

CENTURY

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- Starvation Farms: Founded in Morrow County in 1918 by Chris Moehnke. Applicants: Chris and Kathy Rauch.
Roy Family Farm: Founded in Yamhill County in 1920 by Alfred Luke Roy. Applicant: Carol A. Roy.
Ward Ranches: Founded in Baker County in 1919 by Levi "Clyde" Ward. Applicants: Craig, Mark, Kathy and Ralph Ward.
JW Ranch: Founded in Marion County in 1920 by John Calahan. Applicant: John W. Wells.
Fir Villa Farm: Founded in Polk County in 1911 by Solomon S. and Susan Ediger. Applicants: Melvin and Esther Ediger.
The Sesquicentennial Award program began in 2008 in honor of Oregon's 150th birthday celebration. Sesquicentennial awards recognize Oregon families who have continuously farmed portions of their original family acreage for 150 years or more.

2020 Sesquicentennial Family

- Cooper Family Orchards: Founded in Wasco County in 1870 by Robert and Mary Cooper. Applicant: David Cooper.
The narratives of the 2020 and 2021 families can be found at www.century-farm.oregonfb.org.
The Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Program began in 1958 to honor

farm and ranch families with century-long connections to the land. To qualify for a century or sesquicentennial award, families must follow a formal application process.

Members of the Application Review Committee review each application. Qualifications include continuous family operation of the farm or ranch; a gross income from farm use of not less than \$1,000 per year for at least three years out of five prior to application; and family members must live on or actively manage the farm or ranch. Application documentation includes photos, original deeds, stories or other historic records. These records help support Oregon's agricultural history by providing information about settlement patterns or statistics on livestock and crop cycles. Documents are archived for public access.

Award recipients receive a certificate signed by the governor and director of the Oregon Department of Agriculture. Historic roadside signs are imprinted with the founder's name and the year the ranch or farm was established.

The program is administered by the Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation. It is supported by a partnership with the Oregon Farm Bureau, the State Historic Preservation Office, OSU University Archives, and by donations from Oregonians.

For more information, contact Kuenzi, program coordinator, at 503-400-7884, cfr@oregonfb.org.

Drought takes toll on Western ranchers

By CAROL RYAN DUMAS Capital Press

SALEM — The unprecedented drought across the West is taxing ranchers with tight feed and forage supplies and forcing them to make tough decisions about their animals and operations.

Niels Hansen, president of the Public Lands Council and a Rawlins, Wyoming, rancher, said he has heard mixed reports from ranchers in his region about the drought's impact.

"Some people are getting some rain and doing pretty good and holding on, and a lot of people are hurting really bad," he said during a webinar hosted by Farm Journal.

"We've seen people making major adjustments as far back as April to changing their plans, maybe moving stock off the ranch," he said.

A friend of his was feeding hay to his cows clear into June, waiting for his high country to improve so he could turn them out on the range, he said.

"We get reports similar to that all over, and I'm sure everybody is in the same boat that we're all sitting here now and looking toward the future and trying to get down what these feed costs are going to be for the winter so that we can make plans in that direction," he said. "We're all struggling and just trying to



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work our way through."

Others on the webinar reported similar situations.

"It's a dire situation," said Larry Schnell, partner and general manager of Stockmen's Livestock Exchange in Dickinson, North Dakota.

"The older ranchers are telling us that this is as bad as they've seen it," he said.

The last decent rains in the region were in September 2019, and that got ranchers through 2020 with close to half their usual hay crop.

But it's a different story this year.

"A lot of people aren't even cutting it. But if they're cutting it at all,

they're talking about one bale per acre — some of them less than that. They're talking about acres per bale," he said.

As for other feed, there's more corn in the area than there used to be, but the nitrates are very high. The same is true for wheat and other grains, he said.

"So it's a very dire situation," he said.

It's a similar situation in Eastern Oregon — maybe a little behind North Dakota, said Jason Johnson, who manages Producers Livestock Marketing and runs a backgrounding operation in Vale.

"We've been able to generate some crops this

year, but we're going to be running on empty here real shortly," he said.

Producers in the area will probably be able to get through this year, but they will be in a tough situation next year if they don't get some significant rainfall and a good winter, Johnson said.

