

## Values Of October Farm Census Noted

Why take a farm census? Census taking requires money and time, but turns up facts about the fast-changing business of farming that makes it well worthwhile, maintains Marion D. Thomas, Oregon State College extension agricultural economist. The 17th nationwide farm count will start in October in Oregon.

The census provides a factual foundation of wise management of farms, businesses and government, Thomas noted. It's our main source of county and local data, he added. Census answers such questions as: Where are yields highest? Where increasing most? Where is production located? How many farms are there? How big? How much are farmers spending for supplies?

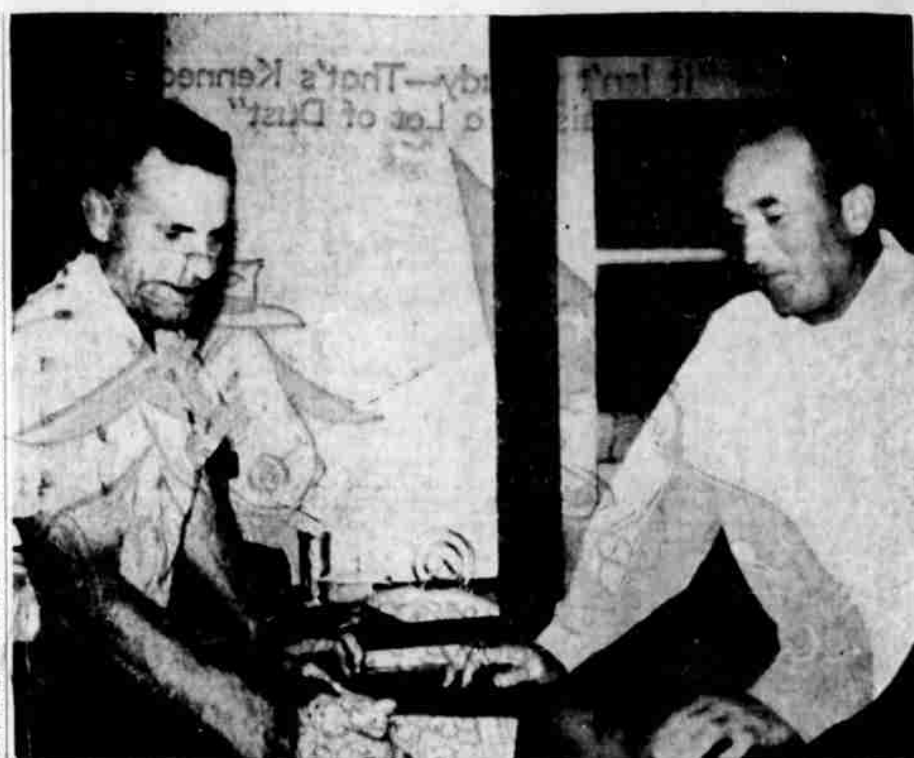
Each farmer benefits by knowing how he stacks up with farmers all over the nation. The farm count tells him how his farm is like the average farm; how it is different. It helps him make decisions in light of what has happened in other parts of the country.

The census gives farmers the same kind of information used by business and governmental agencies in making decisions.

Public and private agencies serving farmers with information, materials, transportation, credit, storage and the like all use census figures to guide their plans, the economist points out. Advertising staffs of publications and firms that make or sell farm goods use census information to determine equipment wanted in different parts of the country.

The census provides facts for groups concerned with local problems such as best use of land and water. Figures are used in seeking public support for research, education, health protection, or when disaster aid is requested in times of drought, flood or pestilence. The government uses data to plan public programs.

Facts obtained from the census are available to all through libraries, state colleges, the agricultural extension service, and other governmental agencies.



## OPEN FOR BUSINESS

New Farm Bureau Insurance agent Everett Cornett explains a policy to Bill Trindle in the partially completed office of the Farm Bureau. The office is open for business although the building isn't quite complete.

