STOCK REPORT IS COMPILED

F. L. Kent, Agricultural Statistician of Portland, Makes Report on Domestic Animals.

(By F. L. KENT)

PORTLAND, Feb. 3.—The value of livestock on farms and ranges in Oregon increased slightly during the year 1922, due mainly to increased value of sheep. A slight increase is noted in the value of hogs but a considerable decrease in the value of cattle. There was a small increase in numbers during the year except for horses and mules. The decrease from the total values of Jan. 1, 1920, however, amounts to 338 per cent ($101,684,000 Jan. 1, 1920, and $67,225,000 Jan. 1, 1923.)

For the United States Jan. 1, 1923 values were somewhat higher than on Jan. 1, 1922. All classes of farm animals except horses showed some increase. The 1923 values when compared with Jan. 1, 1920, however, show a decrease from $8,165,194,000 to $5,111,521,000 equivalent to 37.3%.

Special Inquiry.

A special inquiry was addressed to about 600 ranchmen, also to about 400 sheep men all of whom use the national forest reserves more or less.

It was rather a surprise to find the results showing more cattle on hand on Jan. 1, 1923 than on Jan. 1, 1922. Low prices and light demand which have had a depressing effect on the industry, appear to have resulted in less than usual marketings.

The improved prices during 1922 for both mutton and wool have made a strong demand for lambs and ewes and have been an inducement toward increasing both size and number of flocks. Increases would doubtless have been greater but for the unusually heavy losses last spring, due mainly to weather conditions.

Horses and Mules

Numbers and prices show but little change from a year ago. Oregon assessors report horses and mules under the same classification. The total reported for the 1922 assessment is slightly less than that for the year 1921. Reports indicate that very few colts are being raised in any part of the state. Good horses bring fairly good prices but inferior animals are very slow sale. One correspondent from Wheeler county says, "Half the horses here are what we call cayuses, and they bring from $5.00 to $20.00. A good farm horse, weighing about 1500 pounds will bring around $100."

Milk Cows.

From the western part of the state come reports of decrease in numbers of dairy cows, but assessors reports show slight increase in all cattle in principal dairy counties (Assessors report milk cows under classification of "All Cattle.") Considerable increase in dairy cows is reported from several irrigated districts. A small increase in total numbers of milk cows for the state as a whole, compared with a year ago, therefore appears to be the situation.

Other Cattle

From one of the larger beef cattle counties comes a report in part as follows: "Cattle have increased as the stockman had a hard time selling his 'she stuff' this fall." This condition prevails more or less throughout the beef producing sections. In numerous instances cattlemen have been forced to liquidate at prices for young animals and breeding stock, considerably lower than what might be considered average market values.

Our special inquiry shows, for those reporting that these owners had about 7 per cent more cattle of all ages on hand on January 1, 1923 than they had on January 1, 1922. The inquiry was confined to range territory and it is probable that this increase would not hold for the state as a whole. The summary of reports received show that the cattle on hand on January 1, 1923, were distributed as follows: calves, 22.5%; yearling steers, 10.6%; other steers, 8.2%; bulls, 2.4%; cows, 46.7%.

Numerous reports state that the cost of producing beef has exceeded the returns during the last couple of years. Present prices are held to be very much below the cost of production, with the top market for steers around 6c per pound on the farm, and hay at $10 to $12 per ton.

The special inquiry also indicates a loss in numbers amounting to 5.2 per cent of the total number on hand January 1, 1922, plus the calves born during the year. The causes of death mentioned are blackleg; abortion, poisonous plants and low vitality of animals in the spring of 1922, due to short feed supplies and cold late spring.

Sheep.

Assessors' reports show a less number of sheep on hand on March 1, 1922, than on March 1, 1921. But reports from a large number of individual owners show more sheep owned on January 1, 1923, than on January 1, 1922. This would appear to indicate that marketings during 1922 were lighter than usual. The attractive prices which prevailed during 1922 for both wool and mutton, has apparently caused the retention of ewe lambs for breeding purposes, which ordinarily would have gone into the feed lots. The total of sheep and lambs on hand January 1, 1923, would doubtless have been considerably larger, had there not been such unusually heavy losses last spring.

Our special sheep inquiry shows, for those reporting, that these owers had about 1.4% more sheep and lambs on hand January 1, 1923, than on January 1, 1922. This total number on hand was divided as follows: lambs, 14%; ewes, 82%, wethers, 2%; rams 2%.

The 1922 spring situation is summarized in one of the schedules received as follows: "Loss on lambs was heavy on account of late spring and shortage of hay. Lamb crop about 50 per cent in this locality." The 1922 loss of sheep and lambs is the heaviest experienced by sheep owners in many years, one breeder says: "The greatest loss of lambs in 1922 that I have had since 1892-3. Lost nearly one-half of the 2,000 born, spring of 1922." The pricipal losses were due to weather and feed conditions at lambing time. Coyotes and poisonous plants on the range are mentioned as principal causes of summer losses. The average loss experienced by those reporting on the special inquiry was 17.1 per cent for the year 1922.

Sheep owners appear to be fairly well satisfied with the present financial situation. Comments contained in their replies are of a quite different tone than those of the cattle men.

Swine.

One reporter says: "Quite an increase in hogs." Another says "Hogs are first in public attention now." Agricultural extension workers are strongly advocating sufficient hogs on every farm to consume what would otherwise be farm waste. We believe there will be considerable increase in hogs in the near future.

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M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH—Sunday school conducted by Supt. Mrs. A. J. Starmer. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor, A. J. Starmer. League at 5:45 p. m. Subject for morning, "One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism." Evening Christion people as the salt of the earth. What would La Grande be without the Christian and the Christian influence? Everybody welcome to this church. We accept all the Bible as inspired. Let us accept Christ and be made free. This church does not believe in slavery as one man has been stating to different people, and never has. This man doesn't know any better. Everybody invited to all services.—A. J. Starmer, pastor.

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First Church of Christ, Scientist.—Corner of First and Washington, Sunday morning service at 11 o'clock. Subject: "Love."

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"DUKE" TAKES UP GOLF

(By Associated Press)

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 3 — Duke Kahanamoku, Hawaiian swimmer, who has held a number of swimming records, and who has thrilled thousands of persons by riding a board through the breakers, has made Los Angeles his home, and has taken up golf. In matches against some of the best amateur and professional players in Southern California, the Duke has proved himself to be an unusually good golfer, having recently negotiated the Rancho club course in 83.

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