

**Silage Spoilage Usually Caused By Poor Methods**

It's about this season of the year, when silage feeding starts in earnest, that a few farmers will write to Oregon State college and inquire: "What's wrong with my silage—the cows don't like it?" Experience from past years indicate two silage making errors will cover most of the difficulties, answers Harold P. Ewalt, extension dairy specialist. For unappetizing, sour smelling silage, Ewalt says the usual fault lies in the fact the silage was put up too moist or with no preservative, or at least too little, added.

White mold on the silage is another frequent complaint. This, says Ewalt, is often caused by loose packing or when the silage is put up too dry. In either event, it is too late after the damage is done to correct it. Unappetizing silage, however, may be "dressed up" by adding a little bran mix or molasses. Cows will often learn to eat slightly unpalatable sour silage if it is put before them for several days.

To farmers who open their silos for the first time and find a reminder for next year to tramp a silage for several successive days after the silo is filled. A good rule to follow is to tramp a silo daily until settling is completed.

In rare cases an additional cause of off-flavored silage results from excessive weeds. Grass silage is the cheapest feed available, according to Ewalt. He recommends that dairy animals be given all of this type of feed they will eat, since it is practically impossible to overfeed. He cautions, however, that up to 40 pounds daily is the limit for corn silage. Foundering will result from excessive silage feeding. Three times a day feeding has resulted in increased silage consumption for many dairymen, Ewalt adds.

**Cheap Box Silo Works Well**

ALSEA—A practical above-the-ground silo for grass silage was built here by Cris Baube for just 75 dollars. The silo is essentially just a 9x22 foot box, 11 feet high, made of planks and heavy timbers and wired together. The silo was filled with grass, clover, vetch and oats last spring. When opened recently it showed very little spoilage, reports County Agent Stone-wall Jackson.

**Rotarians Hear Alton Grimes**

Alton Grimes, for 28 years an employee of the Coquille post-office, gave Rotarians an interesting and entertaining talk on working in a postoffice Wednesday noon.

Relating the history of early mails into Coquille, Grimes told of how mail from Roseburg used to be a day late; how the local postal employees had to memorize a case of 85 separations of the hundreds of mail stops over the state of Oregon, and how the mail from Bandon came by steam-wheeler, the Dispatch.

With his dealings with the public, Grimes said that he had found that most people were honest, and would say 19 out of every 20 were that way.

The former assistant postmaster retired from his post recently. John Carl of Arago also gave a talk on his recent trip to the east coast and middle west.

Visit in Coquille—Mr. and Mrs. Orval Richard and two children of Fort Benton, Montana, were visitors at the R. W. Kuenzli home several days last week. Mrs. Richard is a niece of Mrs. Kuenzli.



**Review of Farm Prices Crops, Weather.....**

Hogs led the decline in prices for most classes of slaughter animals in the major livestock markets the past week, according to the meat animals and wool review, prepared by the OSC extension service from USDA reports and other data. Weaker prices occurred in dressed meats also.

During the week at Portland, top steers weakened around \$1 to \$1.25, closing on Thursday at \$31. Medium and common steers were off 50 cents to \$1. Good slaughter heifers dropped 50 cents during the week with other classes of slaughter cattle off 50 cents to \$2. Canner and cutter cows were \$11 to \$15 on Thursday, with fat dairy-type cows up to \$16. Good beef cows were \$21 or above. Good vealers sold at \$26 to \$27. At San Francisco, slaughter steers and heifers have been scarce this week. One lot of medium to good slaughter heifers sold at \$24 to \$25 on Monday. Canner and cutter cows the first of this week were 50 cents to \$1 lower than the previous Monday and continued to weaken through Thursday another 50 cents to \$1, closing at \$14 to \$16. Choice fed steers at Chicago are around 50 cents to \$1 lower than a week ago, closing Thursday at \$40. There were no choice heifers on the market Thursday but on Wednesday they sold for \$35.50, or about \$1 under a week ago. Top cows were scarce but steady at \$21.50, or 50 cents under Monday's top. Choice steer and heifer carcasses dropped \$1 at Chicago and around \$2 at New York. Choice steer and heifer beef were barely steady at San Francisco, with cow beef down \$2 from Monday.