## FAIR GROUND CONSTRUCTION

A new building rises on the Union County Fair grounds that will be used to house three eating establishments with a total capacity of 150 persons. Workmen at the far end of the 96 foot long building are rushing to complete the building before the fair opens. (Observer Photo)



**A CLEAN CUT**—Jim Jarnagin cuts lumber for the new eating pavilions at the county fair grounds. Jarnagin, a retired Army colonel, is in charge of construction operations. The lump in the jaw is the "tongue in cheek" as Jarnagin makes a clean cut. (Observer Photo)

## Farm Bureau Members Work On New Office

Union County Farm Bureau workers turned out Sunday to add plasterboard to the walls of the county office in Island City.

"Farm Bureau business here in the county with a membership of 500 families makes the reorganization of our county work necessary," Gene Stockhoff, county president, said.

The office will be open three days a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday with the hours being 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. All county records have been transferred to the centrally located office with Mrs. Lillian Counsell retained as secretary to the organization.

Insurance business will also be handled through the office with agent Everett Cornett being in the field except for the time the office is open.

The southeast corner of the La Grande Farm Bureau center building was partitioned off to make a 16 foot square office space. Work will be completed as members get together for work times but "we are now open for business," Stockhoff said.

## New Stockyards Are Being Built Near Wallowa

WALLOWA (Special) — New stockyards are under construction about one-half mile west of Wallowa.

The Association board of directors approved the building of the yards August 6.

Volunteer labor is being used and those donating time include Perry Johnston, John Barton, Orie Mahanna, Slim Bohna, Marion Dallas, Norman and Jim Oran.

Other workers include Roland McCrae, Audas Bechtel, Alvin, Merle and Wayne Hawkins, and Harry Duckworth.

## Joseph Class Of 1939 Will Hold Reunion

The Joseph High School graduates of the class of '39 will hold a reunion Saturday evening. The affair will begin with a social hour at 6 p.m. in the Chief Joseph Hotel. A banquet will follow honoring their 20th year.

## Among Valley Farmers

By County Agents Ted Sidor and Charles Gavin

We have received several notices concerning "pink wheat." The notices tell us that stricter handling of treat wheat is necessary to prevent this treated wheat from entering into commercial grain markets.

Sometime ago a certification committee was formed to suggest and study ways that we could in the county, improve grain and grass stands. The committee felt that if a program was adopted that does the same thing as the grass growers are doing, we would all profit.

One only has to look at some of our fields of Alice and Elgin wheat to see what can happen when a pure strain of grain is not maintained. Most of these grains are bred up from other grains to do a specific job such as resistance to smut or other diseases or to combat insect problems. When these grains are allowed to deteriorate we find a dozen or more varieties coming into grain fields that are low yielders, weak strained and not uniform.

Recently we have been asking various farmers to plant certified grain and to produce certified grains. We are sure a program such as this will produce better crops for all of us.

This year we did get some Lemhi 53, wheat into the county and it does look good. This wheat is recognized as being more resistant to stem rust than other spring wheats available. We had no stem rust in the county this year, however, we had no rust so we don't really know how resistant it is in this area. As far as I am concerned, I hope the barley control program eliminated this menace and we'll never know how resistant it is.

Vance Pumphrey was out collecting some of his wheat samples from his plots this past week. He recently sent us the make up of his 20 or more trials in Union county.

Vance is certainly doing what was requested of him when he joined the Experiment Station. That is, conducting the majority of his work off station. This, of course, was requested by farmers from Union county and certainly proves that Oregon Experiment Stations will be guided by the wishes of the people and recognize that farmers are aware of their problems and know what they need in the way of research.

Western Europe is having a drought. The Foreign Agricultural Service reports that the dry weather is leaving its mark on the livestock industry. Denmark, the Netherlands, Belgium, and West Germany are all having difficulty feeding their cattle. Feed supplies are at danger levels. West Germany has stopped the import of frozen beef in order to stimulate purchases in the domestic cattle market.

The national calf crop is up 2 per cent from last year and 7 per cent above the 10-year average and only a shade under the high 1955, crop. The Western states make up 17 per cent of the U. S. total.

## Sidor Attends Seed Hearing In Capitol

Ted Sidor of La Grande and Clayton Fox of Imbler were among representatives of fescue seed growers at a tariff commission hearing in Washington, D.C.

