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Economists See Dairy Prices Up, Meat Down in '53

Dairy product prices are likely to be higher in 1953, but meat prices will continue down, according to agricultural economists of the Oregon State college extension service.

Milk production may increase a little next year but it is not expected to keep pace with population growth and strong buying power, Economist M. D. Thomas points out in the latest issue of "Oregon Agricultural Situation and Outlook." Copies of the circular may be obtained from the county agents or OSC.

Thomas believes consumers will continue to shift from butter to lower-priced substitutes but will increase their demand for dairy products in fluid form or as cheese. He says these trends are recognized by dairymen who are adjusting to changing market demands by shifting from fat to milk production.

The Outlook notes that a record supply of beef is now on its way to market and should keep coming in larger amounts at lower prices for several years. Cattle and calf slaughter in another three to five years should be 40 percent greater than this year's kill.

However, beef prices, in the long run, will depend largely on employment and consumer income, according to the economist. "Consumers have shown that they would pay high prices for beef when they have jobs and are working hard," Thomas says.

The OSC specialists believe a farm flock of sheep offer better promise for using native pasture and other cheap forage than do cattle. High cost of labor is continuing as a serious obstacle to range sheep.

Wool supports will continue in 1953 near the year's level with little change in prices to growers, barring increased military activity.

Pork production is expected to decline in 1953, but increased beef supplies and weak demand for lard will tend to keep hog prices from rising.

1953 Scholarship Program Announced By Truck Company

PORTLAND—High school seniors in eleven states are eligible to compete for ten \$500 college scholarships under the Consolidated Freightways 1953 scholarship and grant-in-aid program, the firm's scholarship committee has announced.

Students of every secondary school located in a community Consolidated is authorized to serve in interstate commerce are eligible. One scholarship will go to a student from each of the states of California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois. Utah and Nevada are also eligible, but will compete for a single scholarship.

Winners may attend any accredited college located in one of the above states. If the institution chosen by a winner is not tax supported, Consolidated will also give a \$250 grant-in-aid to the school. If funds reserved for these grants are not expended, additional scholarship winners will be named from among the candidates at large.

Selection is based on scholastic ability and achievement, activity record and character. An impartial Scholarship Board composed of leaders of business, industry and education will name the winners.

Consolidated launched the scholarship program last year "to make an appropriate contribution to the future of this great area by assisting young people to secure educational preparation for civic and business leadership," and as "a continuing evidence of our appreciation, both to our customers and to the general public of the area we serve," according to the official announcement signed by Leland James, president of the company.

Included in the list of schools from which students will be eligible are Heppner, Boardman and Irrigon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hughes and son, Billy left Wednesday for Portland where they will spend Christmas with relatives. They drove to Arlington with Mrs. Clara B. Gertson and took the train from there.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson and daughter will spend the holidays with friends in Seattle, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dobbie and family will leave this week for Chinook, Montana to spend the holidays with relatives.

Second Attempt Made to Decorate Downtown Streets

Downtown Heppner streets took on more of a Christmas look over the weekend as some of the new decorations purchased this year by the chamber of commerce merchant's committee found their way up power poles Saturday.

It was the second attempt made by the group to make Heppner bright for the holidays—the first try was lost to a heavy wind the day after they were put up. The company manufacturing the bright tinsel strings guaranteed them to withstand the breeze and sent new ones to replace those lost. Transportation delays, due to the heavy Christmas freight however, delayed their arrival until late last week.

Not all of the decorations were installed, and probably will not be due to the lateness of the season, but will be kept new until next year.

The Committee ran into additional difficulties too, when the heavy snow fell the day the group chose to hang the decorations, and the most important men of the crew, power and telephone company linemen and pole climbers, were called out of town to repair utility facilities. Harry Bell, telephone company serviceman, however found time to give the crew a couple of hours assistance.

Rev. J. Gilliam Called East

Rev. Jackson E. Gilliam, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gilliam of Heppner, has been called to St. Mark's cathedral in Minneapolis, Minn. where he will be canon of education and work with the young people's group.

Reverend Gilliam has been rector of the St. John's Parish in Hermiston since July 1949 when he was ordained as a priest at All Saints church in Heppner. During this period the Hermiston church was changed from a mission to a parish and a new church and rectory were constructed.

A graduate of the Heppner schools, Reverend Gilliam received his degree from Virginia Wesleyan College in Alexandria, Va., Episcopal seminary.

Rev. and Mrs. Gilliam and family will leave the first part of February for Minneapolis where he will assume his duties February 15.

Christmas Party Held At American Legion

An impromptu Christmas program and a visit from Santa Claus was enjoyed by children of American Legion and Auxiliary members at a party held Monday evening at the Legion hall.

