

2015 Celebrate National Ag Day



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Oct. 1, 1963 to Sept. 30, 1964

A great deal of emphasis has been placed on livestock improvement over the past years. The purpose has been to improve the efficiency of cattle in the area to improve the demand for cattle from this area, thereby improving the marketing situation.

The Darrell Johnson herd, which is a commercial herd, is doing a very thorough job. They are also using performance tested bulls on this herd now, which should further improve the herd. He is the type of operator that would make an excellent purebred breeder.

Grant County Water Resources Committee, plus the Grant County Stockgrowers Water Committee, the John Day Valley Water Users and others have been showing a great deal of interest in the possibility of water storage in the John Day Valley. The Corps of Engineers, the State Water Resources Board, The Fish Commission and the Oregon State Game Commission cooperated in a study along these lines during the summer months of 1964. This was followed with a county-wide water meeting headed up by the Water Resources Committee and chairmanned by Buck Smith. Purpose of the meeting was to determine the actual interest in stored water.

Oct. 1, 1966 to Sept. 30, 1967

The present economic situation of livestock operators is not good. Many ranchers have been living on their capital and going behind for the last 4 or 5 years. An increase in price of livestock and more efficient operations would help many of these operators. A good record keeping system is needed so the ranchers could actually analyze their operations to show where changes could be made to make them more efficient.

The entire County of Grant is a Weed Control District. Since the program was organized, it has kept weeds in hand but not necessarily completely controlled.

July 1, 1973 to June 30, 1974

The county's economic situation has been on the decline for several years. You will also note a decline in population from 8,329 in 1950 to 7,726 in 1960 and 6,996 in 1970. Most of the decline has been in the timber industry.

Less available timber on the National Forest or public lands has resulted in a reduction in operating mills. It is also quite obvious that this decline could have been prevented with better management over the years of our forested lands, both private and public. Grant County's analysis and economic studies clearly show how better use of these resources here in the county can materially improve our economic situation.

Livestock marketing still remains to be a major prob-

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Following are some organizations that promote and support agriculture in Oregon:

• Oregon Farm Bureau Federation

Voluntary grassroots nonprofit organization representing the interests of farmers and ranchers in the public and policy making arenas.

503-399-1701, www.oregonfb.org

• FFA Organization

Organization dedicated to developing student potential for leadership, personal growth and career success the agricultural education.

503-507-6499, www.oregonffa.com

• Northwest Horticultural Council

NHC focuses on national and international policy issues affecting growers in Oregon, Idaho and Washington.

509-453-3193, www.nwhort.org

• Oregon 4-H Youth Development Education

4-H helps youth learn subject matter and life skills through a process that helps them meet key developmental needs.

541-737-4444, oregon.4h.oregonstat.edu

• Oregon Cattlemen's Association

OCA is a membership organization promoting the Oregon cattle industry.

503-361-8941, orcattle.com

• Oregon Dairy Council

ODC is the nutrition education arm of the Oregon Dairy Products Commission.

503-229-5033, www.oregondairycouncil.org

• Oregon Farmers Markets Association

OFMA provides resources and promotion on behalf of farmers' markets, market vendors and farm-direct agriculture, and support to the communities that host them.

971-400-0581, www.oregonfarmersmarkets.org

• Oregon Sheep Growers Association

OSGA is a nonprofit organization that promotes the growth of and profitability of the sheep industry in Oregon and nationally.

503-364-5462, www.sheeporegon.com

• Oregon Women for Agriculture

This organization educates the membership and the public about the importance of agriculture.

503-243-3276, www.owaonline.org

However, research in recent years has revealed that this is not the case. South Dakota State researchers have demonstrated that marbling development is an intrinsic component of growth (which external fat is not) and that marbling starts early and progresses steadily up to harvest time.

If you as a producer suffered feed losses of incurred additional feed costs directly from the drought then you may be able to receive some compensation. The U.S. Department of Agriculture has designated Grant County as a primary disaster area because of the drought that occurred during the period from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007.

