

## New Wool Program Incentive Payments Set To Start April 1

Incentive payments will be made for wool on lambs or yearlings sold for slaughter on or after April 1 under the new wool program, according to J. Roland Parker, Douglas County extension agent. Payment will be a flat rate per hundredweight of live animals.

Producers to be eligible for lamb or yearling wool or shorn wool payments must have owned the animals for at least 30 days. Qualifications for payments include a presentation to the ASC County Office of a bill of sale showing the number of head sold with their total weight, date of sale and certification of the animals were bought for slaughter and had full wool pelts.

Payments for both shorn and wool on animals marketed will be based on the difference between the national average price growers receive for wool and the 62 cents per pound incentive price for the 1955 marketing year which begins April 1, 1955 and ends March 31, 1956, Parker said.

Under the wool program, the incentive payment depends upon the price the producer receives for his wool on the open market. The higher the selling price, the greater the incentive payment will be. For example, the incentive level of 62 cents per grease pound es-

## Farm Forest Facts

By Ed Gilden  
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HARDWOODS are a "drug on the market in Douglas County.

This is a real problem. Especially when you find out that we have more hardwood sawtimber than any other county in Oregon. The volume of hardwood sawtimber is over six hundred million according to Forest Service figures.

A quick look at a hardwood region map shows about one-half of the county covered with hardwoods.

—And yet, with all our volume and acreage, we have no commercial hardwood operation.

But, wait a minute, we do have a few farm operations.

—And it helps prove a point that we have always believed, namely—That farm woodland work-

oak stumpage. I've talked a long time without saying anything about a market for oak.

Oak, at the right price, is in demand by fireplace owners or haven't you looked at your fuel bill recently. Floyd has sold some oak wood to local fuel yards.

WITH THE "do-it-yourself" fad what it is today, Floyd has sold a good share of his wood stacked in the woods.

Located only four miles from Roseburg, Floyd has a number of home owners come out with trailers and pickups and "haul-it-them selves."

This is only one of the methods of marketing oak fuel wood. Others have found that when the



LOG BUCKER Floyd Emmitt, Melrose farmer, saws up oak trees into fuel wood. The off-season farm work returns good wages.



EMMITT AND NEIGHBOR, Claude Herron, rick 16-inch firewood on a "haul-it-yourself" basis to local peple. (Ed Gilden photos)

is just another part of the farm operation.

FLOYD EMMITT is one of the farmers that is making good farm wages working in his stand of hardwoods. Floyd, who lives about four miles out the Melrose road from Roseburg, is cutting oak fuel wood during slack times in his farm work. In fact, he has more cords of oak fuel wood stacked on his place than I've seen in all the rest of the county.

Floyd does the falling and bucking with a power saw. Floyd's neighbor, Claude Herron, does the splitting and the two of them then do the piling. Floyd's road system is such that the wood can be stacked where it is cut and is easily accessible.

Floyd made the comment that he finds this work no harder than other farm work. Claude and Floyd figure they can split and pile two cords of oak a day. This makes good wages for the off season and gives Floyd some returns for his

"price is right," they can take orders and deliver directly to the home owner.

ADMITTEDLY, wood cutting is not big money or quick money. It has to be considered on a basis with other farm work. It is farm work that can be done in an off season.

In cutting oak for fuel wood, you are getting a cash return out of land that up till now has had very little value to you.

From here, it looks like a little salesmanship, plus an equitable price, will go a long way in promoting oak fuel wood in Douglas County.

Pruning Demonstration To Be Held In Winston

A pruning demonstration will be held Thursday at the Paul Helweg orchards in Winston. Douglas County Agent J. Roland Parker said today the demonstration would include pruning of berries, apples, pears, peaches, cher-

## FARM and Garden

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### Report Showing Farm Products Comparison Out

WASHINGTON (AP) — A report showing how farm product prices stack up after two years of the Eisenhower administration was prepared by the Agriculture Department for issuance recently.

Secretary of Agriculture Benson has been predicting that prices will level off perhaps this year and perhaps start to climb back toward the goal of parity in the market place promised by President Eisenhower in the 1952 presidential campaign.

