

WILLAMETTE VALLEY FARMER

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Major Shows For Sheepmen On Calendar

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With the United States swinging formally into National Dairy month today, Willamette valley is just a step ahead, having completed many of her major dairy shows of the spring and turning her attention now to the sheep world.

Four major sheep events are scheduled for the first half of June here in the Willamette valley. Two of these—the oldest two events—are the Marion county and the Linn county Fat Lamb shows. Unfortunately for those who like to attend both, both are held on Saturday, June 3.

The two events differ somewhat, so, at least, folk who are not exhibiting in either show, will have an opportunity to attend the event which appeals most to their fancy.

Linn County Shows at Scio
Linn county's show, to be held at Scio, offers also a wool fair, a 10:30 a.m. parade, lead by the Scio high school band, with \$85.50 in prize moneys. Howard ordan is parade chairman.

The wool fair will include a wool spinning demonstration by Mrs. E. E. Foss of Eugene. Almost \$100 has been set up in premiums for the wool garment division which will be judged by Violeta Ostad of Lebanon, Mrs. J. D. Densmore, jr., and Mrs. Bess Phillips are chairmen.

R. L. Clark of Portland and H. E. Lindgren of Corvallis will judge the lambs for which \$95.50 in prizes is offered. R. A. Ward of Portland is fleece judge for the \$66.50 prizes.

The annual Linn county dog trials, open to all counties, will be run off as the Scio high school ball park at 2 p.m. for the \$80 to be awarded.

Hazel Fague McCormack is general chairman of the Linn county event.

Marion Shows at Turner
Turner's show starts off at 10:30 a.m. Saturday with lamb judging to occupy the morning and early afternoon. The Turner Eastern Star women have agreed to furnish the lunch at noon which is always a part of Turner's sheep show fun. During this period the Hay Wire orchestra, made up of members of the Salem FFA chapter, directed by Bill McKinney, will entertain.

The fat lambs will be judged by four, Eddie Ahrens, Turner; Floyd Fox, Silverton, Ronald Hogg and Claude Steusloff, Salem. A total of \$500 prize money is offered in this division. Henry Ahrens is general chairman.

The state dog trials, attended by many who do not go to the lamb show itself will follow the selection of the champion fat lamb. Louise Hennies is director of the sheep dog trials.

Wool fleeces another event of the Turner show will be judged by H. C. Fell of the Pendleton Woolen Mills. Still another event at this show will be the flower display sponsored by the Turner Home and Garden club. Mrs. Ward Ingles of Stayton will judge the seven divisions and everyone is invited to bring an entry.

Clackamas to Have Show
Following the Marion county and Linn county events will be the fourth annual Spring Lamb Show for the Clackamas County Livestock association. This has been set for June 10 at the Canby fairgrounds. Premium lists indicate four divisions in this show, including open classes, 4-H classes, FFA classes and the wool show.

Final sheep event for the dairy month will be the Pacific International Market Lamb show and sale at the Pacific International



Frank Poepping of Mt. Angel is pictured here with his purple ribbon winner, Commander of Pep's Acres, the three-year old grand champion bull of the Guernsey show held at the state fairgrounds Monday. (Farm Photo for The Statesman.)



Ray Hobson, state president of the Oregon Guernsey Breeders association, proved he knew his Guernseys Monday at the annual valley spring show held at the state fairgrounds. Hobson is pictured here with the grand champion female, Thelma's Little Mite, owned by Hobson and G. A. McCulloch of Amity. (Farm Photo for The Statesman.)

exhibition grounds in North Portland, June 13. The show opens 9:30 a.m.

Entry lists close June 9 at the Pacific International. Here will be classes in pens of 8, 10, 25, and 50 market lambs with trophies and other awards, in addition to the \$500 premium list. The auction sale has been set for 1:30 p.m. Judges will be Ed Arnold, lamb buyer for Armour & Company, A. T. Bohoskey, widely known lamb feeder and judge from Yakima, Wash., with Norman C. Warrinske of Billings, Mont., as auctioneer.

The Portland event was originated by the Oregon Purebred Sheep Breeders, with support of the Portland Union Stock Yards, North Portland livestock firms, the Pacific International Livestock Exposition and meat packers.

Northern Louisiana Territory was at first attached to Indiana Territory for administrative purposes.

Ranch Ramblings

If anyone has forgotten; this is the time of the year we bait for strawberry root weevil. This means treating your strawberries, primroses, azaleas and rhododendrons, as well as the coral bell and a couple dozen other plants that the weevil like to feed upon. Control can be had by using any of a half-dozen trade-named, commercially prepared poison baits. If you treat a big field, 100 pounds will take care of from one to three acres. Advice is now not to put it on the crown of the plant but around it, handy-by.

"That doggone Cornell timothy isn't showing up too good," Harold Riding, Molalla, kept repeating this spring. But Harold has changed his chorus. This is a late-season pasture grass and the crop really started coming on after the middle of May. Lotus major growers are considering Cornell rust resistant, late timothy as a possible companion crop for this regime. Most grasses mature ahead of lotus. Harold's planting is adjacent to Vick road, a mile north of Molalla.

