

Beef Stock in Oregon up 13 Per Cent Over 1948, Late USDA Count Shows

Inventory holdings of beef cattle, sheep, hogs, and turkeys on Oregon farms and ranches January 1, 1949 were larger than a year ago, while numbers of milk cows, horses, and chickens were smaller, according to the annual livestock report of the Crop Reporting Service. These estimates are based on voluntary reports of producers obtained through the cooperation of the post office department.

The numbers of all dairy stock (milk cows and heifers and heifer calves being kept for milk) declined 1 per cent while beef stock increased 13 per cent. Sheep numbers are up 1 per cent—the first increase in 8 years. Hog numbers are up 12 per cent. Chicken numbers are down 4 per cent from a year ago while turkey numbers are up 65 per cent.

When the number of each of the major livestock and poultry species on hand January 1, 1949 are combined on the basis of their relative economic importance, the overall increase from a year ago is about 6 per cent. Of special interest is that fact that although combined livestock and poultry population has increased in Oregon this past year, it has declined further for the nation as a whole. The national reduction in inventory numbers puts producers in a relatively strong position in relation to feed supplies and the demand for meat from an expanding human population. However, the severe winter in the western and great plains states has disrupted distribution and transportation of feeds as well as lowered the average condition of livestock.

Although most meat animal prices declined toward the end of 1948, the general upward trend during the summer resulted in a record high cash income from the marketing of Oregon livestock and livestock products, as well as higher January 1 inventory values than a year ago. Total 1948 cash income from the marketing of livestock products is estimated at \$180,145,000, an increase of 6 per cent from the previous record in 1947. Higher production costs in 1948 tended to narrow the net returns, however. Production costs this winter have increased further due to the severe weather and unusual snowfalls as well as record high costs of hay.

The January 1, 1949 combined inventory value of livestock and poultry on farms totaled \$187,887,000, a 21 per cent increase from the previous record of a year ago and over twice as great as in 1942. The estimated total value of each of the principal livestock and poultry species on hand January 1, 1949 and per cent change from 1948 is as follows: Cattle and calves \$153,166,000, up 23 per cent; sheep and lambs \$14,382,000, up 19 per cent; hogs \$6,514,000, up 1 per cent; horses \$3,542,000, down 14 per cent; mules \$171,000, down 5 per cent; chickens \$6,332,000, up 3 per cent; and turkeys \$3,780,000, up 112 per cent.

Lincoln, Valentine Days Inspire Party By Willows Grange

By Echo Palmateer

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb. 26—Study meeting of the Topic club at the home of Mrs. B. C. Forsythe.

March 2—Social meeting of Eastern Star at the home of Mrs. William Smethurst at Lexington.

March 3—Ladies Aid and missionary meeting.

March 4—Demonstration on small electrical appliances at the Congregational church at 11:30 a.m. with potluck dinner at noon.

March 5—4-H club girls' meeting to cut out dress.

Feb. 28—Three Links club at the H. O. Ely residence in town with Mrs. Berl Akers and Mrs. Francis Ely as hostesses.

The regular meeting of Willows Grange was held Friday night. It was decided to dispense with their regular dance February 26 on account of the basketball tournament at Echo and have their next dance March 26. Initiation in the 3rd and 4th degrees will be given at the next regular meeting. Other granges having candidates are invited to bring them. The following program was given: Flag salute, Brenda Kay Townsend; America, by all; Gettysburg Speech, by Mrs. Hershall Townsend; vocal solo, Donald Heliker; recitation, Bernita Harris; French minuet by a group; recitation, Linda Halvorsen; games, by all. Mrs. Marion Palmer, Mrs. Hershall Townsend and Mrs. Lewis Halvorsen were hostesses for refreshments. The dining room was decorated in keeping with St. Valentine's day.

Mrs. Ida Coleman was hostess to two 4-H clubs during the past week. The 4-H sewing class met there Saturday. A pattern alteration demonstration was given by Miss Mabel Wilson, home demonstrator, and Mrs. L. A. McCabe, their 4-H leader. The beef club met there Sunday afternoon. Refreshments were served at both meetings.

Several inches of snow fell Friday night. The thawing has caused much damage to roads and the streets. Parts of Second street are closed to check further damage.

Mrs. Clell Rea and son Keith of Stanfield were lone visitors Saturday.

Miss Alice Nicholson of Portland spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Edith Nicholson.

The Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. Della Corson Thursday of last week. Refreshments were served by the hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Troedson of Heppner were also guests of Mrs. Corson that day. Mr. Troedson recently underwent a major operation in a Portland hospital.

The lone Public Library has added the books, "The House of the Swan" by Elizabeth Coatsworth, and "True Zoo Stories" by William Bridges.

