

Good Oregon Sheep to Go To California

Some of the finest Oregon sheep will be seen this year at the 27th annual California ram sale to be held at Galt, Sacramento county, May 12 and 13. Rams and ewes totaling 1919 will be auctioned off during the sale.

Oregon producers who will enter are Broadmead Farms, Amity, 37 Hampshires; Eugene F. Hubbard, Corvallis, 40 Hampshires and 42 Suffolks; from Salem, J. J. Thompson, 11 Suffolks and 4 Suffolk Crossbreds; A. W. Bagley, 12 Corriedales; A. L. Eoff, 60 Hampshires; and D. F. MacCarthy & Son, 11 Hampshires; from Junction City, Walter P. Hubbard, 62 Hampshires and 67 Suffolks; and C. N. Hubbard & Sons' Roseland Farm, 82 Hampshires; Frank Brown, Jr., Carleton, 32 Hampshires; from Turner, Gath Bros., 27 Hampshires and 30 Suffolks, and Ahrens Bros., 10 Suffolks and 6 Romneys; Glenn Cox, Philomath, 5 Suffolks; Floyd M. Edwards, Albany, 3 Suffolks; Eldon Riddell, Independence, 10 Southdowns and 2 Romneys.

Following the ram sale there will be a dispersal sale of 295 purebred but unregistered yearling Hampshire ewes from the famous Brownell flock. Six western states will be represented in the sale: California, Oregon, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming and Nevada. The annual Ram sale is sponsored and managed by the California Wool Growers' association. As usual, Hampshire and Suffolks will be the most numerous but also represented will be Suffolk Crossbreds, Southdowns, Rambouillets, Corriedales, Romedales, Romneys and Columbias.

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News and Views of Farm and Garden—BY LILLIE L. MADSEN



Carl Booth is pictured here telling members of the Marion County Livestock association about the crossbred sheep on his farm south of Turner. (Statesman farm photo)

Farm Calendar

May 8—Pea and hairy vetch growers' meeting, McMinnville chamber of commerce, 8 p.m.
May 9—Cherry fly spray and dusting meeting, county agent's office, Salem post office, 8 p.m.
May 10—Marion county third livestock tour, D. L. St. John farm, Gervais, 9:30 a.m.

Col. Arthur W. Thompson of Lincoln, Nebraska, and Col. Nelson Johnson of San Angelo, Texas, will be the auctioneers. Also entered from Oregon will be Pal, the Border collie from the Ahrens Bros. farm. He will compete in the California Dog Trials. Pal has been many-times winner in Oregon trials.

May 8-9-10—Linn county 4-H fair, Albany high school.

May 13—Grass silage equipment field day, Glen Macy farm, McMinnville.

South Forty club, McMinnville chamber of commerce, 8 p.m.
E. R. Jackman, speaker.

May 14—Grass silage meeting and demonstration, state fair grounds, 10 a.m.

May 16—Capital City Rabbit and Cavy breeders association, Dairy co-op, Salem, 8 p.m.
M. P. Chapman, Corvallis, speaker.

May 18—Marion County Jersey cattle club meeting, Newt Davis, Woodburn.

May 20—Yamhill county South Forty club field day, Corvallis.

May 24—Polk county spring lamb and sheep dog trials, Monmouth fairgrounds.

May 26—Marion county spring Jersey show, state fairgrounds.

May 27—Yamhill county Jersey show, McMinnville.

May 27-28—4-H Fat Livestock show and sale, The Dalles.

May 28—Clackamas county spring Jersey show, Canby.

May 31—Linn county Fat Lamb and Wool show, Scio, 10:30 a.m.

June 2-6—Oregon State Grange, Bend.

June 4—Linn county tour, Oregon experiment station, 10 a.m. Corvallis.

June 5-7—Strawberry festival, Lebanon.

June 5-7—Eastern Oregon Livestock show and sale, Union.

June 7—Marion county Fat Lamb show, Turner.

Barley Good, Hay Medium, Alfalfa Scarce

By Lillie L. Madsen
Farm Editor, The Statesman

Polk county farmers do more than admire their beautiful hills and valleys. They farm them. Any Sunday driver, interested in viewing some healthy farming, should enjoy a trip through the roads north from Rickreall toward McMinnville and east from the highway through the Oak Grove community.

Farms are large in this region, running from a couple hundred acres up to close to 1,000. Anything less than 100 acres is "a mighty little place." As a whole, farm homes are well kept here and in many instances sons are living on and managing the farms once owned and managed by their fathers. Frequent father-son farming partnerships were noted.

Rowlands Grain Farm
We stopped briefly at the J.



Bob Hamilton, progressive Polk county farmer, was caught in the act of resetting his fence. The iron posts, eight-feet long, are 13 years old. Four feet of the post go in the ground. The corner or anchor posts are of cedar, fully ten inches across and also planted four feet down to assure firmness. If you have any stock, a good fence is half the battle won, says Hamilton. (Statesman farm photo)

S. Rowland and Dennis Rowland farms. The father, Dennis, was at home setting out some gladioli bulbs—a job he said he could not become enthusiastic about—"but the womenfolk got to have their flowers." He was glad, he said, for the opportunity to show us the warehouse about which we asked. This stores from 12,000 to 14,000 bushels of grain. Modern machinery, he added, saves a

"lot of backaches." The Rowlands farm 850 acres, mostly grain.

