

TUALATIN VALLEY FARM NEWS

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Two 4H Tours on Crops, Livestock Bid Youth of Co.

Members of Washington county 4-H Clubs will be participating in two district livestock and crops tours in July and August reports Joe Cox, County Extension Agent. All club members having livestock or crops projects will be eligible to participate in the tours.

The first tour July 27, 28, and 29 for counties in the North Willamette Valley will be held at Corvallis where club members will have a chance to see livestock and crops on the experiment station and college farms.

Informal classes in livestock and crops judging will be held together with visits to processing plants and farms of interest in the vicinity of Corvallis. Club members will camp out at night and have a well rounded recreational program says Cox. Only boys will be eligible for this tour.

Girls as well as boys will be included in the tour of Tillamook County August 4 and 5 at which time club members will see many of the outstanding dairy herds and fine pastures of that area.

Members of 4-H clubs interested in participating in these tours are asked to contact the county extension office no later than July 23 for inclusion in the plans.

JAP HIDES UNSUITED

Nicks, knife cuts, and accumulated filth are making nearly 75 per cent of all hides marketed in Japan unsuitable for economical production of good leather, the veterinary affairs division of General MacArthur's occupation headquarters has reported.

NATIONAL FARM SAFETY WEEK URGES ACCIDENT PREVENTION

SEVEN FATAL AND 1,305 TIME LOSS MISHAPS MARRED OREGON'S RECORD FOR YEAR OF 1948

National Farm Safety Week, July 24, 30, dedicates itself to the safety of all farm families and farm workers. Farm accident prevention must be a continuing job. Only by a well planned program of removing the causes of accidents can farm people and farm organizations lower the rate of agricultural accidents.

U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics on 1948 agricultural work injuries reports the total number of persons injured on farms in the United States last year was 300,000, of which only 72,000 (24%) were suffered by the "hired" man, the other 227,000 having occurred to farm owners and their families.

Included in the total figure were 4,400 fatal accidents, 400 permanent total disabilities, 15,200 permanent partial disabilities, and 280,000 temporary disabilities which caused loss of working time. The farmer and his family members were the ones who received the largest share of work injuries.

The Oregon State Industrial Accident commission received claims for 7 fatal and 1,305 time loss accidents from workmen injured in farming operations during 1948.

During most of the year outside of harvest season, an approximate average of 11,740 farm workers are insured by this fund. It is estimated that some 300,000 people live on farms in Oregon. Only a small proportion is entitled to compensation in case of accident. A study of the records on deaths and injuries reported by Oregon farm workers for the past five years shows that the number of fatal injuries in relation to the number of lost time injuries remains fairly constant. During that time there has been an average of one death for each 195 time loss injuries.

Out of the total of 1877 claims made to the Industrial Accident Commission, of which 1305 caused loss of time, 19% of the injuries reported were caused by working surfaces, elevations or holes, and 21% of this particular group were from falls, mostly from one level to another. 11% of the injuries were caused by hand tools which were either defective or were not properly used. Another 11% were caused by vehicle, 7% by machinery, and another 7% by animals.

Those portions of the anatomy which received the greatest number of injuries were as follows: 16% occurred to fingers, 11% to the chest area, 11% to backs, 9% to eyes and 8% to hands. 41% of all injuries were strains, sprains or bruises, and 28% were cuts or lacerations.

Purebred Rams And Ewes Open Sale at Albany

Catalogues for the Ninth Annual Willamette Valley Purebred Ram and Ewe Sale to be held in the Linn County Fair 4-H Building at Albany, Oregon on Saturday, August 6, are now available for distribution according to word received from O. E. Mikesell, sale secretary.

The catalogue lists 113 rams and 35 ewes to be sold by Colonel Earl O. Walter, Filer, Idaho. Rams and ewes will be sold in the Romney, Shropshire, Suffolk, Corriedale, Columbia, Hampshire, Lincoln and Southdown breeds. Only rams will be sold in the Cheviot and Dorset breeds.

Catalogues may be secured by writing O. E. Mikesell, Secretary, Willamette Valley Purebred Ram and Ewe Sale, Courthouse, Albany, Oregon.

Fern Poisoning Hits Cattle on Sudden Notice

Fern poisoning is likely to be a problem where cattle are grazing dried-out or overstocked pastures. Having no other forage, they may consume enough ferns to be fatally poisoned.

Veterinarians report that cows usually develop this trouble suddenly, being apparently normal at one milking and very ill the next.

Nearly all affected animals die within one to ten days. If prompt steps are taken to supply an abundance of good forage as soon as the first animals show signs of illness, additional cases may be avoided.

Brucellosis In Cattle Infects Swine As Well

Scientists have disproved a widely held theory that swine do not become infected with "Brucella abortus," the germ usually responsible for brucellosis in cattle.

The belief has been that pigs never contract brucellosis from the cattle germ, although they are known to be highly susceptible to a related germ, "Brucella suis," which commonly causes swine brucellosis.

Proof that pigs can and do become actively infected with the cattle germ was uncovered by University of Chicago scientists in studies of freshly slaughtered hogs at a meat-packing plant.

The infection was found in several different lots of hog carcasses extended over a period of six months.

According to veterinary medical authorities, if further research should prove that "Brucella abortus" is actually widespread in swine—as the Chicago study suggests—the present nation-wide campaign to eradicate bovine brucellosis would have to include both cattle and hogs, instead of cattle only.

This would be particularly true on farms where both cattle and swine are raised, since it would be useless to attempt to clean out the infection in cattle only, while leaving swine to continue spreading the infection.

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French Seed and Grain Men Visit USA



CHICAGO—Witnessing the operation of the latest in American grain testing equipment is this group of French seed and grain experts. Seedburo Equipment company here was host to the Frenchmen as they saw a new American machine demonstrate the seed and grain moisture test in 60 seconds... reducing test time by as much as 90%. Richard Harfat of the seed company is shown pouring the grain. Seated, left to right, are: Georges Delbard, Paris, Martial Serier, French Indo-China, and Pierre Gonet, Arpaion. Standing, left to right, are: Jacques Hémeray, Orleans, Pierre Benoist, Bonnet, Maurice Crétin, Chartreux, and Michel Labbé, Orleans.

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