

FARM-FOREST-FACTS

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County Extension Agent

How's this for an idea?
A consulting slash crew that will do the burning on logged off areas.

One of the biggest headaches a logger or landowner faces is disposing of his logging slash.

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A SLASH BURNING CREW could and should be able to insure you of a successful slash burn.

First, they could get burning done promptly after logging. They would be able to "make" you money by keeping the fire out of uncut timber and seed-tree areas.

Another thing a burning crew could do, would be to protect young reproduction by preventing the reburning of areas previously slash burned.

The last thing they could do would be to get an effective clean-up of debris.

This is pre-slash burning time—but it's not too soon to be making plans for slash disposal.

An effective slash burning can best be obtained by proper planning. A good burn will insure the logger and landowner of a release from the responsibility of the slash.

A slash release in Douglas County means that the Douglas Forest Protective Assn. has taken on the responsibilities of any fire fighting costs on the released property.

If a slash release is not obtained, the logger who created the hazard then stands the chance of having to pay all fire fighting costs, other than the regular crew that the Douglas Forest Protective Assn. will have available.

Loggers are carrying a lot of liability on past logging shows that have not been released.

THIS LIABILITY can be shifted to the landowner if the logger is not financially responsible. In terms that we understand this means—if the logger goes broke or is unable to pay, the landowner may have to pay the fire fighting costs.

This slash liability is the important reason that a landowner should have his slash burned as soon after it is made as possible.

Not all slash has to be burned. In many cases, burning may create additional fire hazard or do excessive damage to reproduction or older stands. In these cases, the state inspector should be requested to inspect the slash. He may find that you can obtain a release by burning only a small area or in the case of thinning may give a release because of the small amount of hazard created.

GIVE SLASH BURNING some thought.

If a slash burning crew sounds like a good idea, let me know. May be we could interest some experienced slash burner in getting a crew together.

Start planning now. Have your local Douglas Forest Protective Assn. warden or state inspector advise you on slash disposal.

Destructive Holly Tree Insect Found In State

SALEM — The holly leaf miner, a highly destructive insect that wrecks holly trees, has been found in Oregon for the first time.

The State Agriculture Department said Friday it found last week near the eastern edge of the Eastmoreland golf course in Portland. Since then, it has been found as far east as S. E. 52nd St.

The department has a three-man survey team making surveys of the damage.

It said the pest has been in Washington for several years.

Unless controlled, the insect threatens Oregon's million-dollar holly industry, which is centered in the Willamette Valley.

The insect can be controlled by DDT and other materials.

Federal Funds Possible For Oregon Farm Plan

SALEM — Plans under which Oregon might take part in the federal agricultural marketing program were discussed here recently by State Agriculture Director J. F. Short and George H. Goldborough, marketing specialist for the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Goldborough said that a new Oregon law, which directs the State Department of Agriculture to do some marketing development, would make it possible for Oregon to get federal funds to the program.

The federal program is aimed at expanding market outlets, improving quality of farm products, collecting market information, and studying the need for market facilities.

43 Head Of Jerseys Bring Total Of \$24,595

SALEM — Forty-three head of registered Jersey cattle brought \$24,595 at the cattle sale held recently in conjunction with The American Jersey Cattle Club convention.

Highest price paid was \$2,100 for a two-year-old cow consigned by A. W. Sweet of Sixes, Ore. The Victory Jersey Farm of Tulia, Tex., bought the animal.

The bull bringing the highest price was consigned by Bob Huff of Independence, Ore. Forest and Ruth Clark of Turlock, Calif., paid \$1,875 for it.

The average price was \$563. A calf born at the sale brought \$125.

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EGG CANDLING AND GRADING by Oregon State College poultry expert Noel Bennion was demonstrated in Roseburg last week. Bennion (center) also told Douglas County poultry men and women other ways of insuring good egg "quality." (Staff photo)

Control Of Cherry Fruit Fly Stressed By Extension Agent

Cherry growers are warned to be ready to spray or dust their trees for the control of the cherry fruit fly within the next two or three weeks. Time for applying control measures will be announced by Douglas County Extension Agent J. Roland Parker.