The Clarence Bernings report they just didn't know what it was to be famous until their big Holstein cow made that world record in May. Since that time folk from all over the country have been coming to look at her — folk who don't seem to know a cow from a horse, and others who are quite farm-educated and know there are both Holsteins and Guernseys so insist upon calling the black-and-white "Guernseys." This doesn't seem to satisfy either the Guernsey or the Holstein people. People going out to look over a farm project should wise themselves up a bit to keep from looking and sounding like backstreet city folk, just like the country guy does when he comes to town and doesn't want to be a backwoods country chap.

It's a farm, but it's no ordinary farm — this iris farm over near Silverton. If you want to ramble about and take a look at something really colorful just drive from Salem to Silverton over the Brush Creek road (that's the route you usually take) and just before

Water Expands West Oregon Farm Country

Continued development of irrigation in western Oregon offers a major possibility for expanding the state's agriculture.

In the region, there is a potential irrigation project exceeding one million acres on which crop production can be doubled by the use of water, states Arthur S. King, state college extension soil conservation specialist.

Best available estimates indicate an area slightly more than 100,000 acres is now being irrigated. As late as 1928, the specialist states, just 2,500 acres in western Oregon were irrigated. He cites the two figures to show the tremendous irrigation expansion that has taken place during the past 20 years or so.

Need for irrigation in western Oregon was established by nature despite the fact that much of the area receives an average 40 inches of annual rainfall.

King states that during the best part of the crop growing season — May, June, July and August — long-time weather figures indicate an average of only 4 and one-half inches of rain. This, he adds, is just a fraction of total crop requirement.

Tests Made 40 Years
Meanwhile, possibilities of irrigation water use have been explored by the Oregon agricultural experiment station over a period covering 40 years. In brief, results show that irrigation increases yield on any crop that normally grows during the summer months.

Thus far, Willamette valley irrigation expansion has progressed largely on the basis of individual farm projects. Much of the area has been developed by sprinkler irrigation but King states that surface or flood irrigation is used on a substantial acreage. This latter method is popular on larger farms devoted to pasture and field crops.

Approximately one-third of western Oregon's irrigated lands are now devoted to the production of vegetables for fresh market and processing. Another similar acreage is devoted to intensive crops including fruit, nuts, vegetable seeds, hops, nursery stock, mint, bulbs and similar crops.

Room for 1800 4-H Clubbers At Session

Dates for the thirty-fifth annual 4-H club summer school to be held on Oregon State college campus have been set for June 13 to 23, and as last year, a top limit of 1,800 has been set on enrollment, announced L. J. Allen, state 4-H club leader.

With local leaders, college students and county extension agents who will serve as counselors, total attendance will reach a 2,000 figure, the state club leader adds. Additional professional persons from Oregon and out-of-state will take part in the instructional program.

Enrollment quotas on a county-by-county basis have again been set. These quotas are based on 4-H club project completions and enrollment at summer school in 1949. The top enrollment quota for the coming 10-day summer school has been given to Marion county—110 club members. Lane and Washington counties as well as the City of Portland will each be allowed to enroll 100.

As in preceding years, dormitory and classroom facilities are being turned over to the 4-H club members during their stay at the college. The college health service including doctors, nurses and complete hospital facilities will also be available in case of emergency.

Older club members will be housed in 13 sorority and 15 fraternity houses that are being taken over for the duration of the 4-H summer session. Younger club members—they must be 12 years of age to attend—will be housed in college dormitories.

All of Oregon's 36 counties will be represented by enrollees, most of whom will be attending on scholarships won in local, county or state competition.

Albany Ram and Ewe Sale Has 182 Entries

Consignments to the tenth annual Willamette valley ram and ewe sale to be held in Albany on August 5 will include 148 purebred yearling rams and 34 purebred yearling ewes, it has been announced by the sale committee. Seven breeds — Suffolk, Hampshire, Corriedale, Southdown, Columbia and Shropshire — will be represented by both ram and ewe offerings. Rams only will be offered in Lincoln, Cheviot and Cotswold breeds.

The sale committee consists of E. R. Hubbard, Corvallis; Claude Steusloff, Salem; Eldon Riddell, Independence; and O. E. Mikesell, Albany, Linn county extension agent. Hubbard is sale manager.

Scotland Gardens Share With Arts

Horticulture-minded visitors attending the International Festival of Music and Drama in Edinburgh, August 20 to September 7, will be whisked around famous gardens and homes all within a day's journey from Edinburgh by motor coach.

Those who have struggled with tulips and radishes and given a life-time to herbaceous borders may never have doubted gardening as an art. But this nod from the Festival, an event of great cultural importance, seems to be the final clincher.

