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Dairy Products Prices Show Mixed Picture During Month of June

Oregon's farm prices for dairy products showed mixed trends at mid-June, according to the weekly dairy market review prepared by the OSC extension service from USDA reports and other data. The Bureau of Agricultural Economics price of butterfat received by Oregon farmers continued its downward trend. The average wholesale price of milk, on the other hand, showed a price advance.

Butterfat prices to Oregon farmers have declined every month this calendar year, and at mid-June were the lowest of any month since June 1946. The mid-June price was 29 per cent under a year earlier. The average wholesale price to farmers for whole milk at mid-June stepped up 20 cents a hundredweight from the recent low price in May.

The mid-May average price of whole milk was also the lowest since June 1946. The average price to farmers for whole milk has not declined as much as butterfat prices during the past year—being down 13 per cent compared to 29 percent for butterfat.

Compared to the ten year average price, the present butterfat price to Oregon farmers is up about 33 per cent, while milk prices are up 43 per cent.

The average price received by

Oregon is the largest cheese producing state in the west. Production has stepped up steadily since the low point in January. The production during May amounted to nearly 3½ million pounds. Los Angeles is the largest California market for Oregon cheese. During June over 270,000 pounds were shipped to that city. San Francisco received nearly 47,000 pounds of Oregon cheese during June. This is the lowest monthly shipment this year to San Francisco. The peak was reached in April when nearly 273,000 pounds of Oregon cheese was received at San Francisco. The peak shipment so far this year at Los Angeles was in May when 370,000 pounds were received from Oregon.

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being carried out, L. J. Allen, state 4-H leader, has announced.

Two tours have already been held. One was a two-county tour in Jackson and Josephine counties participated in by Klamath, Jackson, Josephine and Douglas county 4-H club members. The second was a Columbia basin tour in Sherman and Wasco counties in which club members from eight counties took part.

Attendance in six similar tours last year was 471, Allen states. As they have done in the past, the youngsters sleep out of doors and prepare most of their own meals.

In addition of providing a view of work being done at the branch experiment stations, the tours also acquaint the youngsters with outstanding agricultural enterprises throughout the state. Plans call for visits to ranches and farms with outstanding livestock herds, where soil erosion is being controlled, and to see improved crop practices, among other things.

This year for the first time, all

4-H members are being insured under a master policy plan, Allen

announced. The tours are July 15-16, Squaw Butte, Lake, Harney, Grant, Deschutes and Crook; July 27-29, North Willamette valley, Multnomah, Clackamas, Marion, Washington, Yamhill, and Polk; August 1-3, South Willamette valley, Lane, Linn, Benton and Lincoln; August 4-5, North Coast, Columbia, Clatsop, Washington and Tillamook; August 11-12, South Coast, Coos, Curry and Douglas. Arrangements have been made for girls to go on certain of the tours. Club members who wish to participate in any of the tours are advised to contact their local county extension agent, Allen states.

New Program; Having Fun Rewards 4-H'ers

The 1949 National 4-H Recreation and Rural Arts program—a newcomer in the field of sponsored 4-H activities—is well launched in Oregon, according to the State Extension office, Oregon State Agriculture College.

Introduced only last year, the program has already chalked up an unusually good record which includes training 7,150 junior and 4,390 adult 4-H Club leaders in recreation. In addition 1,005 clubs

in 44 states were awarded blue ribbons for outstanding performance; 350 counties won \$25 each in cash toward buying recreational equipment; 21 states received \$50 each for crafts premiums, while five boys and three girls were given educational trips to the National 4-H Congress in Chicago. A total of \$25,280 will again be awarded in the same manner by United States Rubber company, sponsors of the program. Awards are based on well-rounded recreation activities developed and carried out by local 4-H Clubs. The eight trips are provided by 4-H'ers who have excelled in recreational leadership.

Among the events designed for club groups are indoor and outdoor games; dances, festivals, tours and plays. For members there are numerous types of recreation such as leather, metal or wood craft; stage and set designing; sports and hobbies; singing or dancing leader, and serving as a committee member.

Marjorie Davidson, of Bend, was named outstanding Oregon 4-H'er in the 1948 recreation and rural arts activity. The following counties won the \$25 cash award: Union, Marion and Josephine. The entire program is conducted under the supervision of the Cooperative Extension Service.

A bath of bulls' blood was used as a baptism in the mysteries of Attis, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

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

The average U. S. price of dairy products has declined more than other animals products during the past year, according to the weekly dairy review prepared by the O.S.C. extension service from U.S.D.A. reports and other data. The U. S. index figure representing the prices of dairy products on June 15 was down 21 per cent a year earlier. At the same time compared to a year earlier. The U. S. index figure representing the exchange value of milk was down 22 per cent.

The U. S. average price of sheep and lambs reached the peak in April, according to the weekly sheep and wool review prepared by the O.S.C. extension service from U.S.D.A. reports and other data. The high price this season for wool was reached in February. Since then the average price received by farmers for these commodities has gradually worked lower. Prices at mid-June, as prepared by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, are also lower than a year ago. However, sheep, lamb and wool prices have not declined as much as other meat animals. Sheep prices for the U. S. as a whole, are down about three per cent compared to a year ago. Lamb prices are down about two per cent, and wool prices compared to a year ago were also down about two per cent.

The average price of butterfat received by U. S. farmers on June 15 was down 28 per cent compared to a year earlier. There has been a price drop every month since the first of the year for butterfat. The average price of whole milk received by farmers on June 15 was down a fourth compared to a year earlier.

The purchasing power of farmers from the sale of milk and butterfat has dropped off sharply compared to a year ago. This is because prices for dairy products received by farmers, have dropped more than the prices of commodities farmers have to buy. Dollars received from the sale of butterfat on June 15 would buy 27 per cent less commodities than

Cows, Like People, Don't Like Sore Tooties, So Say Farm Experts

Portland, Oregon, (SPECIAL.) Cows are like people in more ways than one.

When their feet hurt, their production lags, says a report issued this week by the American Foundation for Animal Health.

One of the worst problems for cattle owners, in this respect, is an infection known as "foul foot," says the Foundation. It can be caused by:

Animals stepping on each others feet during shipment, setting up irritation which develops into infection.

Bruising between the toes when cows step on rocks buried under soft mud.

Animals standing in poorly-drained, uncleaned barn lots.

Wire cuts, or foreign bodies which lodge in the hoof.

Innitation and puncture wounds when cattle are pastured on recently mowed, coarse forage crops.

Screw worm damage.

Farmers can help prevent the loss of production which results from such foot troubles by helping

to remove some of these causes, the Foundation points out.

Intravenous injections of certain medicines now help to correct foul foot infection in most cases, according to research by a group of southern veterinarians which was quoted this week by the Foundation. However, removal of conditions which cause the trouble is the best solution of the problem, authorities said.

Regional Tours For 4-H Members Billed In State

Oregon 4-H club members in a series of eight regional tours during the summer months will visit O. S. C. branch experiment stations throughout the state as well as nearby farms and ranches where outstanding farming practices are

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