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Beef In Front Ranks For Weekend Shoppers

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Thrifty shoppers will find beef in the front ranks of best protein food this weekend.

Beef is taking its place alongside pork, broiler-fryers, lamb, and eggs. Markets are offering specials right now on round and rib steaks, chuck and rib roasts and ground beef. And in pork, roasts, bacon, frankfurters, chops and hams will look very attractive to menu-planners.

In addition to broiler-fryers, many markets are offering good values in turkeys this weekend. Eggs continue an excellent buy, along with cheese and other dairy products.

Fruit bins offer a wide variety too. Look for good buys in new crop apples, Bartlett pears, plums, peaches, grapes, and oranges. Some markets are featuring nectarines, oranges, and watermelons.

In vegetables, excellent values are offered in potatoes, sweet potatoes, onions, cucumbers, tomatoes, lettuce, celery, pole beans, eggplant, squash, carrots, cabbage, corn, okra, green peppers, and cauliflower.

At the fish counter, look for plentiful supplies of shrimp, fish sticks, and canned tuna.

West—Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming: Consumers are enjoying one of the most bountiful food supply situations of the year. Beef, pork, lamb, fryer chickens, and fresh fruits and vegetables are in ample supply in most markets.

Prices on red meats and poultry are mostly unchanged from a week ago, except for increases of 1 to 2 cents a pound on some pork and beef cuts in California markets.

Butter supplies are ample and prices are up 1 cent a pound in the Los Angeles area this week.

Egg prices are down 1 cent a dozen on the large and small sizes, and 2 to 3 cents on mediums in the Seattle area, but mostly unchanged in other markets.

Fresh fruits and vegetables in plentiful supply include grapes, peaches, artichokes, beans, carrots, cabbage, cauliflower, corn, cucumbers, dry yellow onions, soft squash, and tomatoes.

In good supply are melons, figs, grapefruit, lemons, Valencia oranges, nectarines, Bartlett pears, celery, lettuce, potatoes, sweet potatoes, and bell peppers.

In fish, best buys include salmon flounder, halibut, and rock fish.

Indigestion 'Inherited' By Cattle

Indigestion is an inherited tendency—at least in beef cattle—reports an Oregon State College livestock researcher.

Studies just completed by Dr. Ralph Bogart throw new light on chronic bloating that stunts growth or causes death of beef cattle.

Build-up of gas during feed digestion in the rumen—the large storage reservoir in a network of four stomachs in cattle—appears to be a "family" trait, Bogart concludes from records of 250 OSC beef calves.

Chronic bloat showed up in seven out of 13 offspring of "bloater" bulls mated to "bloater" cows or to cows closely related to the bulls. Less than four per cent in the regular breeding herd were bloaters.

Bloat occurs most frequently when animals are on high-quality feed such as good alfalfa hay supplemented with barley. Test animals received a pelleted ration of two parts half-inch cut alfalfa hay to one part grain mix.

Since tendency to bloat was increased through selective breeding, Dr. Bogart believes it may be possible in time to pin down the genetic makeup for bloating and thus help cattle breeders select against this abnormality.

Poultry Housing Available At Fair

At least 2,500 head of poultry, pigeons and rabbits will be housed in the poultry building at the Centennial Oregon State Fair, Salem, Sept. 5-12.

There will be room to exhibit the record number of entries as the fair has purchased 480 new pens, enabling this to be one of the largest poultry shows in the state.

One major change has been made this year in the awarding of championships. Champions of the show will be awarded in each bantam class whereas in previous years the bantams had to compete with the larger fowl for best of show.

American Poultry Association rules will be in effect for the poultry show with members of the association eligible for additional trophies and ribbons. Other special awards will be made in certain classes.

In the pigeon competition four trophies and four cash premiums have been added to the awards. Judging will be done in 109 different classes with special competition for the homing pigeons.

Five special trophies will be offered by members of the Oregon Poultry and Pet Stock Association in the rabbit department. Judging will be done in the standard classes with 13 additional cash premiums being offered in special divisions.

Credit Need Of Farmers Is Higher

The urge to operate more efficiently and generate higher operating costs have combined to hike the capital and credit needs of the nation's farmers.

This trend is reflected in sharply increased borrowings of farmers through their 495 production credit associations, a Farm Credit Administration official in Washington, D.C., pointed out.

According to Harold A. Miles, director of short-term credit service for FCA, farmers borrowed close to \$1.3 billion from their local credit cooperatives during the first six months of this year, nearly 21 per cent more than for the same period a year ago, and a 24.5 per cent increase for this June over June of 1958.

Farmers use their production credit associations, Miles said, for practically any farm or farm home purpose—from purchases of farm supplies and livestock to larger capital items such as heavy machinery.

Use by farmers of production credit associations has risen sharply, Miles pointed out. Loan volume of associations has almost doubled during the past five years and has jumped 7½ times in 20 years. During 1958, farmers borrowed \$2.2 billion, a record high, and the associations are headed for new marks this year, Miles predicted.

