

STEADY MARKET FOR FOREST PRODUCTS URGED BY EXPERT FORESTER

"Federal and state forestry officials must realize that the best incentive for constructive forestry in Oregon is a steady market for forest products," said N. E. Bjorklund, forester for the Industrial Forestry Assn. The Portland forester presented a statement to the "Small Forest Owners Conference" called by the federal and state governments. Bjorklund said subsidies for private forestry are wholly unnecessary and cited the progress made under the Association's Tree Farm program in the last 17 years as proof. He said that more of a third of all privately owned forest land in Western Oregon is now in certified tree farms. He predicted tree farms would include two thirds of the private forests in the next 10 years if progress continues at its present rate. Bjorklund said government statistics which "accuse" the

small forest owner of being a major forestry problem in Oregon ignore the facts as to who owns Oregon's forests. He said the federal government controls 58 percent of the State's forests; local government, principally the state, 4 per cent. Forest industry owns 1 percent, farmers 13 percent and other non-industrial owners 6 percent.

Two industrial foresters said Oregon's No. 1 forestry problem because five-eighths of the State's forests are owned by government, is getting them under management thru better accessibility, up to date inventories and full annual harvest of their allowable cuts.

Bjorklund said a lot of forest land close to Portland would be converted in the next 25 years to use for homes, light industries and service facilities as government estimates show Oregon's population increasing by nearly two-fifths by 1970.

Bjorklund was optimistic concerning the future of forestry in Oregon, as forest land ownership

stabilizes, but warned that unwise taxation could be a road block to private forestry progress.

Wayside Notes by the

(By John J. Inskeep, County Agent)

The second part of our three section article dealing with contagious foot rot covers recommended procedures in handling an outbreak of this serious sheep disease, reports Hugh G. Caton, County Extension Agent. Written by Dr. Blaine McGowan, the School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California, the article appeared in the August 1958 issue of the National Wool Grower magazine. Further information regarding foot rot and other disease as well as suggestions for management is available at the county agent's office.

"Handling an outbreak of contagious foot rot:

(a) As soon as lame sheep are noted in the flock, they should be very carefully separated from the unaffected. Every animal showing even slightest lameness should be cut out and penned with the lame group. (b) The apparently healthy sheep should all be tipped up and their feet trimmed. Foot trimming shears and a pocket knife are probably the best instruments available, and these should be periodically disinfected as the procedure continues. While apparently unaffected animals are having their feet pared and trimmed, each foot should be thoroughly examined for any early case of pasture-seal or an early case of foot rot that has not progressed to the point of making the sheep limp. If any are found, they should be placed with the affected group. After trimming, the animals should be run through a foot bath, turned out into clean, dry ground if at all possible, and watched very carefully for new cases.

"The next step is trimming the

feet of affected animals, which is probably the most difficult and without a doubt the most important procedure in controlling foot rot. A slow, careful, and very thorough job is essential. Speed is not the criterion of a good job. If your foot-trimming crew brags about how many animals they trimmed in one day, you can be sure the job was not done correctly.

"The reason for care is apparent to anyone who has done this chore. The man who is trying to get the job done in a hurry does one or two things. Either he does not trim the foot sufficiently to expose all the diseased and under-run tissue, or he does to the task too fast and radically, causing bleeding which immediately obscures his field so that he cannot do a proper job. The bleeding itself is not dangerous as far as the health of the animal is concerned. I do not believe that there is any recorded case of a sheep bleeding to death from a foot trimming wound. However, it does obscure the

field of operation and makes a thorough job impossible. Occasionally, even with utmost care, bleeding will occur. In such a situation it is wise to make this animal for further trimming later that day or the following day.

"The reason for emphasizing careful trimming of all under-run diseased horn is that the bacteria causing foot rot are not difficult to kill with most of the medicines and disinfectants available for this purpose providing the drug can come in contact with the organism. These foot rot causing organisms are located right at the juncture of the diseased and healthy tissue, and the disinfectants must be applied at this point to be effective. The wet, necrotic, smelly portion that is seen before you get to this juncture of healthy and diseased tissue is the result of secondary bacterial infection.

"After trimming, the diseased feet should be treated individually or the animals put through a foot bath. These animals are kept separate and treated daily for three or four days or until a large percentage seem on the road to recovery. At this time, all of the affected band should again be tipped up and their feet very carefully examined. Some of these animals will need further trimming to expose additional under-run horn. Animals that have quit limping and whose feet on examination seem dry and healthy, may then be turned out with the clean band. Those retaining any lameness or showing any degree of wetness or softness in the affected portion of the foot should be held back for further treatment."

The third section of this series on foot rot will deal with drugs used for foot rot treatment and the findings of researchers in Australia regarding control and eradication of foot rot.

SEPTEMBER DEATH RATE IMPROVES

Five point five persons were killed in each 100 million miles of travel in Oregon during September, the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles reported today.

The figure, based on reports of gasoline sales and the number of people killed, shows an improvement over the 7.2 death rate for September last year. Four other months with improved death rates this year are February, March, May and June. Four months—January, April, July and August—recorded slightly higher death rates than for the same periods last year.

Lowest death rate recorded so far this year was May when 3.6 person died in each 100 million miles traveled.

The department said gasoline sales reports indicate that in excess of 668,000,000 miles were traveled on Oregon streets and highways during September. This compares to 625,000,000 miles traveled in September a year ago.

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