the Wage and Hours Division, and finally one from the Justice Dept.

If you are in business, you realize this happens with surprising regularity. Anyway, this poor dolt finally sold his plant and bought a skunk farm, with the reflection: "Now, maybe the government will keep its nose out of my business."

ON THAT BUM FEED

We tested a lovely bunch of pullets for Ed Markham last week. Ed has installed a trap house, at five months and one week, the 180 birds laid 97 eggs, in spite of being shoved around. Truth to tell, the entire flock is hitting close to that figure.

WARNING!

By the way, this title we often use "Bum Feed" is often used for our own use. It isn't copy righted, but nevertheless, unless two or three competitive feedmen quit using it in referring to UMPQUA FEEDS, we are going to print their names along with some pertinent comment. Feed that gets results like the above regularly, is certainly better than that sold by men who have to use such tactics to sell their own product.

While Mrs. Smith visited a friend with her family, she

boy hit a pretty lively clip. On her return a friend (?) of Smitty's remarked: "It's about time you got back. You know 'When the old cat's away the mice—'"

But just then Smitty swung on the friend. Horrified, Mrs. S. gasped: "Heavens, John, why did you do that?" Quickly and gallantly Smitty explained: "Well, nobody's going to call my darling wife an old cat!"

THE COUNTY FAIR

Thank Goodness and some hardworking civic minded people in Douglas County, we are going to have another County Fair this week. Thursday, Friday and Saturday you will have an opportunity to meet friends you haven't seen since last Co. Fair. And see what folks in other parts of Douglas County are doing. There will be booths and exhibits galore. The Future Farmers and the 4-H clubbers will be there with bells on. You just can't afford to miss it.

The Douglas Flour Mill will support the fair by having a booth. And you will have the opportunity of seeing the "BIG DUTCHMAN AUTOMATIC FEEDER" in action. We will have one set up and operating. By the way, you don't have to have ten thousand birds to justify the small cost of a Big Dutchman. There is a pocket size model which many farmers are using on small farm flocks of 300-400 birds. More time for other chores, and an occasional fishing trip.

GOOD NEWS

We are saving the best to the last. Yes, there is good news today. Practically all UMPQUA FEEDS are down five cents a sack this week. This is made possible because of a drop in the cost of bags, and not of ingredient costs, which are still fluctuating up and down, with the ups just about offsetting the downs.

Incidentally, this means we will have to reduce the return price of empty bags accordingly. And let us whisper a word of good advice. Better gather up all the good bags you have and get them in right away. We have heard that bags may drop even more. Don't know the full score, but it is good news anyway.

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