

Farm Activities

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Improving the Wool Clip.

By H. A. LINDGREN, L. S. Folsom, Fisherman.

The second year's figures on wool improvement in the range land of Morrow County have been taken. They are interesting in showing how fleece varies in weight.

In addition to the weights on the breeding band, weights were taken on 400 yearlings from these ewes. The figures show the variation that exists even with the younger sheep. Fleece weights are naturally heavier this year all over the state due to seasonal conditions. In these figures it is shown that the number of low or shorners have decreased over last year and a corresponding increase of sheep showing above 10 lbs. Mr. Sherlock's ewes are highly graded Ramboulets. Carefully selected rams are being used for the same breeding. A similar demonstration is being started on the W. H. Cleveland sheep of Morrow County. The first weights will be taken this week and figures will be published in the next Farm Bureau News.

Numerical Record of Fleece Weights on Not Shorn Sheep, Lakeside, for Two Seasons.

Shearing Date	1923	1924
Total Sheep Shorn	1543	1651
Culling Standard Ewes	7	7.5
Number Shorn	241	170
Number Shorn Above Standard	1304	1481
Total Wool Lbs.	12923.5	16896.2
Average Fleece Wt.	5.3	9.7
Average for Shorn Sheep Above Standard	8.52	10.21
Per Cent Standard	10.2	10.2
Culling	18.7	15.4
Highest Fleece Weight	13.3	15.4
Lightest Fleece Weight	3.3	2.1
Number Shorn 10 lbs. or more	140	463

Number Shearing From	1923	1924
4 to 4.9 lbs.	19	4
5 to 5.9 lbs.	82	14
6 to 6.9 lbs.	182	22
7 to 7.9 lbs.	406	236
8 to 8.9 lbs.	406	423
9 to 9.9 lbs.	116	415
10 to 10.9 lbs.	130	274
11 to 11.9 lbs.	53	120
12 to 12.9 lbs.	14	51
13 to 13.9 lbs.	3	16

YEARLING RECORD.

To show the variation in weights of yearling fleeces, the following figures are of interest: Number of Sheep 423 Average Fleece Weight, lbs. 4.87 Highest Fleece 13.2 Lightest Fleece 4.5 Number Shearing Less than 6 lbs. 15 Number Shearing From: 4 to 4.9 lbs. 15 5 to 5.9 lbs. 55 6 to 6.9 lbs. 182 7 to 7.9 lbs. 406 8 to 8.9 lbs. 406 9 to 9.9 lbs. 116 10 to 10.9 lbs. 130 11 to 11.9 lbs. 53 12 to 12.9 lbs. 14 13 to 13.9 lbs. 3

The statement has been made by many shepherds in regard to culling on fleece weights: "Cut out the old ewes and you get rid of the light shorners." This is undoubtedly true. However, the figures quoted on these yearlings are of interest to show that there is a considerable variation in fleece weights among the younger sheep also. However, it is felt, as stated before, that one should not cull too closely on the first year's performance. It will be noted that the average fleece weight on the ewes is about one and a half pounds heavier the 1924 season than they were during the 1923 season.

The 1924 culling standard was set one half pound heavier than that used in 1923. It is of interest to note that the per cent of cull was reduced from 15.8 to 10.2, comparing the two seasons.

The tag weights were averaged in 1924 and added to fleece weights. This was not done in 1923. The average tag weight was right at two tenths of a pound.

In commenting on this work, Ned Sherlock stated: "I am very much pleased with the showing that is being made by my sheep. I feel that by the end of the five-year period, my average fleece weight will be very materially increased because of this work. At first I thought it would be a hindrance at shearing, but it actually has been a help. No extra men are needed."

Rodent Control Notes.

Rabbit pestening in the north end of the county using the cedar stakes has been giving excellent results for the past six weeks. The stakes are also being used in the Alpine community to some extent, Mike Sepanek reporting that he was killing more rabbits than by using salt.

Another mixing meeting was held in the Irrigan community Sunday, May 4 with ten farmers turning out to get poison and five more sending for poison to be put out around their places.

Over three hundred pounds of squirrel poison have been put out in the Hardman community and D. T. Collier, who is distributing the poison, states: "All I have talked with say that this bait is better than anything that they have tried before."

POISON THOSE POTATO BUGS BY SPRAY OR DUST.

Potato bugs are making their appearance in Morrow County in large numbers at this time and will destroy or at least reduce the yield if they are not controlled. The Colorado Potato Beetle, or Striped Potato Bug is easily poisoned by spraying or sprinkling with lead arsenate mixed at the rate of four pounds to one hundred gallons of water. This can be sprayed on the vines with a small spray pump or by sprinkling with the ordinary sprinkling can. Another method, easier to handle for small patches is to thoroughly mix powdered lead arsenate and air-slacked lime at the rate of one part by weight of lead arsenate to nine parts of air-slacked lime. Put this in a sack and dust it over the vines by shaking the sack. It is much easier to get them when they first come out and are only a few bugs on the vine, than to wait until eggs laid by the bugs are hatched out and the alugs appear.

