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Milk Committee Sees Benefits In Daily Fresh Test

"Statewide use of the daily fresh sample milk test would mean dollars in the pocket of every dairyman," Neal Miller, chairman of the milk committee of the Oregon Jersey Cattle Club declared in speaking at the meeting of the Washington County Jersey Cattle Club in Hillsboro Thursday. Miller was pointing out the advantages of the daily fresh sample milk test over the composite test.

Henry Hagg, Keedville, reported on his recent trip to the meeting of the National Federation of Milk Producers, in New York. He told of the battle this group is waging in congress in behalf of the dairymen of the nation. He also stressed the importance of Mr. Miller's remarks on milk testing.

The main order of business of the meeting was balloting for state officers of the Jersey Cattle Club. Fred Knox, Gaston reported on the Junior Jersey Sale being sponsored by the Washington County Jersey Cattle Club and announced that the committee was now accepting consignments of heifers for the sale.

Mancel Melott, Hillsboro, president of the county club announced that the next meeting of the organization will be January 19 in Hillsboro.

After 1948's Postwar Peak Index on Prices Declines

FARM PRICES HIT SKIDS FIRST FOLLOWED BY BREAKS ON WHOLESALE AND CONSUMER LEVELS

Surveys indicate that in 1948 the post war peak in price levels was reached and that since then a steady downward trend, except for minor fluctuations, has shown on farm, wholesale and consumer levels.

Farm prices hit the skids first, showing a steady shrinking since October 1946 in fact. During the first month of the year, the farmer received 51 cents of every dollar spent, with 49% given to marketing charges. For the next two months, his share and marketing expenses were divided 50-50.

Starting in April, the farm producer's share dropped to 49 cents and in June hit a 7-year low at 48 cents. Compare this to the August 1948 share of 53 cents.

In mid-October, farm prices averaged 21% below the peak of January, 1948. In 1946, parity ratio stood at 133. By October, 1949, the ratio had declined to 101.

Farm products at wholesale continued to slump through October to a level nearly 14% below a year earlier. Foods were down 8%. All commodities, other than farm products and foods, were down more than 5% compared to November 1, 1948.

October, nationally, was a month of record breaking egg production, with over 3.7 billion eggs. This represented 7% more than October of last year and is 35% above the previous ten year average.

In Oregon, with a production estimated at 30 million eggs, the trend showed an increase of one million above the low point in September. However, it is two million under October, 1948.

Milk production, world-wide, showed an increase over 1948, by about 4%, a gain over prewar figures of 5%. Feed supplies in western Europe are better, showing a gain there of about 7%, with about 4% more cows than a year ago.

Expected increase in the United States and Canada is seen at about 1%. In practically every country, increased production as per cow has been realized.

During the month of October, milk production on U. S. farms totaled 9 billion pounds, second highest monthly production mark on record. Only in 1945 was this figure slightly exceeded.

However, based on the nation's potential milk users, production was down. The amount of milk produced per capita was 1.94 pounds per day, third smallest for the month in twenty years of record.

The United States production of milk during November set a high record, estimated at 8.4 billion pounds, and is the highest farm production ever recorded for November. It is 4 per cent above a year ago and is 1 per cent above the previous high for November in 1946.

The amount of milk produced in relation to potential milk consumers during November was 1.87 pounds of milk. This compares

with 1.81 pounds a year earlier, and an average for November of 1.94 pounds per person.

For the three coast states, November milk production is above a year ago. Of the other main western dairy states, Utah produced the same as a year ago, while Idaho produced less than last year.

California is the largest milk producing state in the west, and produced 422 million pounds during November. Washington is next and produced 137 million pounds.

Oregon ranks third, with a production of 87 million pounds. Idaho followed with 82 million, and Utah with 46 million pounds.

In comparing milk production per cow in the western states, Oregon has the lowest daily average. Dairyman who report the production of their dairy herds on the first day of each month indicated an average 14.9 pounds of milk per cow for Oregon on December 1. This, however, is up a pound compared to a year ago. California shows the highest production per cow of the western states on December 1, of 18.4 pounds. Washington and Idaho both had the same average of 17.6 pounds. Utah's herds covered by reporters averaged 17.3 pounds.

The highest average milk production per cow as reported by correspondents on December 1 was in the North Atlantic states. There the average was nearly 18.9 pounds. This compares with all the west with an average of 16.6 pounds. The lowest region in the United States is the South Central states where the average production per cow December 1 was 9.3 pounds of milk.

The United States Department of Agriculture announced this month that arrangements have been completed to sell a large amount of government owned dry nonfat milk solids. The sale will be made to the United Nation's International Children's Emergency fund. The dry skim milk is to be used in child feeding programs, which will be carried out principally in Europe.

This sale will reduce present government owned stocks to about 145 million pounds.