January 2012

Are you perplexed at how to tell your story to people that have no idea how well you take care of your cattle? The beef checkoff recently launched Cow Chow, an online game and video series designed to answer common questions about cattle diets. The game and corresponding videos encourage consumers to explore what cattle eat from birth to the feed yard.

The videos were filmed by cattle wearing specially rigged GoPro cameras to share this important animal care story from the cows' eye view. Curious consumers can now see exactly what cattle really eat

every day as they compete in an interactive quiz game. The Cow Chow game and videos emphasize the attention cattle farmers and ranchers pay to their animals, their land and

their communities. *Compiled by Lindsay Bullcock, Blue Mountain Eagle staffer. A more detailed version is posted online at MyEagleNews.com.*



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lem in Grant County. We are quite isolated from good livestock market.

November/December 1998

The Grant County Weed Control District is announcing that a herbicide cost-share program will commence for 1999. The purpose of the program is to financially assist the agricultural community in controlling noxious weeds

on private lands. The annual cost-share will be for chemicals at a rate of 50% to a limit of \$750. The amount of funds available for 1999 is \$7,500.

January 2008

Factors Affecting Marbling in Cattle: It was once thought that intramuscular fat (marbling) is largely deposited towards the end of the finishing period.



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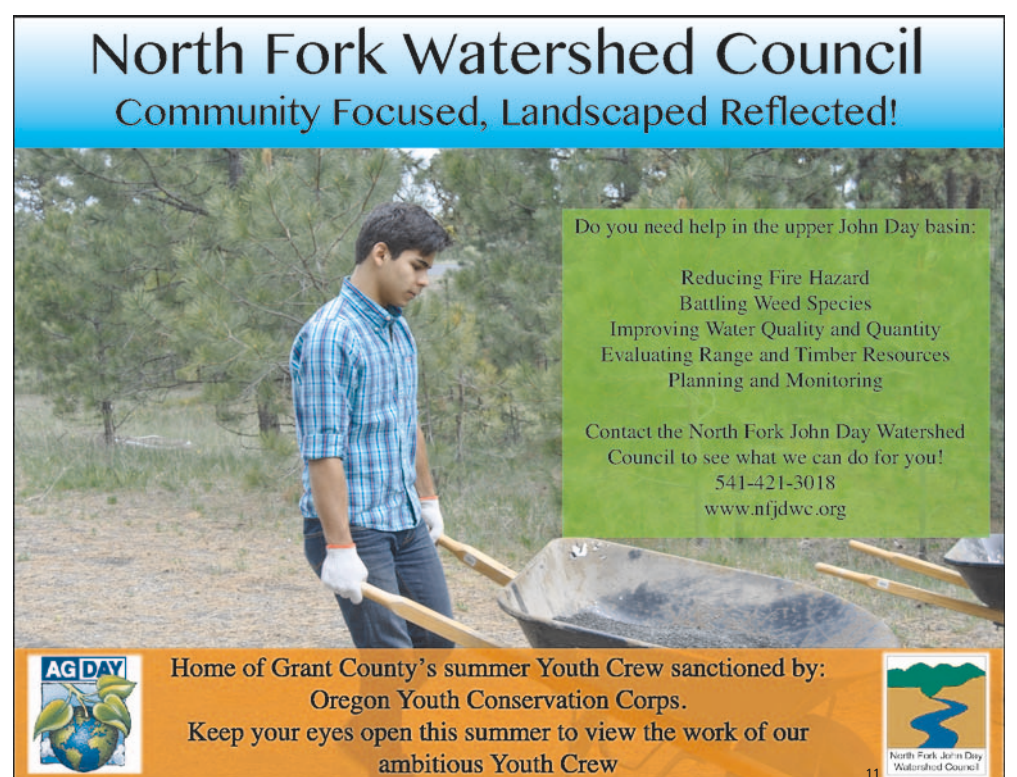
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