Farm Calendar

- June 1 — Pacific Northwest Guernsey sale, North Portland.
- June 3 — Marion county fat lamb show, Turner.
- June 3 — Linn county fat lamb show, Scio.
- June 5 — Linn-Benton Guernsey show, Albany.
- June 6 — Poultry culling and disease exhibition at state fair grounds. Open to everyone, 1 p.m.
- June 7-8 — Linn-Benton Jersey show, Albany.
- June 8-10 — Eastern Oregon Livestock show, Union.
- June 8 — Marion county beef tour.
- June 9-10 — Lebanon Strawberry festival.
- June 9-10 — Linn County Rabbit & Cavy Breeders show, Albers' feed store, Lebanon.
- June 9 — Farm Crop field day, Oregon State college, 9:30.
- June 10 — Fourth annual Clackamas county spring lamb show, Canby.
- June 12-16 — Oregon state grange convention, Ontario.
- June 13-24 — 4-H summer school, Oregon State college.
- June 13 — Market lamb show, Pacific International, 9:30 a.m. Auction 1:30 p.m.
- June 18 — Marion County Jersey Cattle club.
- June 21 — Marion county grange pomona, Keizer hall.
- June 23 — Guernsey field day in Marion and Polk counties.
- June 24 — Folk county field day, Clackamas county.
- June 11-14 — Fourth annual leadership institute, town and country churches, Oregon State college.
- June 28 — Oregon Chick association Memorial Union, Corvallis.
- June 29 — Oregon Poultry Improvement association, Memorial Union hall, Corvallis.
- July 11-14 — Fourth annual leadership institute, town and country churches, Oregon State college.
- July 23 — Oregon State Farmers

Scandinavian Seeds to Be Naturalized

Whether vegetables from the Scandinavian countries and from England can be naturalized as easily and thoroughly as the people from these countries have been in the past, is a test being made in a new crops research program initiated at Oregon State college. The new long-range program includes two major projects designed to keep vegetable producers and producers abreast of the latest developments in the field.

One of the projects will be concentrated on improving vegetable crop varieties for processing and fresh market use through breeding, testing and selection. Focal point of the second project is the improvement of yields through nutritional practices. Selection of the problems to be studied was based on a field survey of vegetable growers and processing firms throughout the state.

The studies have been set up this spring under the direction of Dr. W. A. Frazier, who joined the experiment station staff last October after serving nine years as head of the department of vegetable crops at the University of Hawaii.

Behavior patterns of new vegetable varieties under Willamette valley conditions will be observed in the initial phase of the variety improvement project.

Now under observation are 100 bush bean varieties, 100 tomato varieties, 150 sweet corn breeding lines, and 140 onion breeding lines. Numerous smaller tests involve

Union picnic, Champcoog.
August 5 — Willamette valley purebred ram and ewe sale, Albany.

cantaloupe, watermelon, squash, lima beans, brussel sprouts, and cauliflower. Seven varieties of bush beans and seven strains of golden cross bantam corn have been selected for more intensive study.

Nutritional work in the first year will be centered around fertilizer practices with green beans. Fertilizer field test plots have been established on farms in the Portland and Salem areas. Emphasis will be on method, amount, time and ratio of nitrogen applications. Later studies will include fertilizer practices with phosphorus and potassium.

MILK INCREASING
It is likely that milk production this year will exceed the all-time record of 121 billion pounds made in 1945, reports Dairy Record. In January and February production was at a level that would indicate a yearly production of 123 billion pounds. Increased production was partly due to very increased production per cow, but cow numbers are also on the increase.

STANDARD METHOD OKERED
Field observations indicate that the so-called standard method of feeding laying hens give best results. In this mash is kept before the hens at all times, with scratch grains being added in the evenings. Laying hens have a tendency to consume too much scratch grain especially during summer months, with free-choice feeding.

FARM CROPS DAY SET
Willamette valley farmers are invited to attend the annual Oregon experiment station's farm crops field day at Corvallis Friday, June 9, says Rex Warran, farm crops specialist. Assembly point is the greenhouses on the state college campus at 9:30 a.m. Daylight Saving Time. Lunches are to be brought, but coffee, cream and sugar will be provided.

MIDGET MARKETS

351 State St. 611 No. Capitol
ORIGINATORS OF LOW PRICES
EVERYDAY VALUES—NO "SPECIALS"

BEEF	POT ROAST	lb. 40¢
PICNIC	PORK ROAST	lb. 37¢
YOUNG	PORK STEAK	lb. 45¢
CENTER	LOIN CHOPS	lb. 57¢
PURE	LARD	4 lbs. 45¢
BULK	Pork Sausage	lb. 45¢
SEASONING	BACON SQUARES	lb. 12 1/2¢
THE TENDER FAMILY	Skinless Weiners	lb. 39¢
OUR CAPITOL STREET MARKET		
Is Open Until 7 P.M. — Friday and Saturdays Until 9 P.M. Easy to Park. Harry M. Levy, Salem's Meat Merchant for 35 years		
BONELESS	Rolled Roasts	lb. 60¢
ASSORTED	Lunch Meats	lb. 47¢
DELICIOUS	Liver Sausage	lb. 35¢
PURE PORK	LITTLE LINKS	lb. 49¢
MILK FED	VEAL STEAK	lb. 53¢

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NO HURRY, CHUM—Blacky attempts to dissuade Beauty, the alley cat, from leaving the tub at the shelter of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, N. Y.