A lot of smaller operators, with jobs in town, are getting out due to the cost of feed and total lack of outside forage.

Some ranchers are feeding hay right now, and that's a big problem, he added. So much expense is going into calves that it's not going to be economical for long, or it's not already.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2021 CROSSWORD PUZZLER

Crossword puzzle grid with clues. ACROSS: 1 Fictional spy — Helm, 5 Jazz genre, 8 Outfit, 12 Burger side, 13 NOW cause, 14 Bewildered, 15 Kind of therapy, 16 Increase the number, 17 Well, in Oaxaca, 18 Ruby, 20 Thumb through, 22 Wielded a broom, 25 Poetic "before", 26 Large parrot, 27 Startled cry, 30 Trembling tree, 34 Tech. school, 36 Caught on, 38 Burrito alternative, 39 Lieu, 41 Focus. DOWN: 43 High dudgeon, 44 Mutt, 46 Declare invalid, 48 Reddish mineral, 51 Mine find, 52 Red Muppet, 53 In days gone by, 55 Tot's transport, 59 Bad-smelling, 60 Swab, 61 Verdi princess, 62 Throw a party for, 63 Stockholm carrier, 64 Sluggish. Answer to Previous Puzzle: ELSA AGED DAB, VOTE DEER OVA, ETERNALLY DER, ATHACORN, QUOTH HIDE, TRUE BIBLES, IDS UKE VIE, PUTS REX RETE, BUOYS LEO, ART UNRUFFLED, SGT REALEARN, GEO PEEL ROSA.

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HOROSCOPES by Stella Wilder. THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2021 YOUR BIRTHDAY by Stella Wilder. Born today, you are almost always one to get things done before anyone else -- and not just according to a schedule that may be established and kept by one in charge, but in the grand scheme of things as well. You are often the first ever to do a thing! You are compelled to explore that which has gone unexplored and to try that which has gone untried. Because of this, however, you must get used to the fact that you will experience more than one individual's normal share of "failure." FRIDAY, AUGUST 20 LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- A warning comes to you through unusual channels today, and you have the feeling that something is going on that you must get a handle on. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- You can understand what someone else is going through today far more than usual -- and this helps you develop a valuable new perspective. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- You won't be able to tackle a new challenge entirely on your own today, so you must quickly gather as many around you who can provide key help. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Someone may not honor a request you make today, but you'll be able to adjust your expectations just enough to make the best of the situation. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Someone may not understand that you were "only joking" recently, so you must be willing to acknowledge an unintended hurt. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- You may discover that what you're working toward isn't likely to be valued as highly by others as it is by you. Does that really matter? AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- You may not want to share all the information you have at your fingertips today in order to avoid an overreaction. You can control the mood! PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) -- That which has come and gone is likely to take up a lot of your time today as you consider what went right and what went wrong. ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- You don't want to be left out today when others enjoy a bit of unusual fun. You can actually provide something that adds to the excitement. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- You can help ease tensions today between those who insist on clashing over a minor issue that really shouldn't matter that much. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- You may find yourself alone, fighting for something that only you believe in -- but right now that's likely to suit you to a T. You can win the day! CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- You may have more options available to you today than you did yesterday -- and that will make all the difference as you plan for tomorrow.

Continuation of crossword puzzle grid and clues. DOWN: 1 Flavor enhancer, 2 Malt brew, 3 Make leather, 4 Nerd, 5 Droplet, 6 Law (abbr.), 7 Tijuana dad, 8 Long chat, 9 "Yeah, right!" (2 wds.), 10 Movie spool, 11 Deadly poison, 19 Summer in Quebec, 21 Tax shelter, 22 Takes to the slopes, 23 Had a turn, 24 Maneuver slowly, 28 For example (abbr.), 29 Campground initials, 31 Ache, 32 Grayish brown, 33 Year-end tune, 35 Young frog, 37 Scale note, 40 Female antelope, 42 Damage, 45 Lab weights, 47 Hindu kingdom, 48 Bridges or Goldblum, 49 — vera lotion, 50 Grass fungus, 51 "Sorry!", 54 — few rounds, 56 Narrow inlet, 57 Woodworking tool, 58 Spring time.