Miles attributes PCA lending growth to many factors, including: (1) expansion of farms and ranches into more efficient units; (2) generally higher farm operating costs; (3) constant substitution of capital for labor by farmers through modern machinery and equipment; (4) willingness of farmers to take on debt if it will improve their operating position; and (5) desire of farmers and their wives to improve living standards.

State Farm Prices Highest Since '53

Following a seasonal pattern, Oregon farm prices dipped one per cent last month, reports Mrs. Elvera Horrell, extension agricultural economist at Oregon State College. However, farm prices in the state still ended up the highest for the month of June since 1953.

Following national trends, both crop and livestock products in Oregon turned down in mid-June. Mrs. Horrell found as she studied reports from the U.S. department of agriculture. While livestock fell to about 4 per cent under a year ago, crop prices remained some 6 per cent above a year earlier.

Lower price tags on beef cattle, calves, sheep, and fresh vegetables contributed most to the drop in Oregon farm prices, Mrs. Horrell said. Grain prices showed little change, while hogs, lambs, broilers, and turkeys went up a trifle.

Meanwhile, prices paid by farmers over the nation moved down a shade from May to June, but still average about one per cent higher than a year ago. As a result, the ratio between prices received and prices paid by farmers, including interest, taxes, and wage rates, now stands at 81—a loss of one point for the month and 4 points below a year ago, Mrs. Horrell said.

Sale Program Unworkable?

PORTLAND (UPI)—The Small Business Administration today was termed incompetent to administer the "set-aside" program for disposal of federal timber to small operators.

Hugh Jones, Eugene, president of the Western Forestry Industry Association, termed the law unworkable and asked that its administration be set aside pending further legislative clarification.

He said interlocking ownerships are common among small Oregon timber operators and that this would put many of them in jeopardy of criminal liability if they bid for timber set aside for small businesses.

He accused the SBA of not consulting with people in the industry before formulation of its regulations and said that since SBA has had no experience in timber disposal it was not competent to manage such a program.

The so-called set-aside amendment which reserves government timber sales for exclusive bidding by "small business" operators received both criticism and support at the first day of a two-day hearing Wednesday.

Rains Aid Pastures In Eastern Oregon

Rains helped pastures and range conditions in Eastern Oregon, but drought conditions still prevail over the dryland grazing areas. The lack of water for livestock limited the use of some grazing areas. Cattle were moving out of southeastern summer grazing areas at an early date.



NEW STATE FAIR COMMISSION

SALEM (Special)—The new Centennial Oregon State Fair Commission promises visitors to the annual event dated for September 5-12, the most colorful fair in Oregon's 100 years. Commission members are (left to right) John Chast, Eugene; Mrs. Marion Weatherford, Arlington; Chairman Ursel Narver, Portland; Jack Stump, Monmouth; and Vice-Chairman Donald Ostensen, Portland. Set among the shaded lawns and trees, the fairgrounds and all-new attractions will present a strikingly different appearance to the visitors who are expected to visit Salem for the eight day event.

Farm Bureaus Meet For Joint Program

"We have been free here in America because our founding fathers knew that: Freedom is precious; all wealth, with human dignity stems from it; and that personal freedom and economic freedom are inseparable," so stated a narration on "What is Freedom Worth to You?" given in Island City Thursday evening.

The La Grande Farm Bureau center and County Farm Bureau joined together to hear the program on freedom and liberty presented by Mrs. Grant Henderson, OFB Citizenship chairman.

The program was made available through the statewide Farm Bureau Citizenship program.

Grain Activity Shows Increase

July brought a decided increase in grain receipts at Portland and also in export movement, reports T. Ralph Harry, grain inspection division chief, state department of agriculture.

Grain receipts—largely wheat and barley—at Portland terminals climbed to 6.3 million bushels compared with 5.2 million bushels for June.

Export movement, all from Portland, was up substantially to 14 full cargoes. In June about nine cargoes were loaded for export, the smallest overseas movement in the past four years.

Harry said truck receipts of grain were down in July but barge movement showed a large increase.

"It appears," he said, "that the barge movement of grain into the Portland market will continue to increase as the new dams on the Columbia are completed."

Brand Applications

The state department of agriculture sent brand re-recording application forms to exactly 14,362 livestock owners in Oregon during July, recording supervisor C. B. Liechty has reported.

Recorded brands expire every five years unless renewed. Owners have until the end of this year to re-record if they wish to retain ownership of the brand they are using.

Liechty said dozens of brand notices have been returned with postoffice notification "deceased." If descendants are to claim the brands, proof of new ownership must be submitted with application for transfer of the brand.

Among Valley Farmers

By County Agents Ted Sidor and Charles Gavin

The U.S. ranks 15th among countries of the World in per capita consumption of dairy products, 8th in per capita consumption of fluid milk and cream and 11th in cheese consumption according to USDA figures.