It is necessary to destroy the flies before they begin to deposit eggs or wormy fruit can be expected, says Parker. Flies begin depositing their eggs about 10 days after emerging and the emergence period may be over a period of time depending upon weather conditions. This means several applications of sprays or dusts will be necessary for effective control. Applications should be at 10-day intervals until the fruit is harvested and repeated if application is followed by heavy rains.

Make Arrangements Now

Growers should make arrangements now to have spray or dust materials on hand. Spraying or dusting equipment should be ready for making applications as soon as the cherry fruit fly emergence is announced by entomologists of the Oregon State College Experiment Station, the agent said.

Spray or dust materials used should be those most easily secured and applied with the equipment available to the cherry grower. Commercial growers may find recommended materials somewhat different than for the owner of a tree or two for home use, particularly if the fruit is to be sold to processing plants.

Control recommendations where cherries are to be sold or processing include: (1) Three pounds of lead arsenate in 100 gallons of spray, add a commercial spreader or a homemade spreader made of two quarts skim milk and four ounces of hydrated lime; (2) Fifty percent methoxychlor wettable powder, two pounds to 100 gallons of spray; (3) A dust containing 15 parts of lead arsenate and 85 parts of finely divided sulfur (35 mesh or finer). Apply at the rate of 50 pounds per acre; and (4) A poison bait spray consisting of five pounds of lead arsenate and five gallons molasses in water to make 100 gallons of spray.

For cherries for fresh market and home use, the following materials are recommended: (1) A spray containing three pounds of rotenone wettable powder containing four to five percent rotenone in 100 gallons of water, adding molasses at the rate of 2½ gallons per 100 gallons of spray will improve the effectiveness of the spray; (2) Three pounds of 50 percent wettable methoxychlor powder to 100 gallons of water or a 5 percent methoxychlor dust at a rate of 45 to 50 pounds per acre for the first application; and followed by a rotenone spray or dust to succeeding applications. Apply the rotenone dust 10 days after the methoxychlor application.

Important points to remember in control of the cherry fruit fly, Parker said, are: (1) Regardless of the spray or dust used or the program followed, the first application should be made when the first flies begin to emerge; (2) If any of the spray or dust applications are followed by heavy rains, they should be repeated; (3) Interplanted trees or foliage along fence rows should also be sprayed or dusted at the time the cherry trees are treated.

More complete information on control of the cherry fruit fly is available at the county extension office in Roseburg.

4-H Club Members Plan Entertainment Session

Nearly 2,000 Oregon 4-H Club members will host delegates to Beaver Boys State at Oregon State College June 17.

The 4-Hers will be on the Corvallis campus, attending 4-H summer school which starts June 14 and ends the 24th. The 400 BBS delegates are brought to the campus by the American Legion.

A big entertainment session in the OSC Coliseum is planned for the day.

Burton Hutton, state 4-H leader, says the annual evening variety show, sponsored by the Oregon Bankers Assn., will be moved from its traditional second-week spot at summer school into the first week as a treat for Beaver Boys members, who will meet on the campus June 12 to 18. Beaver Boys State is a program for citizenship in youth.

GRADUATED

Army Pvt. Harold D. Brister, 18, son of Herbert D. Brister, Winston, recently was graduated from the Military Police Training Center at Camp Gordon, Ga.

Brister, who attended Kennedale (Tex.) High School, entered the Army in January 1955.

Poultry Men To Meet At OSC

Annual meetings of the Oregon Poultry Hatchery Assn., and the Oregon Poultry Improvement Assn., will be held at Oregon State College June 16 and June 17, respectively.