The lamb market at Portland has been steady with prices mostly unchanged. Good and choice wooled lambs sold Thursday at \$21.50 to \$22, unchanged during the week. Good and choice slaughter ewes were \$9, or \$1 above a week ago. At San Francisco, the lamb market weakened further. Good to choice lambs late Wednesday sold at \$22.75 and down, which was fully \$1.50 under the previous week. At Chicago, the lam market was off around \$1.50 compared to a week earlier, and closed Thursday at \$24 for good and choice lambs. Good to choice lamb carcasses under 50 pounds dropped \$1 in Chicago and \$2 in New York this week. At San Francisco, lamb was barely steady and moving at the lower range of quotations.

Around 140 to 145 pounds of meat per civilian consumer are indicated for next year. This compares to an estimated 145 pounds in 1948, 155 pounds in 1947, and an average of 134 pounds in the five-year period, 1937-41. Compared to 1948, more of the 1949 meat supply will be pork and less will be beef. The year 1948 is the fourth in a row when more cattle and calves were marketed than were added to herds through births, less deaths, and through imports. This has made for larger current beef supplies at the expense of future production.

Trading in the Boston wool market was very slow this week and business was almost at a standstill. There were occasional sales in odd lots of scoured woolen wools but interest in greasy wools was lacking. Small lots of greasy, 12-months, average French combing wools were purchased in Texas. There was little trading in wool tops. Quotations for combing wools in the foreign auctions were firmer but prices held unchanged for shorter wools. The wholesale butter prices strengthened at most markets during the week, while cheese prices weakened, according to the weekly dairy review, prepared by the OSC extension service from USDA reports and other data. Improved demand for butter in larger wholesale markets resulted in a definitely firmer tone and the trend of prices was upward during the past week.

At Portland and Seattle, however, the jobbing prices on all grades of butter were unchanged during the week ending October 8, with 93 score points quoted at 75 cents. At San Francisco the butter market was firm during the week, becoming stronger on Friday with the wholesale price on 92 and 93 scores advancing one cent and moving at 71 cents while 90-score advanced two cents to sell at 66 cents. Advances on the

**Concrete Poured For Radio Station**

The concrete slabs for the new Coquille radio station have been poured and the steel towers are ready for erection, Walter Reed, one of the radio men, said this week. The erecting crew is expected in next week to start the construction of the tower.

**Sixteen Taking Extension Course**

A full class of sixteen members have registered for the upholstering class which started in Coquille on Tuesday, October 12.

Instructor for the course, arranged through the state vocational plan, is Orrell Moss. Class chairman is Mrs. Archie Walker, while Mrs. Ivy Plieth is secretary-treasurer.

The course is scheduled to continue for five weeks with classes every Tuesday and Friday evening from seven to ten o'clock in the Boy Scout room at the Coquille Community building.

**Coos People See Plane Wreckage**

A group of hunters have just returned from a week's hunting in Yukon valley, near Lakeview. While there they hiked to the site of the plane wreckage of the late Governor Snell and his ill-fated hunting party.

In the party were Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Robison, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McNair and Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Robison.

Everyone enjoyed the vacation but the deer are still in Eastern Oregon.

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**PRIZE FARMER**—Jim Churchill, Myrtle Point agriculture student, is given the \$100.00 Oregon State Banker's association prize for his outstanding farm projects this year. Lewis Wiltshire, manager of the First National Bank of Portland, Coquille branch, hands the check to Churchill. Jim is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Churchill of McKinley. (Sentinel Photo)

**Footstools By Hundreds Fashioned By Homemakers**

Women connected with home economics extension units in 12 counties of the state have completed a total of 1788 footstools during a 12 months' period, it was revealed recently in a report made by Mrs. Myrtle Carter, O. S. C. extension specialist in home furnishings and clothing.

Average cost for the footstools, which became attractive pieces of furniture in their owners' homes, was just \$4.50.

Work on the footstools has been carried out in workshop projects conducted by volunteer leaders trained by home demonstration agents or by Mrs. Carter.

Linn county leads all others with a total of 314 footstools completed, according to the report. Purpose of the footstool project, Mrs. Carter states, was to teach fundamental principles of simple uphol-

stery work which can be done by a homemaker in her own home. The work in footstools also prepared specialized groups for further training in upholstery work.

At each of the two-day workshops, the footstool was constructed from a simple frame made by the women or constructed in advance of the meeting. Workshop participants added springs, padding and upholstery material. Supplies for the projects were group-purchased and resold to the women.

In addition to Linn county, other counties taking part in the project and the number of footstools each completed is as follows: Benton, 209; Wasco, 158; Yamhill, 175; Curry, 75; Polk, 104; Lane, 21; Klamath, 111; Marion, 160; Coos, 218; Lincoln, 103; and Columbia, 140.

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