Over the hills to the west of the Rowland farms are the Hamilton Brothers, Bob and Frank, living on the farm their late father, C. J. Hamilton, bought in 1919. Something over 700 acres form the farming enterprise on Meadowdrain Farm. Barley, oats, wheat, vetch and clover are the principal crops. Barley makes a pretty good nurse crop for alsike clover, Bob said, as he showed us over the richly growing fields.

Bees Needed
Last year, he went on, he planted two bushels of barley and seven pounds of clover to the acre in a 43 acre field. It was late, May 17, when the barley went in, and 100 pounds of ammonium nitrate went in with it. Because of the lateness in planting only three-fourths of a ton of barley to the acre was harvested, and the clover field is showing a No. 1 stand. Bees are assisting in pollination and, Bob said, if they continue their work, the seed crop will be excellent.

"Farmers are going to have to cultivate more bees," Bob believed. "Every farmer will have to have his own hives or make friends with an apiarist," he added.

Barley, we found as we traveled on, is being seeded heavily this year. Seeding started the last few days of April. It will likely continue to May 15, with the heaviest seeding the next seven days. A very large acreage of barley is being seeded with ammonium sulphate, the fertilizer produced at the Salem alumina plant. Most farmers, like the Hamiltons, are using it at the rate of 100 pounds per acre. However, this varies from less than that to as high as 200 pounds per acre by some operators.

Hamilton said he feared that constant use of the ammonium sulphate would tend to create an acid condition. He likes best ammonium nitrate.

Hay Acreage Small
The hay situation is not good

from a standpoint of the number of acres that are in prospect for cutting. However, with a heavy infestation of aphids in Austrian peas or in the various vetches also planted for seed, these might readily be cut for hay instead. There appears to be a serious shortage of baling wire in prospect. Farmers said that if this is true it will, of course, affect crops harvested as hay. Many added that if the baling wire situation continues crops now planned for hay will be left for seed.

We wound up at the county agent's office in Dallas. Walter Leth, county agent, remarked there were two very definite interests in the heavy seeding of barley. First, in seeding for possible sale for certified Hannechen barley seed, and second, possibility of a strong brewing barley market.

Need More Legumes
Leth regretted the definite loss in acreage of alfalfa and red clover. He laid it to the war years and their development of high prices in cash crops. Actually, he said, farmers may be a little too strong on soil depleting types of crops and not strong enough on

soil building crops for the best possible balance in the over-all agricultural program.

There is no advanced price yet for barley, he said. However, he thought many growers were hoping to get as high a price as last year, which in general was from \$60 to \$70 a ton. In his opinion, this was expecting quite a little and would depend greatly on what barley production is in the other larger barley producing areas of the country.

Leth went on to say that hay never brings as much money to growers as they think.

"Good clover or alfalfa hay actually contains \$12 to \$15 worth of fertility value that leaves the farm when the hay is sold. These figures are conservative," he said. "Hence the net value of hay when the cost of baling is considered, may be between \$5 and \$10 actual net gain as a result of such a sale, whereas the fertility value of grains and seeds is extremely low by comparison. I have heard it said that there ought to be a law passed against farmers selling legume hay off their farms. Of course that would be impractical, but it does illustrate how important it is in the interest of soil fertility to feed hay supplies on the farms where they are produced."

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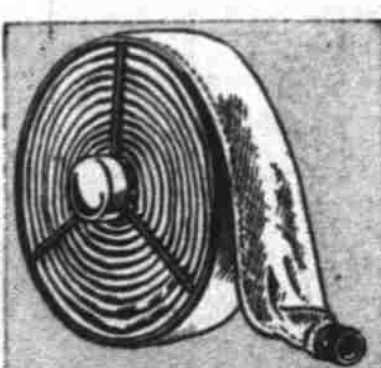
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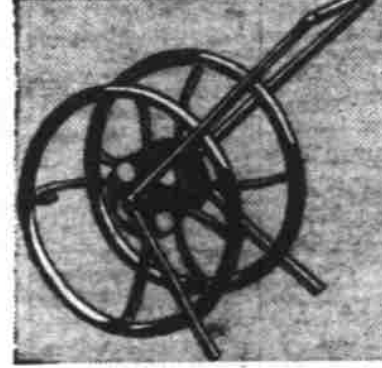
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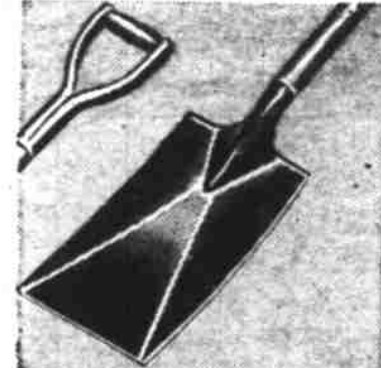
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