The HEC of Willows Grange met at the home of Mrs. Earl McCabe Friday afternoon. The time was spent in making year books and working on tea towels. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Heliker were dinner guests at the Harry Yarnell home Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Swanson entertained Mr. and Mrs. Garland Swanson and family, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Lundell, Mrs. Keith Henderson and Miss Mary Brackett at a dinner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Ray gave a birthday dinner Sunday in honor of John Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Palmateer returned home last week from a trip to Portland, the coast and Canada. They are now at home at the Palmateer ranch near Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Peterson and daughter Phyllis of The Dalles visited relatives here last week. Several from here attended the Elks annual at Heppner Saturday.

E. P. Day, depot agent, has returned from a two weeks' vacation. Mr. Simshaw worked in the depot during his absence.

Several have been ill the past week. Mrs. Clara Kincaid was taken to The Dalles hospital Saturday. George Ely went to Hot Lake Friday for treatment of rheumatism in his knee. Mr. E. S. Stultz, high school teacher and Mrs. Etta Bristow were ill with the flu. Sam Esteb is recovering.

4-H CLUB NEWS

The lone Clothing 4-H club met Saturday afternoon at the home of Joan Coleman, lone, Miss Wilson presented the lesson on comparing the girls' individual body measurements with the dress pattern measurements. She then demonstrated how to make the two coincide by altering the pattern before cutting. She emphasized that this procedure eliminated much of the guesswork in fitting, saved time in constructing the garment, and material when cutting. Six club members altered their patterns that afternoon.

During the business meeting, the girls decided to send a letter to the Morrow County Graingrowers thanking them for sending the 4-H club calendars to each of the 4-H club members this year.

4-H club members feeding steers for market should be sure the calf has a dry place to lie down and grow fat. Cattle cannot do their best if they have to stand around in the mud with no place to lie down and chew their cud. Get busy these warm days now and teach your calf to lead before he gets so big that you cannot handle him.

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from an attack of the flu. Mrs. Ernest Heliker fell and sprained her ankle but is able to be about. Mrs. Fred Ely went to The Dalles one day last week for medical treatment.

One high school defeated Umatilla in a basketball game there February 15. This makes them champions of the Little Wheat League. They were defeated at Pilot Rock Friday night, Feb. 18. The volleyball girls team defeated Condon at Condon one night last week.

Mrs. Edith Odum of Salem is visiting her son Foster at Arlington. Mrs. Odum recently underwent a major operation. She is a former resident of the Morgan community.

Rev. and Mrs. Frank Nichols and boys of Hermiston were lone visitors Tuesday.

NEW BUILDING TECHNIQUES SAVE LABOR AND MATERIALS

The findings of a recent study in housing indicate that by use of improved construction methods it is possible for the conventional home builder to increase his efficiency, resulting in reduced man-hours and minimum wastage of materials. The savings in materials and labor, with no allowance for contractor's overhead or profit, amounted to 10 per cent. The savings in total labor on the job amounted to 21 per cent.

For this study, six houses were built. These were identical in size and plan and varied only in assembly methods and in the

flow of material from the supply yards to the job sites. The "industry-engineered" house is designed to take advantage of savings possible under engineered construction methods. The dimensions of the house are coordinated with dimension of materials so that lumber, wallboard, brick, and concrete blocks, windows and other items fit into the house with a minimum of cutting and fitting. The basic unit of measurement, to which building materials and room dimensions are coordinated, is four inches commonly referred to as the module.

The houses were built in pairs—a frame house and a masonry house made up each pair. In constructing the first pair, conventional methods were used and a record was kept of the time spent. Similar records were kept of the time spent in building the other two pairs of houses which were

built according to improved construction methods. No special tools, mass buying, or mass assembly were tried. All improvements were limited to such techniques as could be practiced by a builder who constructs from one to four houses a year.

Recommended new techniques included the following:

1. Pre-cutting all materials from dimensions taken from complete and accurate framing layout or drawings.
2. Use of the "single-room" technique in which the exterior walls and roof are erected first; the walls, floor and ceilings are finished and the installation of plumbing, heating and wiring is started before the room partitions are put in place.

Are your feet killing you? They might, if you're careless in traffic.

NEW COTTONS EXAMINED

Morrow county homemakers had an opportunity to examine many of the new cotton fabrics on the market this last week at the home demonstration agent's office. Miss Wilson has samples of new Swaggar-ginghams put out by Galey and Lord, textile firm in New York. From Weleke's in St. Louis there were linens, chambrays, crush resistant suiting and butcher linens and gabardines. Weleke's featured unusual denims and chambray with metal stripe in many different colors. There was a quantity of sheer fabrics—voiles, cottons, handkerchief linens, chiffons, and dress worsteds. Many of the homemakers ordered some of these unusual materials and the public will be seeing them exhibited in their garments at the homemaker's festival in April and on the street all summer.

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