Over \$140 has been collected locally for Gifts for Yanks in the current state drive by the Legion and Auxiliary. Mrs. Bill Labhart Auxiliary president, reported. The Heppner Elks lodge donated \$100 for the fund.

Funds have also been coming in for the "Crusade for Freedom" with the Elks donating \$25. These funds are for Radio Free Europe to combat Communism.

OIL FURNACE CALLS FIREMEN

Heppner firemen were called to the Dr. W. H. Wolff residence and office building shortly after noon Monday to extinguish a fire burning in the outer jacket of an oil furnace. The furnace had become overloaded with fuel which ran out of the firebox and ignited. There was no damage but considerable smoke.

SCHOOL PROGRAM CANCELLED

Because of the bad roads in the Hardman area, the grade school cancelled its Christmas program Monday evening.

HOSPITAL NEWS

New Arrivals—To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gaarsland, Ione, a 6 lb. 5 oz. boy born Dec. 19 named Joseph Melvin. To Mr. and Mrs. Layton Tripp, Kinzua, a 7 lb. boy born Dec. 18, named Steven Wiley. To Mr. and Mrs. Donald Vandervort a 7 lb. 12 oz. boy born Dec. 21, named Donald Ray, Jr.

Medical—H. E. Vinson, Ione; Frank Rasmus, Heppner; Edna Bloom, Lexington, dismissed; Mrs. Helen Shannon, Condon, dismissed; Linda Slagle, Fossil.

Minor Surgery—Mrs. Delores Rowell, Ione, dismissed; Douglas Dubuque, Monument, dismissed; Joan Wright, Heppner; Nancy Eberhardt, Heppner.

Major Surgery—Laurel Wilson, Heppner, dismissed; Ralph Marlatt, Heppner.

Out-patients—Scott Furlong, Heppner; Mrs. Sara Adkins, Heppner.



ABOUT OVER—Heppner's post office employees, along with those of the rest of the nation, will heave a sigh of relief when Santa finally gets here and things return to normal. The local office handled a record amount of mail and parcel post this year. Shown are James Driscoll, postmaster in foreground; Floyd Sayers, Elbert Cox (nearly hidden) and Mrs. Driscoll. Other employees were too busy at the windows to bother with pictures. (GT Photo)

Poll On School Building Lags

Only 217 cards of nearly 900 mailed out for a poll on school construction for District No. 1 have been returned to date. Leonard L. Pate, school superintendent, reported Monday.

Of this number 143 voters favor Plan B which calls for construction of a new elementary school, enlarging of the gym and remodeling the present school building at a cost of nearly \$371,000.

A total of 39 favored Plan A which includes a new elementary school and expanding the gym for \$300,000. Twenty-eight voters suggested other plans and seven people voted against any change.

We would like to have everyone return their cards so that we might get a true picture of how the voters feel about the building program, Pate said.

Mrs. Eddie Gunderson left last week for San Diego, Calif., where she will spend the holidays with her husband who is in the service.

Post Office Receipts Show Gain For Year

Post office receipts have increased approximately 15% throughout the year, James Driscoll, postmaster, reported today. Receipts for 1951 were \$18,788.20 and receipts for 1952 to date total \$21,900.00.

This increase is a continuation of a steady upswing since 1938 when the total receipts were \$9000.00.

Christmas mailing has spread over a longer period this year. This lessening congestion is greatly appreciated by postoffice personnel, Driscoll said.

Outgoing Christmas mail is beginning to slacken but incoming mail will continue heavy until a day or two after Christmas.

FLOOR FURNACE BLAZE CALLS FIREMEN

An overheated floor furnace at the home of Mrs. Grace Nickerson did a small amount of damage Tuesday afternoon. Heppner firemen answered the alarm shortly after 3 o'clock.

Penland Named New Chamber of Commerce Head

New officers to serve for the coming year were elected Monday by the directors of the Heppner-Morrow County chamber of commerce with Robert Penland, publisher of the Heppner Gazette Times named president to succeed county judge Garnet Garratt who will complete his term at the end of the year.

Other new officers who will take over duties January 1 are Jeff Carter, J. C. Penney manager, first vice president; Wayne West, Umatilla National Forest supervisor, second vice president; Rev. Earl Soward, secretary; and J. Palmer Sorlien, assistant secretary. Frank Turner was reelected to another term as treasurer.

Officers are chosen by members of the board of directors and in most cases are selected from the group. A week ago the membership elected five members to two-year-terms on the board. The ten man board includes C. W. Rosewall, Harvey Wilhite, Roy Quackebush, Howard Bryant, Dr. E. K. Schaffitz, Jeff Carter, Leslie Grant, Wayne West, Mary Van Stevens and Robert Penland.