Noel Bennion, extension poultry specialist at OSC, says principal speaker for both meetings will be Berley Winton, director of the USDA poultry disease laboratory at East Lansing, Mich. Winton will discuss the results of 12 years work by federal scientists on Leukosis (big liver disease) in poultry.

Robert Parks, Altoona, Pa., president of the American Poultry Hatcherymen Federation, will speak at the Oregon Poultry Hatchery Assn. meeting. He will discuss what happens when various crosses are made in poultry breeding.

The June 16 program also will include a discussion on fertility research results at OSC by J. E. Parker, head of the poultry department; a talk, "If I Had It To Do Over," by Ambrose Brownell, Milwaukie, a poultryman for 35 years; and a luncheon address by Col. L. G. Heston, head of the OSC air force ROTC unit.

In addition to Winton, the program for the Oregon Poultry Improvement Assn. meeting lists a review of research on broiler management by L. E. Johnson of the OSC poultry department.

Luncheon speakers will be Dorothy Sherrill, OSC consumer education specialist, who will tell her plans for stimulating consumption of poultry products in Oregon, and Ray B. Schwartz, San Francisco, manager of the Poultry and Egg National Board West Coast office, who will review the board's program for the area.

Afternoon sessions will be devoted to sectional meetings for poultry breeders, broiler growers and hatchery egg producers, Bennion says. Following these sectional meetings, the groups will hear reports and recommendations.

A joint banquet is planned the evening of June 16 for members of both associations.

Music Events Slated At 4-H Summer School

More attention to musical activities is planned for 4-H club summer school at Oregon State College, June 14-24.

John O'Connor, assistant professor of music at OSC, will direct boys and girls choruses and will lead all general assembly singing. O'Connor will also offer a class in song leadership.

Ted Mesang, assistant professor of music and OSC band director, will conduct the 4-H summer school band which performs at assemblies and special evening musical events. Mesang will give band instruction to about 90 4-H members.

COFFEE CANS NEEDED

The Douglas County Fair Board needs one-pound coffee cans.

The board will give one free ticket to the fair for each to clean, one-pound coffee cans that are delivered to the fair grounds or to the Tipton Insurance Agency, 214 W. Cass St., Roseburg, announced Dick Turley, fair manager.

The cans will be used to feed and water the rabbits and chickens at the 1965 Douglas County Fair, August 26-28, Turley said.

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Wheat Farmers Get Acreage Allotments Now

Oregon wheat farmers are receiving their 1955 acreage allotment notices this week.

Announcement that notices had been sent out was made by Arnold Bodtker, Portland. He is administrative officer of the state Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

These allotments, Bodtker pointed out, are farmers' share of county, state and national totals set recently.

Farmers To Vote

As required by law, Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson has proposed marketing quotas for the 1956 wheat crop. On June 25, producers will have a chance to vote in a referendum on whether they want quotas. Approval by two-thirds of those voting is necessary to put quotas into effect.

Bodtker reminds wheat farmers that regardless of the outcome of the referendum, acreage allotments will still apply. This means growers must stay within their established acreage allotments in order to be eligible for price supports.

Any wheat producer in commercial areas who will have in excess of 15 acres of wheat for harvest as grain in 1956 is eligible to vote in the referendum.

Results Noted

M. D. Thomas, agricultural economist at Oregon State College, points out that under present laws: If the national vote on quotas is "yes," price supports between 45 and 90 percent of parity will be available for those who stay within their acreage allotment. Those who harvest more than the allotted acreage would lose the right to price supports and be subject to penalties on "excess" wheat.

If the vote is "no" — price supports based on 50 percent of parity will be available to those who stay within allotments. Others would not be eligible for price supports. There would be no restrictions on marketing.

Under quotas, "excess" wheat is subject to a penalty equal to 45 percent of the parity price. Payment of penalties can be avoided or postponed by meeting certain requirements provided in the regulations.

Further information concerning allotments, quotas and the referendum is available from county ASC and agricultural extension offices.

