

Oregon State Fair livestock competition affirms breeding efforts

Sheep breeder Monte Forster celebrates 55th year showing livestock

By MATEUSZ PERKOWSKI
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SALEM — For sheep breeder Monte Forster, the ribbons his Horned Dorsets won at this year's Oregon State Fair provide more than just gratification.

The awards verify that Forster is maintaining champion-quality animals and progressing with his breeding efforts, which is important to buyers.

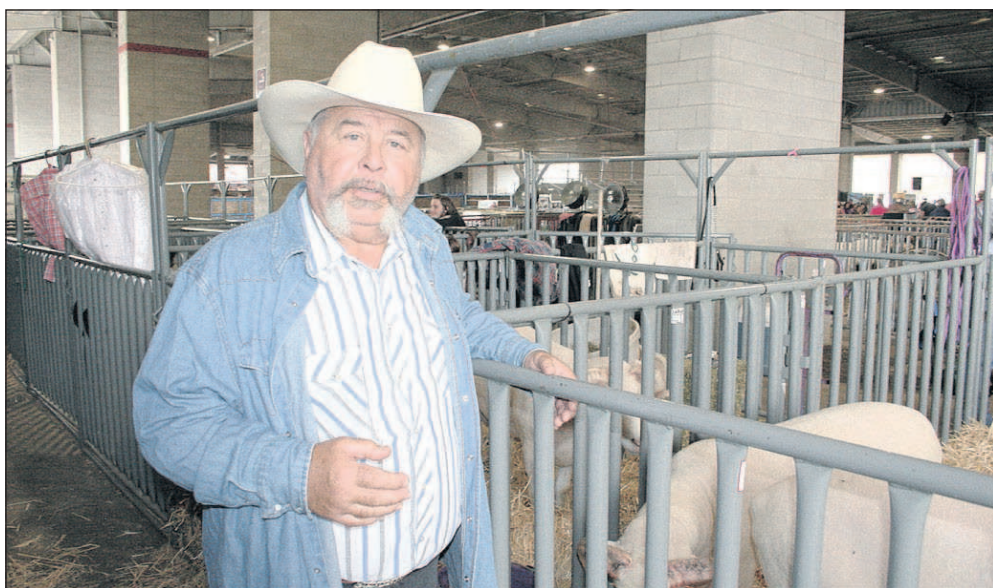
"By having the bloodlines we have, we sell them throughout North America," said Forster.

In 2016, Forster received the award for premier exhibitor and his sheep racked up a champion ribbon and two reserve champion ribbons.

This year also marked the 55th season that he's shown sheep at the Oregon State Fair, where the livestock pavilion is named after his late father, Lloyd "Bud" Forster, a long-time livestock supervisor at the event.

"We are the ambassadors of agriculture here in Oregon. This is our showcase," Forster said of livestock producers who show at the fair.

Horned Dorsets are judged for how well they stack up against the standard appearance of the breed, as well as for their frame size and correct position of feet and legs.



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Monte Forster speaks about his Horned Dorset sheep at the Oregon State Fair, where his animals won several ribbons. This year marks the 55th season Forster has shown sheep at the fair.



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Jed Forster shows off a champion Horned Dorset ewe at the Oregon State Fair. His family has farmed near Tangent, Ore., for 131 years.

The breed is prized by chefs for its tender meat and by farmers for the gentle disposition of the animals, Forster said.

"They're docile. They're actually emotional," said Jed Forster, Monte's son, adding that getting accidentally hit with a stray horn is the main

danger. "Other than that, they don't have a mean bone in their body."

Apart from temperament, the breed is known for giving birth outside the regular lambing season, providing growers with more forage flexibility.

The Forster family has been

farming near Tangent, Ore., for 131 years and breeding Horned Dorsets for 75 years. The 400 sheep they run on 100 acres are primarily for breeding stock, though the family also sells their meat directly to consumers.

By bringing animals to the state fair, the family also provides visitors with a connection agriculture they might not otherwise experience, said Forster. "There's never a bad question."

Overall participation in livestock competitions at the Oregon State Fair has been flat to up in 2016, depending on the type of animal, said Ellen Hannan, livestock office manager at the event.

The fair has seen a big uptick in swine and dairy goats this year, while beef cattle and sheep have stayed about the same, said Hannan.

"It really just fluctuates," said Caleb Forcier, animal competition coordinator at the fair.

Cycling animals through the livestock facilities has been complicated due to the large number of FFA students who want to compete in open class livestock shows, where they're matched against professional breeders, Hannan said.

California farmworkers on edge over historic overtime bill

By SCOTT SMITH
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MENDOTA, Calif. — Many California farmworkers who make up the backbone of the nation's No. 1 agricultural state were praising historic legislation that brings them closer to receiving the same overtime pay as the rest of the state's workers who are paid by the hour.