The 1960 Conservation Reserve—a General Explanation

The Conservation Reserve of the Soil Bank provides for the withdrawal of cropland from production, helping to adjust total crop production more nearly in line with demand. At the same time, it provides that farmers establish and maintain sound conservation practices on the land they put in the Reserve.

It is a voluntary program, under which farmers sign contracts to take part for a definite period of years. In return, the government assists producers (1) by sharing the cost of establishing conservation practices, and (2) by making annual payments during the period each contract is in effect.

The 1960 crop year will be the fifth year of the Conservation Reserve. A total of about 23 million acres is now in the program, but there under contracts signed in 1956, 1957, 1958, and 1959.

Each acre of cropland put in the Conservation Reserve will reduce the number of acres available for harvested crops, thus helping materially in the overall production adjustment effort. Since these same acres must be protected by such cover as grasses, trees, and shrubs, the

program also assures major progress in the conservation of our soil, water, forest, and wildlife natural resources.

Major changes for 1960—

Several changes to be effective under contracts which begin in 1960 have been in the Conservation Reserve to strengthen its operation and make it more effective. These changes include:

1. Cropland the ownership of which has changed since Dec. 31, 1956 is not eligible unless the change in ownership occurred because of inheritance as a result of the death of the previous owner.
2. Land included in farms covered by contracts which have been terminated with respect to all land under contract is not eligible to be placed in the Conservation Reserve for a period of 36 months following the termination of the previous contract.
3. Land owned by a State, county, town, or other local unit of government or by certain clubs and associations is not eligible.
4. Land which is rented for cash or a fixed amount of a commodity will not be approved for a contract at an annual rate higher than the rent per acre paid for the land.
5. A farm which has been operated by or with tenants during 1958 and 1959 will not be eligible for a contract unless tenants are designated on the contract to share in the annual payment.
6. A farm that was idle during both 1958 and 1959 is not eligible for a contract unless the

DAILY TV LOG

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FRIDAY		
6:00 Newsbeat	News & Sports Doug Edwards Rawhide	Cavalcade of Sports
6:30 Tin Tin		Decorating Ideas
6:55		Elery Queen
7:00 Disney Presents	I Love Lucy	
7:15		
7:30		
7:45		
8:00 Tomestone Terr.	Phil Silvers	M Squad
8:15	Amateur Hour	Wester theatre
8:30 77 Sunset Strip		
8:45		
9:00	The Lineup	Special Agent 7
9:15	Bold Venture	Official Detective
9:30	Colonel Flick	
9:45		
10:00 Nightbeat	Night Edition	Mike Hammer
10:15 Jack Paar	4 Most Feature	News Late Movie
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11:30 Channel 4 Theatre		
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SATURDAY		
7:45		Farm Summary
8:00		Ruff and Reddy
8:15		Pury
8:30		Casey Jones
8:45		Howdy Doody
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9:30	Baseball Game	MJ League Baseball
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12:00	Thoroughbred Races	Q-Toons
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1:00 Saturday Showcase	Western Roundup	Davis Cup Tennis
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2:30 Boston Blackie	Heckle and Jeckle	
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3:30 Yagabond	Robin Hood	True Story
3:45	Lens Hanger	Detective Diary
4:00 Country Style USA	Cartoons	1 Led 2 Lives
4:15 Capt. Cy's Cartoons	Del Mar Races	Action Theatre
4:30 Uncle Al's Club	Cartoons	
4:45		
5:00 Jubilee USA	Big Picture	
5:15		
5:30 Champ. Bowling	Mighty Mouse	Pete Kelly's Blues
5:45		

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Oregon Farm Market Bright Shipping Point

Several bright spots have emerged in the market picture for Oregon farmers and handlers of farm products, according to an Oregon State College agricultural economist.

M. D. Thomas, OSC extension service, says Oregon produce will be going to market this summer and fall at a time when the number of U. S. job holders is at a record high and when the amount of money received and spent will hit its high mark.

While this combination goes a long way toward making a "seller's market," Thomas cautions that it doesn't always hold true when supplies are superabundant as they now are for many farm products.

The national economy is now in a comeback that seems likely to extend well into 1960 or longer, say the experts who chart national trends. Oregon's economy, however, is slightly more precarious since home-building markets for local forest products are especially sensitive to credit conditions, Thomas explains.

Oregon labor offices this spring reported the best pickup in employment in years, and unemployment

ment and welfare cases are at low levels.

Another bright spot in the general recovery is the fact that people are reported spending at a record rate. Spendings on durable goods, such as cars and home appliances, are not yet back to the high levels of 1957, the economists say. However, outlays for such nondurable goods as food and clothing are again at record highs. Spending for medical, dental, and personal care and other services continue a steady climb.

State and local government spendings are also at peak levels. While federal government spending tops a year ago, it still lags behind the 1953 peace-time high, Thomas reports.

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