

FARM BUREAU NEWS

County Agent Hunt in Morrow County Farm Bureau News.

THE COST OF RAISING EASTERN OREGON WHEAT

Following this the professor in company with W. W. Harrish of Pendleton, Supt. D. E. Stephens of Moro, I. A. Hunt of Heppner, C. C. Hahn of Corvallis and Professor Gunn produced the following figures upon the cost of raising and marketing one acre of wheat under good farming practice.

Flowing	3.00
Harrowing three times at 25c	.75
Weeding 4 times at 50c	2.00
Seeding labor	.75
Cost of seed in field	3.00
Cost of harvesting	5.00
Net of sacks for 20 bu.	1.00
Interest on renters investment 1.00	
10 per cent managerial charge	2.02
Marketing (average distance 10 miles)	3.00
Total costs	\$22.92

The renters share of a 20 bushel crop would be \$13.40 figuring a cost of \$1.66 per bushel for raising a 20 bushel crop and showing that it would require a yield of 17 bushels to simply pay expenses at \$2.00 per bushel.

Are These Figures Correct?
One item is too high—the average yield. If you can farm more cheaply, mail us your figures. Come in and talk it over. Let us stop "kidding" ourselves and face facts. Either we must raise more wheat, put in a more economical system of farming or class ourselves as cheap labor or get more money for the wheat.

Which will you do? Where is that profiteering farmer we read about? Will your records convince the income tax collector that you are not a profiteer?

Records Necessary.
We don't say these figures are absolutely correct but the trouble is the farmers have never been able to submit reliable figures. Business firms can show a cost sheet that must be respected. We CAN make a cost sheet and see that IT IS RESPECTED. Let us do it.

Need for the Home Demonstration Agent.

Some time ago I was much surprised by an article in one of our prominent western farm papers, concerning a branch of instruction, which I think would prove beneficial to the farm women of Morrow county.

I refer to an instructor in dress-making, visiting of the various local organizations, giving expert advice on cutting, fitting and finishing garments for themselves and the young members of the family.

One particular advantage I noticed was the lessons on construction of dress forms. This would be of untold benefit to the farm woman living so far from the feminine neighbor so necessary to the fitting of a dress. If one has doubts of this "necessity," let her intrust to "Friend Husband" the task of fitting the new gown to be worn in pride at the next meeting of the local Farm Bureau. She will then be as enthusiastic as myself in advocating this move which has proven of such worth to women of other localities.

No one needs this assistance more, owing to the remoteness of neighbors. No one deserves this more, and who can afford this bit of helpful assistance better than the wives of Morrow county wheat farmers.

Can we not bring this subject up soon at our local meetings and take such steps as are necessary to further this movement so much to our advantage at these times of high cost of material and labor required to complete a gown worthy of the most faithful of the farm help.

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Livestock improvement: Alfred Anderson.

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Wheat varieties: Theo. Anderson.
Livestock improvement: Tyndal Robison.
Labor: Robert Alstott.
Good roads: Ben Anderson.

MONTHLY EXECUTIVE FARM BUREAU MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Farm Bureau Executive committee was held in the County Agent's office on December 27th, with a very good attendance. Those present were Oscar Keithley, president; C. C. Paine, secretary; committeemen, Ed Rugg, A. Knoblock, Joe Devine, R. W. Turner, Ed Reitmänn, John Wightman, Matt Hughes, F. L. Stevens; visiting farmers and local committeemen, J. H. Imis, George Peck, Roy Campbell. Other visitors other than farmers were William McCall, Judge Campbell, The Heppner Herald and The Gazette-Times. Under the head of unfinished business the committee on constitution and by-laws brought in a report and read and amended constitution which was adopted as amended. The committee on County Fair reported that they had met with a favorable reception from the County Court and that the work with the Farm Bureau committee to further the interest of a County Fair which as soon as suitable grounds could be arranged for would be taken up and brought to a definite head. The County Judge made a good talk regarding the position of the County Court on the Morrow County Fair and assured the Farm Bureau that the Court was in favor of a good Fair, but that the County Court themselves felt that there must be some way of limiting the financial responsibility of the Court in this matter as it was a question whether or not they were legally allowed to spend more money than the budget really called for. Under the head of good roads the County Roadmaster outlined a plan whereby it was hoped that the Farm Bureau would co-operate with the County Roadmaster in getting the very best value for the money spent in road maintenance and new construction and asked that the various local committees appoint representatives in their locality to have charge of the road work and take care of the road repairs in each locality and that he further assured them that he would do everything in his power to co-operate with the farmers in seeing that the roads were kept in good condition. After considerable discussion of local conditions it was decided that the Farm Bureau would co-operate with the County Roadmaster and that the various localities would undertake to appoint delegates to do this work. The County Agent reported the progress made so far in the rabbit campaign and pointed out that over sixteen ounces today had been distributed and that the results so far obtained

