

Farm Forest Harvest Time Is Now Here

Now that fall harvest work is nearing completion, make plans to harvest a cash income from your farm woodlot.

That's the suggestion of Paul N. Goodmonson, Oregon State college extension farm woodlot marketing specialist, who points out that many alert farmers are now making supplemental income from wood lands they are "cropping" on a sustained management basis. Most of these farm woodlands are west of the mountains, though many parts of eastern Oregon have much farmer owned pine and other wooded areas.

Bark to Sawlogs Good

Depending upon your location, there is demand for everything from bark for tanning purposes to sawlogs, the specialist adds. Annual farm incomes for products from second growth timber in western Oregon range from \$8 to \$28 per acre.

Best feature of harvesting timber, Goodmonson adds, is the fact the work can be done during the months when other farm-work is slack.

Although cropping timber lands similar to the way cultivated land is worked is new in Oregon because of the heretofore almost unlimited forest resources, the practice is common in other sections of the United States and abroad. The day is here, however, when well managed woodlands will return an annual income in Oregon.

Markets are Many

Markets are available in many parts of Oregon for piling, poles, pulpwood, fuel, and posts as well as for sawlogs. Size of the operation makes slight difference. The specialist cites the case of a 10 acre tract of second growth fir located in Columbia county that yielded \$65.11 per acre the first year of managed cutting. The logs were sold for pulpwood.

Clear cutting second growth stands removes all growing stock and wastes small, unmerchantable trees, Goodmonson points out as his argument for establishing a long time management plan.

The county extension office has details on how farmers can establish management plans for their woodlots. Farm foresters of the state department of forestry are also available to offer assistance.

Cattle X-Disease Reported Found In East Oregon

The first case of X-disease in Oregon cattle was found late this summer in the northeastern part of the state, according to the division of animal industry, state department of agriculture.

Only one case, a four-month-old calf which died, has been found, says Dr. Chas. F. Haynes, state veterinarian. The case was diagnosed as X-disease, also known as hyperkeratosis, by veterinarians here, but a further check was requested of the U. S. Pathological Laboratory at Denver, Colorado. That laboratory conducted an histological examination and has reported its diagnosis as hyperkeratosis to the Oregon officials at Salem.

A federal survey about a year ago revealed X-disease in a number of southern states. The same survey said it had been reported from 32 states. The malady has caused heavy death losses in some states. In the survey last year in five southern states, 31 per cent of 4,120 cattle studied had been infected and more than half the infected animals died.

Any Oregon herds found infected will be quarantined by the department of agriculture.

Cause of X-disease has not been established, though it has been determined it is not from poisoning by a specific plant. Other items suspected but not proved are a virus or fungus, a poisonous mineral or a nutritional imbalance.

Weed Control Group Will Plan Campaign

Tansy Ragwort problems were talked over again on Wednesday evening of this week in Salem. The seriousness of the weed from the livestock poison standpoint and its fast spread are recognized by most farm people.

The meeting concluded by directing the chairman of Marion county's land use committee to appoint a ten-man weed control committee. This committee is to meet with the county court and determine the most satisfactory and agreeable method of starting a county wide weed control area for the prevention of seed set on tansy ragwort and the eradication of gorse.

DE-TICK SHEEP NOW

Tick free lambs can be a reality on most valley farms next spring by treating the ewe flock now, says Ben A. Newell, Marion county extension agent. Weather conditions will probably be favorable through October for either dusting or spraying with DDT for tick control. Six to eight pounds of 50 per cent wettable DDT powder to 100 gallons of water or a 5 or 10 per cent DDT dust will do an effective job on the sheep ticks.

IMPORTS OF SEED AFFECTED

The effect of Canada's currency devaluation upon United States imports of the reduced supply of forage seeds is uncertain. As of mid-September Canada's production of most kinds of forage seed was expected to be a third or more under last year. Some kinds, like Kentucky bluegrass, are down as much as 80 per cent. Production of creeping red fescue is expected to total around a million pounds, compared to 1½ million last year.



ENVOY TO CEYLON
— Joseph C. Satterthwaite (above), career diplomat for twenty-five years, has been nominated by President Truman to be Ambassador to Ceylon.

Oregon Livestock Brands to Be Re-recorded, 1950

Re-recording of 15,000 or more Oregon livestock brands will not be started until January, 1950, announces M. E. Knickerbocker, chief of the division of animal industry, state department of agriculture.

He said some brand owners are already sending in requests to retain their brands, but asks livestock owners to wait until January when official forms for re-recording of brands are mailed. At that time every current owner of a brand will receive, at the last address of record, notification of renewal, an official brand recording application blank and blotter for impression of the branding iron, together with a digest of the brand recording law as amended by the last legislature.

Under the amendments, the recording fee was increased to \$5 and the re-recording period changed from every ten years to every five years.