New 4-H Agent To Help Junior Leadership Work

Appointment of Miss Rosalie Mueller as state 4-H club agent has been announced by F. L. Ballard, associate director of extension service at Oregon State College.

Miss Mueller will work primarily with organizing and training of older club members for the 4-H junior leadership program. She is a graduate of Montana State College and served two years in that state as a home demonstration agent handling 4-H club work and adult training in home economics.

The new agent was an outstanding 4-H club member in Montana, an International Farm Youth Exchange delegate to Germany, and for three years has been a staff member of the National 4-H Club Foundation. Her appointment is subject to approval by the state board of higher education.

Burton Hutton, state 4-H club leader, says the new program to develop junior leadership will expand opportunities for older club members. They will have a chance to organize and lead younger club groups, help in planning community projects and other special club events, serve as camp counselors, and assist adult leaders in conducting club programs.

Magazine Favors Not Selling Old Hens

Price outlook for eggs this fall favors keeping old hens when pullets are ready to lay, says the June issue of "Better Farming."

Hens laying 50 per cent or better should be kept instead of sold. Early spring chick purchases were far below 1954. This means smaller supplies of eggs through the fall months. A Purdue University specialist says there will be more than the average 30 per cent seasonal rise in prices during the summer and early fall.

The old hens will produce the big eggs that draw premium prices while pullets are getting through the "small egg" stage.

NAMED COMMANDER

GLENVIEW, Ill. — Brig. Gen. Arthur F. Binney has been named commander of the Marine Corps air reserve training program.

Binney's appointment was announced Saturday by his predecessor, Brig. Gen. Frank H. Lamson-Scribner, who said he is retiring after 36 years of active service.

Wheat Allotment For Some Farmers Possible

Farmers on land on which no wheat was seeded for grain in 1953, 1954, and 1955 may apply for a 1956 wheat acreage allotment, according to J. F. Bonebrake, Chairman of the Douglas County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee. To be considered for an allotment on a farm which had no wheat seeded for grain for any of those years, the farmer must apply in writing to his county ASC Committee by June 30, 1955.

Blank application forms are available at the county ASC office, Pacific Bldg., Roseburg, for use in filing requests for allotments.

Water Shortages Spur Research On Sea Water

Spurred on by the spreading water shortage, scientists are making progress toward the low-cost conversion of sea water into fresh water, says the June issue of "Better Farming."

In less than five years they have cut costs by 75 per cent and now figure they can produce fresh water on a large scale for about \$125 per acre-foot.

Most that farmers can afford for irrigation water is usually estimated around \$40 an acre-foot. Conversion price will be cut that low within 10 to 15 years, officials predict, and "maybe we'll be able to beat that." One pilot operation is already producing it for less than \$30 an acre-foot. Success would be a tremendous boon to both farming and industry in the coastal states.

Top Farm Family To Be Selected

The "Douglas County Farm Family of the Year" contest will be held again this year, in conjunction with the Douglas County Fair, according to Fair Manager, Dick Turley.

The contest was held for the first time last year. It is open to any farm family in Douglas County, whether or not they are a member of any agricultural organization.

There is no entry fee, Turley said. Any number of entries may be made from any community, and may be filled out by the family or any other interested family.

The awards for the family chosen will consist of an engraved plaque and an expense paid trip to the Oregon State Fair for the entire family.

The family will be chosen on participation in organizations, fairs, general farming and home-making abilities.

Applications may be obtained from Dick Turley, P.O. Box 730, Roseburg, on or before August 10, Turley said.

Neuberger Wants NW Farmer In Russian Tour

WASHINGTON — Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore) said here that one farmer from the Pacific Northwest should be included in the group of 12 farm representatives who are to visit Russia.

The region's produce is similar to much of the agriculture in the Russian Ukraine, he said.

The senator praised the exchange tour proposal. "If we are to avoid an atomic war which could destroy mankind, I think some point of friendly contact between average people of the two strongest nations in the world cannot help but have some benefits," he said.



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