During the first 23 months of the GOP regime, farm prices tumbled 10 1/2 per cent. Starting at 267 per cent of the 1910-14 base period average, they had declined to 239 per cent by the middle of last December.

By comparison, prices had fallen 14.6 per cent during the last 23 months of the Truman administration after hitting record peaks.

Both administrations attributed the declines to accumulation of surpluses, decline in export demand, and postwar adjustments.

### Select Dairy Bar Now Open At OSC

The most select dairy bar in Oregon goes into operation at Oregon State College this week. Top-quality milk, cheese, butter, ice cream and other dairy products arrive there for judging in the Oregon Dairy Industries annual contest.

Five teams of "taste experts" drawn from industry, the U.S. department of agriculture, and Oregon State College will judge entries prior to the ODI annual short course and convention, Feb. 14 to 17.

Entries must reach the OSC dairy department by Feb. 3, it has been announced by Dr. G. H. Wilster, professor of dairy manufacturing and chairman of the convention.

Selection of the best cheddar cheese, cottage cheese, milk, butter, cream and ice cream from the state's 20 dairy plants is a yearly highlight of the convention which attracts national dairy leaders to discuss better products through research and improved plant management. Awards will be made Feb. 17 at the ODI banquet in the OSC Memorial Union.

This year's convention theme puts the accent on "selling" dairy products through better merchandising and packaging. National authorities on advertising, market research, public relations, nutrition, merchandising and packaging are among scheduled speakers.

ies, etc. It will start at 1:30 p.m. The Helweg orchards are located downstream one half mile from the Winston Bridge, Parker said. The demonstration is for any interested person.

### Animal Nutrition Meeting Slated For OSC Feb. 3-4

Forecasts of ample feed supplies for Oregon's 1955 barnyard cafeteria still leave a string of unanswered questions on how the diet should be balanced for most efficient livestock and poultry production.

Latest research findings in feeds and feeding will be reported to Oregon feed and seed dealers in the 13th annual Animal Nutrition conference, Feb. 3 and 4, at Oregon State College.

Utah Man To Speak

Lorin H. Harris, Utah State Agricultural College, heads a list of nationally-known feed experts who will address the conference. Recent winner of two major national awards for his nutrition work, Harris will speak the opening day on supplementary feeding of range livestock. On the second day, he will tell how to use urea protein supplement in cattle feeding.

E. P. Singen, University of Connecticut, will report new scientific trends in poultry rations.

George S. Templeton, national authority on rabbit production, will discuss rabbit feeding and commercial production of rabbit meat. For the past 20 years, Templeton has directed the U.S. department of agriculture's rabbit experiment

station at Fontana, Cal., focal point of the nation's rabbit industry.

Minerals Are Topic

Use of minerals in livestock and poultry feed is scheduled for discussion by three Oregon State College researchers: G. H. Arcott, poultry department; I. R. Jones, dairy; and J. E. Oldfield, animal husbandry. Oldfield will also suggest ways of balancing local feed stuffs for swine production in Oregon.

P. M. Brandt, OSC dairy department head, will review the OSC dairy research program, and J. A. Harper, poultry department, will report turkey feed research. Harper will also appear with Singen, Harris and Templeton on a panel to answer questions from the audience at the close of the conference.

Other OSC speakers are G. Burton Wood, agricultural economics department head; Roger Sprowls, dairy department; and E. M. Dickinson, poultry department. All sessions will be in Withycombe Hall with registration starting Feb. 3 at 9 a.m.

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The publication, "Composts for Garden Soil," shows that lawn clippings, crop refuse and the leaves from fruit and shade trees are all useful if handled properly. These composted materials can be worked into garden soils to improve their structure and fertility, or they can be used as a sidedressing and for the mulching of plants, the circular points out.

Information concerning what materials are useful, the location, construction, turning and the use of a compost pile are all included in the circular prepared by R. Ralph Clark, extension horticulture specialist at OSC, and the Douglas County extension office.

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Mrs. Mertice Richardson and Mrs. Robert Martin are the leaders of the 4-H club. Club membership is comprised of 24 boys and girls.

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