Frozen sea water loses its salt through crystallization.

Seed Pastures In Early Fall Good Advice

Fall months, preferably early fall, is the ideal season to make an improved pasture seeding in western Oregon.

That's the timely reminder from Rex Warren, widely known for his county agent and farm management work in the Willamette valley. He is now extension farm crops specialist at Oregon State college. He adds that some fall growth before frost is insurance against seeding failures. He suggests that improved pastures be seeded before mid-October at the latest.

Add Fertilizer

A 200 pound to the acre application of ammonium sulphate before seeding will give an added boost. The 40 pounds of available nitrogen will get the pasture seeding off to a faster start thereby insuring winter hardiness. The fertilizer, spread on the surface, may be mixed with the top inch of soil by use of a harrow of similar implement.

Seed of the following grasses and legumes are normally planted during the fall months in western Oregon pastures: alta fescue, Tualatin oatgrass, meadow foxtail, subterranean clover, perennial ryegrass, white clover, creeping red fescue, lotus major and lotus corniculatus.

Inoculate Seed
Seed bed requirements are similar to those of other fall seeded crops—medium fine. Where a particular legume has not been grown before, it is important to inoculate seed. This is especially true of subterranean clover in both lotuses.

Where seeding will be attempted on hillsides or in other areas where no plowing or disking will be done, Warren says it is important that some scarifying or burning be accomplished. Few seeded grasses or legumes will complete in the seedling state with native plants.

Following logging operations, skid rows may be seeded this fall without soil preparation. In broadcasting seed in this type of planting, the farm crops specialist recommends adding chewing fescue and highland bentgrass to the mixture. Both form a heavy sod and are hardy.

Flaxseed Support Takes a Second Dip

The support price of next year's flaxseed crop will be lowered again. The USDA has announced the support for 1950 production

will be based on 80 per cent of parity as of next April 1. It was based on 90 per cent of parity for the 1949 crop which was equivalent to \$3.99 a bushel for No. 1 flaxseed at Portland. Previously, the price had been supported at \$6 a bushel.

Even with prices at 90 per cent of parity this year, the acreage planted exceeded the goal by 65 per cent and the supply of flaxseed on hand in this country equals two years' requirement.

Post Harvest Care Of Walnuts Given

Molding of walnuts may be checked by proper drying soon after harvest, Leon Garoian, Yamhill county agent, said Wednesday. Usually the walnuts are washed to remove dirt and portions of adhering husks. They are immediately dried at temperatures ranging from 90 to 100 degrees. Temperatures over 100 degrees may cause injury to walnut meats.

For drying small lots of walnuts, a warm room or furnace room works well, if the nuts are spread out to allow warm air to circulate around the nuts. Some people like to bleach the walnuts, after washing. Walnuts should be thoroughly dried before bleaching. Common bleaching agents used in laundering work well for walnuts.

James Buchanan was the only bachelor to become president of the United States.

Two Species Of Trefoil Find Favor

Eastern New York, western Oregon and northwestern California now have the most extensive plantings of the two chief lotus species—birdsfoot trefoil and big trefoil, according to a recent USDA bulletin of which Harry A. Schott, federal agronomist at Corvallis, is one of the authors.

Increased interest in these two crops in many sections of the United States has stimulated demand for seed, much of which is raised in Oregon. Though these plants have been grown in a limited way in many parts of the United States and other countries for at least 75

years, they seldom have been produced on large areas.

The ability of the trefoils to grow in soils that are lime deficient has made them adaptable in many places where alfalfa and other legumes do not thrive. The experience in European countries bears out observations here that these crops may become more important in areas too acid for other legumes, according to the authors of the federal bulletin.

For pasture the trefoils are growing in popularity because they are disease and drought resistant and long lived. They furnish succulent pasture in the dry part of the summer in regions where they are adapted.

County extension agents are able to report whether trefoil is adapted to any particular county in Oregon, and if so, which kind is better to use. Its feeding value is equal to that of alfalfa.

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Bunny Show Plans For Salem, Announced

Chester Fredrickson, Salem, has been named show superintendent for the Capital City Rabbit Breeders' association's annual fall show October 15 and 16, Salem. Other officials are George Bay-

liss, Hayward, Calif., judge; Stella Fredrickson, Salem, secretary; June Reitze, Orchards, Wash., clerk.

Competition is open to everyone and not confined to those affiliated with the association. Entries are expected from several states. Cash prizes and 25 trophies will be awarded.

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(Thanks to those human folks whose contributions to our Chest keep the visiting nurse "visiting.")

And surely you saw the pictures in the paper of those five freckle-faced redheads (all under 8) whose father deserted the family? Day nurseries are minding those youngsters while the mother is at work.

(Sort of makes you feel awfully glad you gave liberally to our Chest last time; eh, buddy?)

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