State Dep't. Tells 118% Increase In Vets' Loan Taxes

The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs paid 1949-50 property taxes on farm and home properties of 3360 World War II veterans amounting to \$214,171.17, Director William F. Gaarenstroom announced this week. This was a 118 percent increase over taxes paid by the department a year ago, amounting to \$97,973 on about 2000 oan properties.

The property is that on which the veterans' agency holds mortgage as the result of loans of World War II veterans for the acquisition of farms and homes. The department collects taxes monthly from its veteran property holders and in turn pays the tax to the counties annually.

By paying the tax in advance of the Nov. 15 deadline, the department effected a three percent discount amounting to a saving of about \$6600 for the property holders involved, Gaarenstroom said.

Multnomah county received the largest tax payment from the department, amounting to \$79,414. Marion county was next with \$15,231, followed by Clackamas with \$13,113 and Douglas county with \$12,999. Taxes paid to Washington county amounted to \$9,612.56.

When the legislature passed the World War II veterans' loan act in 1945, it authorized the department to collect taxes monthly, along with loan repayments, to relieve veterans of the responsibility of having to pay their own taxes in a yearly lump sum.

The first World War veterans' loan program did not do this, and the result, according to state veterans' officials, was hundreds of tax delinquencies amounting to thousands of dollars, especially during the depression. It can't happen under the present setup, Gaarenstroom said.

4-H Record Enrollment '49 Club Year

CLOTHING AND DAIRY PRODUCTS LIMELIGHT YEARS ACTIVITIES

All records of enrollment and completions of 4-H club work in Washington county were broken in the 1949 club year, reports county extension agents, Miss Faye Nichols and Joe Cox.

Ninety-three per cent of the 1488 club members completed their projects. This is the highest percentage of completions even attained in this county, being well above the state and national level, the county extension agents stated.

The most popular projects were clothing for the girls and dairy for the boys. Four hundred and twenty-seven girls enrolled in five divisions of clothing and 147 club members carried the dairy project. Other projects which club members participated in were: cookery, canning, health, homemaking, knitting, rabbit, poultry, livestock, farm safety, crops, garden, woodwork, leathercraft, rose and flower, forestry, and soil conservation.

Highlights of the year included 4-H summer school, livestock and crop tours, county and state fairs, and National 4-H Club Congress.

One hundred girls and boys attended the ten day 4-H summer school session on the campus of Oregon State college on scholarships provided by business houses, interested organizations, and individuals.

Eighty-eight livestock and crop club members participated in the Willamette Valley and Coast tours.

Six hundred and sixty-five different club members made 798 exhibits at the county fair, and 111 exhibits were made at the state fair. Seventy-three club members participated in contests at the state fair. Seventy-three club members participated in contests at the state fair.

Thirty-four exhibits were displayed at the Pacific International, al.

Patricia Seidler, 9113 S. W. Canyon road, Portland, Eugene Evers, route 2, Forest Grove, and Robert Yungen, route 1, Hillsboro, represented Oregon at the National 4-H Club Congress held in Chicago.

Local leaders of 149 clubs held 1,687 meetings during the year to accomplish this work.

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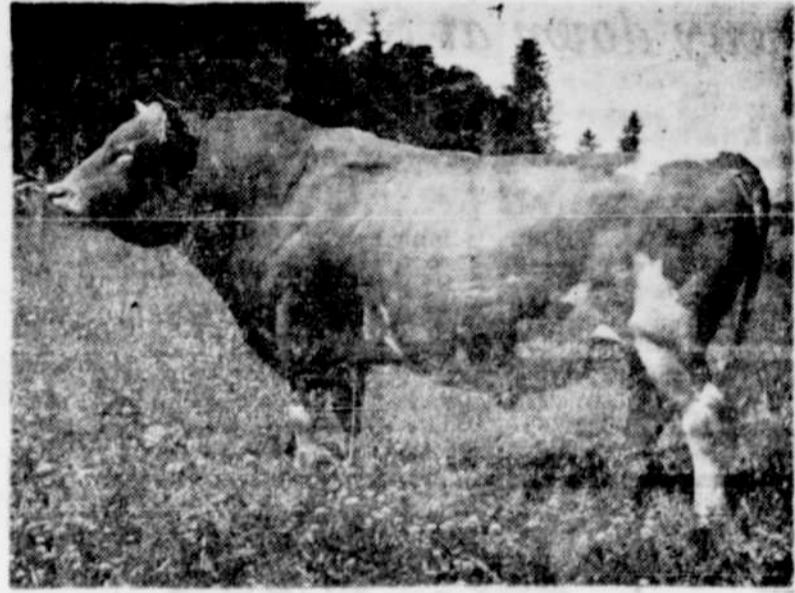
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