

Oregon Livestock Status Compared with Nation

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Livestock on farms and ranches of the nation rose 3 per cent during 1954 but they were worth 4 per cent less, mostly due to price drops in hogs and poultry, according to the crop and livestock reports of the U.S.D.A.

Cattle numbers are up one per cent to a record high of 95,453,000 head; in Oregon numbers were up 2 per cent to 1,458,000, also a record. In each case the rate of increase has slowed con-

siderably during the past year. Most cattle increase was in western and central states with decreases in several states of the drought district.

In the nation, sheep decreased almost one per cent with the total just under 27 million; Oregon totals dropped 4 per cent to 668,000 head. Ewe lambs retained for breeding purposes in the U.S. increased 10 per cent, this being the first such increase in three years.

With a swine increase of 37 per cent, Oregon was considerably above the U.S. average increase of 13 per cent. There are 55 million hogs in the U.S. Nearly all sections of the U.S. reported increased spring farrowing intentions by farmers.

Lack of moisture or snow cover put spring grass prospects on Oregon ranges below average at the end of January. The state as a whole was about normal since western Oregon grass was in better than average condition for this time of the year. California, Washington, Arizona and North Dakota were the only states with better than average range conditions. Nevada and Wyoming were worst with less than 80 per cent of 10-year average condition.

By February 1 it is normal in Oregon for 70 per cent of the winters snow to have fallen, this year the estimate is only 57 per cent. Six reservoirs — Owyhee, Warm Springs, Unity, McKay, Fern Ridge and Emigrant Gap had less than half their average storage on February 1. Reports indicate that water supplies may be short in the Burnt, Crooked, Imnaha, Malheur, Owyhee, Powder and Silver river basin of central and eastern Oregon.

Fewer animals in the nation are working harder to produce and reproduce. During 1954 more pigs were saved per litter, more milk produced per cow, more wool shorn per ewe and the calf crop was larger than ever before.

Livestock is eating more grain and concentrates than average. On February 1 farmers were feeding 6½ pounds of concentrates per cow and poultry grain feedings were also high.

Meanwhile human consumption of wheat and rye declined during last year and is expected to drop again this year. Per capita use of rice, oats and barley was at the same rate as in 1953.

Radford Sees No Invasion

WASHINGTON — Adm. Arthur W. Radford said Monday that as of now there can be no successful invasion across the Formosa Strait—either way—and that "it is a situation I think can be stabilized."

"There will be a lot of talking on both sides, but it can be stabilized," the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a copy-righted interview with the magazine U. S. News and World Report. "I think both sides know they cannot invade each other."

The Chinese Communists have repeatedly threatened to conquer Formosa, refuge of Chiang Kai-Shek's Nationalist government. Chiang, in turn, has vowed to return to the mainland.

Radford said he thinks Chiang's ground forces can repel any Red invasion attempt, with the promised aid of U. S. air and sea power, and that the nationalist leader cannot invade the mainland without American aid.

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Lebanon School Deal Approved

LEBANON—Boards of Lebanon school district 16 and union high No. 1, met jointly this week and agreed on provisions for the transfer of U-1 interest in the present high school plant, subject to approval of the voters in bond issues necessary to carry out terms of the agreement.

The approved plan calls for district 16 to pay the high school district for improvements made since U-1 was given an undivided one-half interest at the time of the formation of the union high district.

To arrive at a fair price, the depreciated values given by the General Appraisal company, Portland, last November were used, district 16 agreeing to pay one-half of the total appraised depreciated value of \$532,271.

District 16 also is given the first option on purchase of such equipment as U-1 would not wish to move to the new site. It was felt that cost of the building plus the equipment which might be left with the building and desired by the elementary district would bring the price close to the \$300,000 mentioned in the lay citizens committee study.

Provision also was made for the repurchase by U-1 at any time in the future, in event U-1 decided to operate a junior high school on the old site.

All transactions are to take place by the fall of 1956, and all provisions are contingent on the approval of the voters at bond elections to be held in both districts.

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