Numerous reports have been received at the County Agent's office regarding the presence of large numbers of young grasshoppers throughout the southern part of the county. The County Agent has sent for small quantities of three kinds of grass-

Photo Sent Over Telephone Wire



In the first demonstrations this week of sending photographs over long-distance telephone wires, the picture of President Coolidge was transmitted from Cleveland to New York. The telephone company promises regular service of sending pictures in the near future. Also that soon you can step into the nearest long-distance booth and have "Your only one" smile at you as you talk.

hopper poison which will be tried out within the next ten days to get data on the relative cost and effectiveness of the poison. Previous experience indicates that with a nominal cost the damage around alfalfa fields can be cut 50% or 90%. An arsenic bran mash is used which gives effective control when properly mixed and scattered. Arsenic is the most effective grasshopper poison known but is rather slow as the hoppers do not die for from four to five days after taking the bait. There are several effective methods of mixing the poison and it is of interest to get data on the relative costs that the experimental work will be carried on.

Agricultural and Business Situation.

MONTHLY ANALYSIS, MAY 22, 1924.

(Prepared by Research Department, A. F. B. F.)

General price levels are tending downward. Wholesale prices reported by U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics are 7 per cent lower than a year ago. The farm products group declined 1 per cent in this period and the food group 5 per cent.

This year started off with industrial activity at a high point. Steel output was heavy; automobile manufacturing was going strong; railroads were making liberal purchases of equipment; building was holding at record levels.

In all cases named there has now come decline in activity. This start-

Judge's Joke

BE SURE YOU'RE RIGHT THEN GO AHEAD - BUT ALSO BE SURE YOU'RE WRONG BEFORE YOU STOP!



By Arthur Brisbane

Florida—Great Empire to Be.

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Democratic Keynote



Senator Pat Harrison of Mississippi will deliver the keynote speech at the Democratic National Convention in New York June 20th. He was favorite in selection as choice for the temporary, chairmanship.

Most butter substitutes are made from oils shipped in from foreign countries. Much of it comes from Asia and the South Pacific Islands. The work of preparing this oil is mostly done by unclean natives in a very unsanitary manner. If this cheap, low food value, and unclean butter substitute is to be placed in competition with our butter it will mean that our dairy industry will be crippled. Dairying is one of Oregon's best resources. Destroy that and other lines of agriculture will use up the farm endeavors two until thru the dairy cow. That is, some of the land that is now used to raise crops to support the dairy cow will go back to raising wheat, thus increasing the wheat surplus and lowering the price.

The Pure Dairy Products Committee of Oregon, with an office at 1045 Chamber of Commerce Building, Portland, Oregon, is carrying on an Anti-Oleomargin campaign. The public at large is requested to help finance this campaign. Especially the dairymen are expected to donate at the rate of 1¢ for each head of milk cows. Money to help this movement may be sent to the above address, in care of Chester L. Malkey, who especially has charge of this work.

This Week



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Owens Black Gold



Mrs. R. M. Hoots of Oklahoma, owner of the two year old "Black Gold"—the first western-bred horse to win the Historic Kentucky derby in four years.

Labor Conference to Be Called.

A call is being put out by the secretary of the Morrow County Farm Bureau for a labor conference to be held at Moro, Sunday, June 8. Delegates from Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam, Sherman and Wasco counties are being invited to attend with a view to forming a permanent labor committee for these counties to standardize farm wages and assist in the distribution of farm labor throughout the district.

Present indications are that labor will be more plentiful this year than for a number of years past. Mr. W. C. Carpenter, federal director of United States Employment Service of Spokane, says in a recent letter, in part, "Labor is plentiful at present and also quite efficient. The press yesterday had scary headlines about I. W. U. strike, July 1 in the harvest fields, but as you know this is an an-

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FOLKS IN OUR TOWN

Lawyer Peck Evidently Misunderstood

By Edward McCullough



AND WHAT DID YOU DO THEN?

I WALKED STRAIGHT OUT AND CAME TO SEE YOU



WHAT DID HE HAVE TO SAY?

HEA SURE 'ONLY AM HOUR AGO



I ASKED HIM FOR TH' MONEY— THEN HE TOLD ME TO GO TO TH' DEVIL

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try to set the wages as high, and even higher than they could afford. The main thing is to stick to the wages after they are set." Mr. Arthur W. Jones, director of Public Employment Service at Portland, writes as follows: "Replying to your letter of May 10, will state that present indications point to plenty of labor in all lines, and applicants for work are greatly in excess of the jobs offered. We believe that this condition will be continued over a considerable period. We shall appreciate any order you may send."

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Gentry Field

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