If signed into law by Gov. Jerry Brown, a new overtime bill would put California at the forefront nationally of farm labor pay and mark a victory in the fight to improve farmworkers rights in the decades old movement launched by Cesar Chavez, the legendary co-founder of the National Farm Workers Association who fought for higher farm worker pay.

Brown, a Democrat, has not said whether he will sign the law that would be the first of its kind for the United States.

Florentino Reyes, 48, has been picking tomatoes and working a wide variety of crops in California's fertile Central Valley for more than two decades and says he could make another \$60 weekly. That would give him more purchasing power to buy better food and clothes for his wife and three children and ease his stress over paying down bills.

"For me, it's discrimination," said Reyes, finishing up Tuesday's harvesting of green tomatoes near the town of Mendota.

But other farmworkers are nervous about California farmers' claims that the higher overtime pay could hurt them economically and outprice California products from the marketplace in favor of crops grown in other states and countries.

Gonzalo Najera, who drives a tractor on Salinas Valley's lettuce, carrots and broccoli fields, said some farmers are saying the extra overtime payments could drive them out of the state, but he doesn't buy the argument.

"The growers can't leave,"

Najera said. "They can't take their dirt with them."

The 35-year-old father of four also has parents back in Mexico, who rely on money he regularly sends. He earns about \$33,000 a year and said he has worked seven days a week since March this year. The added overtime pay he expects to receive will correct a longstanding injustice so farmworkers are no longer treated as second class California employees, Najera said.

Under the current law, California employers must pay time-and-a-half to farmworkers after 10 hours a day or 60 hours a week. Lawmakers in Sacramento on Monday sent the legislation to Brown that would give them overtime after eight hours in a day or 40 hours a week. It is backed by the United Farm Workers, which Chavez helped found in 1962, more than three decades before his death.

Farmers vehemently oppose it, and third-generation almond and olive farmer Pat Ricchiuti said approval by Brown could prompt him to cut his workers' take-home pay by as much as 33 percent. The Fresno Country farmer says he and others he know would respond by limiting crews to eight hours by finding other workers and increasing their use of farm machinery.

"It is really, really sad," he said. "The only people getting hurt in this are the workers."

Ricchiuti argued that farming shouldn't be compared to other industries, because it is seasonal, susceptible to unpredictable weather and the availability of water, a scarce resource in drought-stricken California, he said. Each of these limit when he needs workers to certain times of the year, he said.

Farmworker Juan Valencia, 39, who raises calves on a Fresno County dairy, said he often works more than 60 hours weekly and gets overtime but fears his boss might cut him to 40 hours — making it hard for him to support his wife and two young children.

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SECRETARY OF STATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

Oregon Department of Agriculture, Market Access & Certification Program, Administrative Rules Chapter #603, Sue Gooch, Rules Coordinator, (503) 986-4583. Amend: OAR 603-048-0010, 603-048-0100, 603-048-0200, 603-048-0300, 603-048-0400, 603-048-0500, 603-048-0600, 603-048-0650, 603-048-0700, 603-048-0800, 603-048-0900, 603-048-1000 Repeal: 603-048-0050, 603-048-0110, 603-048-0250. RULE SUMMARY: Chapter 71 (2016 Laws) made substantial revisions to industrial hemp statutes, ORS 571.300 to ORS 571.315. The Oregon Department of Agriculture (department) promulgated temporary rules to immediately revise rules to address Chapter 71 (2016 Laws). The department now seeks to adopt permanent rules as the temporary rules will soon expire. The proposed rulemaking revises and makes permanent certain temporary rules, further aligns the regulatory scheme with Chapter 71 (2016 Laws) revisions, and repeals certain rules that are now redundant. To summarize, the proposed rules make permanent temporary rules that; remove the requirement for a 2.5 acre minimum production site; authorize a single registration for growing on multiple, non-contiguous locations; authorize growers to use any propagation method including planting seeds or starts, or the use of clones or cuttings; authorize production in greenhouses or locations other than direct seeding into fields; allow sampling and testing to be performed by other than the department; and clarifies sampling and testing requirements. In addition, the proposed rule amendments: The proposed rule amendments: Further clarify the processes for sampling and testing industrial hemp; define how growers may designate lots for testing by distinguishing between "crop" and "harvest lot"; clarify reporting and record keeping requirements; clarify the scope of industrial hemp that may be detained, seized, or embargoed by the department; and defines the meaning of industrial hemp product. Hearing date: September 28, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Location: Oregon Department of Agriculture, 635 Capitol St. NE, Salem, OR. Last day for public comment is October 14, 2016.

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