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had been satisfactory. Under the head of irrigation the committee on which was headed by Matt Hughes, it was decided that the Farm Bureau co-operate with the City of Heppner as far as possible and right upon the immediate return of the County Agent from Corvallis steps would be taken to survey and measure the available reservoir size to see how much water could be stored and what the approximate cost of the same would be and a definite plan for the improvement of the irrigation systems on Willow and Rhea creeks would be developed. Under the head of spring wheat varieties it was voted that the County Agent purchase a bushel and a half of Biglow wheat from southern Idaho and a bushel and a half of Early Java wheat from Deschutes county to be tried in competitive plots with local spring wheat to see which would do the best and the expense of bringing this wheat into the county to be charged up to the Farm Bureau account. Under the head of Orchard work it was decided that the County Agent be instructed to secure some one from the Willamette Valley to conduct some demonstrations on the best way to prune trees both young and old and the best way in which to eradicate the prevailing San Jose scale in this locality. The chairman of the orchard committee is Mr. John Wightman, and Mr. Wightman will undertake to call a meeting of the interested orchardists at Heppner in the near future at which time this specialist will make his demonstrations and it is also intended that other demonstrations be made in other localities. The idea being that a definite campaign for the eradication of the San Jose scale be carried on vigorously during February and March. After some discussion it was decided that the County Agent be instructed to secure and have painted a proper sign for the Morrow County Farm Bureau to have displayed at the door from the street. There was considerable discussion regarding cultivation methods and as to the best depth of plowing summer fallow. From this there seemed to be a very uniform opinion that somewhere from six to eight inches was a good depth to plow, and steps will be taken to ascertain if deeper plowing produces better results with the unanimous opinion that anything less than six inches is too shallow a plowing for any time of the year. The opinion of everybody concerned that if the ground were plowed before the first of April better results would be had than if plowed later. No further business coming before the meeting it was adjourned to meet on the 4th Saturday in January.

COST OF FARMING— DOES FARMING PAY?

Look These Figures in the Face.
At the Farmers Week conference in Corvallis the following figures were worked out for the Willamette Valley before a roomful of about thirty farmers under the direction of Professor Gunn of the Department of Farm Records.
The plan following was to allow a fair wage for doing the work well. The use of the land including interest and taxes, etc., were covered by allowing 1-3 rent and estimating the cost from the standpoint of the renter.

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Seed Cleaned, 69 bu. at \$1.00	69.00
Treating and delivery	6.00
Twine for harvest	11.00
250 sacks wear and tear at 5c	12.50
Thrashing out of field at 25c per sack	12.50
Use of land 1-3 of 600 bu. at 85c	170.00
Use of machinery	20.00
10 per cent managerial charge	62.40
Total cost of production	\$684.40
Price received for 600 bu. at 85c	510.00
Net Loss	\$174.40

This allows nothing in interest for the money the renter must provide for operating expenses.

You will see upon examination that the only elastic figures here is the 10 per cent managerial charge such as is always figured and the total labor charge of \$286 making a total of \$348 that the renter may have either done himself or have hired. From this he must subtract his loss of \$174 and the interest on the money used say \$20, which leaves him working for less than one half the regular wages paid transient labor.

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