Sidor is secretary of the Pacific Northwest Chewings and Creeping Red fescue association and Fox represented the Union County Seed Growers Association.

In a personal appearance before the U.S. Tariff Commission, Senator Wayne Morse referred to the increasing imports of fescue seed from Canada as a serious factor in depressing prices of domestic fescue grass seed.

"Creeping red fescue produced in Canada alone increased from 7,500,000 pounds in 1957 to 15,500,000 pounds in 1958," said Morse.

"Oregon can be proud of the fine representation made by these Oregon farmers on behalf of the granting of remedial action on the part of the Tariff Commission."

"On the basis of my study of the facts of this case, I am convinced that the petition for a 5,000,000 pound quota is justified. I believe it is to be justified both from the standpoint of the fescue seed producers and from the standpoint of our national interest as a whole," Morse said.

## Everett Cornett New Farm Bureau Insurance Agent

The Oregon Farm Bureau Insurance Company has a new agent in this county replacing retired Frank Poole.

Everett Cornett, former Vale Vo-ag instructor, his wife Helen and their three children will move to the valley immediately upon finding housing.

Cornett, a graduate of Oregon State College, grew up on a ranch near Prineville, has taught vo-ag 10 years and comes to La Grande with a thorough knowledge of farming. His brother, Elgin, is well known here being the county agent of Wallowa county.

The Cornett children include Jim, a high school senior; Christine, nine and Julie who is three. The incoming agent completed a course of training through the Salem office of the OFBF before taking over his duties here. He will be doing business through the Union County Farm Bureau office in Island City.

## Feeder Cattle Sale Due Monday At Enterprise

ENTERPRISE (Special) — Sixth annual feeder cattle sale sponsored by the Wallowa County Stockgrowers Association will be held at the Enterprise Livestock Auction Monday.

Traditionally these sales have been held on Labor Day, but the sales has been moved up this year due to special range conditions and the belief that the market will be better on the earlier date.

Wilfred Daggett is chairman of the sale which begins at 12:30 with Corda Locke as auctioneer.

Cattle should be delivered to the yards by 10 a.m. on the day of the sale.

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## Ag Department Sees Whopping Farm Crop

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Agriculture Department predicts a whopping farm crop this year second only to the record 1958 harvest.

The department's August crop production estimate forecasts a 1959 crop only 3 per cent below the all-time peak last year.

Sharp increases were predicted in corn, cotton, sugar crop and tobacco production. Feed grain tonnage will be equal to or slightly above 1958.

Per acre yields of cotton, sugar beets and dry peas should set records. The per acre soybean and dry bean yield should equal previous highs.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Agriculture Department estimated today that there were 8,500,000 farm workers, during the week ended July 25, 4 per cent less than a year earlier and 8 per cent fewer than average.

The department said the downturn contrasted with a rising trend in most years reflected the characteristics of the 1959 crop-weather pattern.

Good weather for haying and small grain harvest over wide areas and notable instances of early maturity and quick harvest of fruits and vegetables moved the usual July work peak ahead.

In other sections, rains forced a layoff from farm yield work.

Farm family labor totaled 5,700,000, down 3 per cent from the same period a year ago and 9 per cent less than average. Hired hands numbered 2,800,000, 6 per cent less than a year ago and 6 per cent fewer than the 5-year average for the period.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Agriculture Department reported today.

Production of 2,992,000,000 pounds, clean basis, for 1958-59 was 4 per cent higher than the previous season, and 20 per cent above the 1951-55 average. U.S. production was about the same in 1958-59 as the previous season.

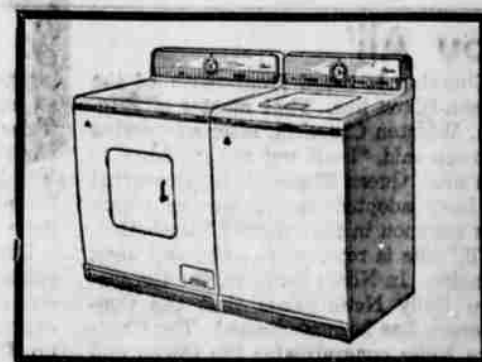
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