

Crook County Agent Gives Crop Survey and Outlook 1957 Prospect Is Optimistic

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Agriculture in Crook county continues in its role of being big business by returning in excess of 5 million dollars of cash income for the year of 1956.

This total income from agriculture was received in spite of a very low market price and lowered potato yields due to early frost, also the price of feeder and stocker cattle was down; these commodities being the important income enterprises for farmers and ranchers in Crook County.

During the 1956 year the estimated cash income derived from crops was \$1,991,000 which included an income of \$720,000 from potatoes, poultry, rabbits, and bees returned \$131,000 while the sale of livestock products returned \$2,882,000 for a total of \$5,007,000.

The year 1957 started out with excellent prospects of good moisture conditions throughout the county with the month of March having the highest precipitation of any March on record within the past twenty years. However, as the season progressed there has been some early drying up of ranges and dry land crops due to not having late spring precipitation, which is normal for the county. There is ample storage water for all irrigation projects.

Potato Farmers Optimistic
The winter feeding period of 1956-57 was very satisfactory for all stockmen and in nearly all cases there was a good carryover of hay which has not been the case for the past several years. Many stockmen look at an ample carryover of hay as excellent insurance against not having to buy feed in case of a short hay year. As the season progresses the hay producers are stacking up their hay with low prices in prospect for this year's crop.

Potato acreage for 1957 appears to be approximately 2400 acres, which is down from the 1956 year. There is a lot of optimism among growers with a good yield in prospect and anticipation of a fair to average market for this year's crop.

This year Crook County is growing a number of new varieties of different crops all of which look very good. New varieties of crops being grown this year are Potomac Orchard grass and a new variety of timothy, both of these crops being grown for seed purposes.

Wheat Becomes Money Crop
In the cereals, wheat grown for the first time on commercial basis — Lemhi 53, a new spring wheat; Burt, a new winter wheat, and Omar, a new winter wheat, all of which look very good.

In the oat varieties: Park oats which looks very good and in barley, Highland barley. A new rye being grown in the County for the first time this year is Kung rye. The new release in oats: Centore is being increased throughout the County and it is anticipated it will in a few years be the leading oat variety on the irrigated farms in this county.

Many hay growers throughout the County are switching to a new variety of alfalfa called Vernal, which is winter hardy, quite wilt resistant and very high yielding.

Sheep Outlook Brighter

As to the livestock situation, the brightest spot at present is that of the sheep grower because the price of lambs has held steady to high this spring with wool up better than 10 cents from the 1956 year, and prospects that the national promotion program on the sale of lamb will continue to keep the consumption up and, of course, maintain a good steady market.

Prospects are for the price of feeder steers to be up anyway from a cent to two cents above 1956 with many offers now of twenty cents and more being made.

Sports Grow In Prineville

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PRINEVILLE — Sports play an increasingly important role in Prineville's community life as indicated by this year's city recreational program in which more youngsters and adults are enrolled than in any previous year. The activities available run the gamut from Pee-Wee baseball and beginning swimming to adult classes in archery and square-dancing.

The Prineville Golf and Country club, located in a picturesque setting against a background of towering rimrocks, can boast of a beautiful newly remodeled clubhouse. Completed this past year, its features include a striking wood paneled lounge, a large dining and dancing area, an efficient kitchen, and attractive large locker rooms. Improvements are continually being made on the greens and club grounds, with the current projects underway including a new putting green and concrete walkways.

The Ochoco Bowl, operated by Mr. and Mrs. C. A. MacDonald, opened its new six lanes for play in February. Two summer leagues are now underway with 12 teams enrolled in the mixed double league and 21 players on the roster for the three-man team league. Preparations are now being made for the fall tournaments. The new bowling alley also has a recreation room with shuffleboards, juke box and snack bar which is proving to be a popular meeting place for teenagers.



GOPHERS LEAVE TRAIL — Gus Woods, Crook County agricultural agent (right), shows a number of potato plants in this lush field near Prineville that were ruined by gophers before the pests were wiped out by gas bombs. (Bend Bulletin Photo)

4 Tips Given on Auto Theft Prevention

Automobile theft is one of the nation's leading crimes against property, warns B. M. Barrett, resident manager of an Oregon insurance company regional office, but the average motorist can discourage auto thieves by taking a few simple precautions.

There are three main classes of auto thieves, Barrett says: the joy rider who abandons a car after taking a ride or possibly wrecking the vehicle, the transportation thief who steals one to use in committing a crime and then abandons it, and the commercial auto thief whose business is stolen cars. But all of them can be discouraged by the driver who takes the following precautions when parking his car:

1. Double check to see that windows are rolled up and all doors locked. Never leave keys in the ignition. If the ignition can be locked, check to make sure that it is.
2. When possible, avoid parking in unlighted areas. Avoid parking your car on the street overnight if you possibly can.
3. Never leave a parked car for extended periods without a periodic checkup as to its safety.
4. Do not leave packages or articles of value in a parked car where they can be seen by a passerby.

Should you be forced by circumstances to leave your car parked for a long period on an unlighted street or in an area where it might be stolen, Barrett advises that you remove the distributor head which will prevent the thief from operating your car. This is particularly recommended while touring or at a campsite.

"Many car owners practically in-

vite a thief to steal their cars by leaving keys in the ignition or the auto theft. Make sure your car is doors unlocked and windows rolled secure before leaving it."

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