The organization has grown considerably during the past year and now has a membership of nearly 50 persons.

Testing of New Well To Continue

Testing will be continued at the new Heppner city well following repair of a new motor recently purchased to operate the pump.

The motor failed after pumping for about 30 hours and had to be returned to Portland for repairs. After its return, the well will be tested for approximately a week before a sample will be sent to laboratories for a purity check.

None of the water has yet been turned into the city system.

Rain and Snow Boost Wheat Crop Prospects

Ranchers are rejoicing over the current snow and rain storms some distance below Cecil, but which have dropped about five inches of snow with moisture content varying from one half to 71 inches over the county.

A Monday morning measurement by Len Gilliam at Heppner showed .66 inches of moisture since the snow storm. Ray Dolven reported a half inch of water content on the Swaggart ranch north of Heppner.

In the Gooseberry section Leonard Carlson reported .71 inches of rain and snow since Friday. Of this .10 of an inch fell on Friday and .42 inches Saturday; .14 inches Sunday and .05 until noon on Monday. A total of 3.42 inches has fallen in the Gooseberry area during December, which is only .20 of an inch less than the total for December last year.

Approximately 8 1/2 inches of rain and snow has fallen in the Upper Rhea creek with most of the snow remaining on the ground, it was reported.

At least 50 percent of the wheat which was felt was gone may recover and grow with the recent moisture and the snow which is melting into the frozen ground, Nelson Anderson, Morrow County Agent, stated.

"If moisture conditions remain favorable and a hard freeze doesn't interfere, reseeding in the spring will be much smaller than was expected," Anderson added.

Most of the moisture extended

through the wheat belt and for the other forecasts a dry period. Roads throughout the county are reported in good condition except for ungraveled roads which are quite muddy. The grader has been working at Boardman and Irrigon and the main highway is dry below Ione.

Professional forecasters contradict each other on the weather for January, Anderson said. One predicts warm, wet weather while the other forecasts a dry period.

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March Of Dimes To Open Jan. 2

All the materials for the March of Dimes Drive to combat polio have been received and will be in the mail January 2, Mrs. Olive Hughes, Morrow County chairman said today.

All city chairman, composed of Morrow County postmasters, Mrs. Jack Loyd, women's activities chairman, and Leslie Grant, school chairman, have appointed their committees. In the rural areas committees have been appointed in the Granges, Mrs. Hughes said.

The schools will use the cards as in the past, Grant said. Some schools have scheduled special benefit programs and contests in the high schools. A special Mothers March is slated for the last day of the drive, January 31.

City chairman includes James Driscoll, chairman and Hubert Wilson, assistant chairman, of Heppner; Mrs. Martin Bauernfiend, Morgan Mrs. Emma Breeshears, Lexington; Mrs. Ruby Roberts, Ione; Mrs. Florence Root, Boardman; Mrs. Stella Poulsen, Irrigon; Mrs. H. C. Lesley, Hardman; and Mrs. Frederick McClintock, Cecil.

Heppner Five Bows To Arlington 34-27

Heppner High School Mustangs lost to the Arlington Honkers 34-27 in a low scoring Big Wheat League contest at Arlington Friday.

The Mustangs played a good game defensively, holding the Honkers to 34 points, but just couldn't seem to hit the hoop.

The Honkers jumped into the lead 9-4 at the end of the first quarter, and held a 17-11 lead at the half. The Mustangs pulled within 4 points of them, 24-20 at the end of the third quarter, but the Honkers lengthened the margin to 34-27 as the game ended.

High point man for the Mustangs was Jerry Haguewood with nine points, while Rich Sherrill led all Arlington scorers with eleven.

The "B" squad downed Arlington 32-10, in a game in which Arlington made no field goals.

Saturday night the Lexington varsity defeated the Mustangs "B" squad 42-41 after leading 25-12 at the half. Larry Groves of Lexington led all scorers with 18 points, while Jim Hayes canned 16 for all the Mustangs.

The Mustangs have their first home game on Friday, Jan. 2, when they entertain the Echo Cougars in a Cayuse Conference game. Then Saturday they travel to Ione to meet the Cardinals.

SENIORS HOLD CHRISTMAS DANCE

The Heppner High school seniors held a Christmas party and dance in the Episcopal Parish hall Monday evening. Special guests were students who graduated last year.

Billie Jean Privett was chairman of the event. Music was furnished by Mrs. Clive Huston, piano, and George Terill, violin.

SELECTIVE SERVICE OFFICE CLOSED

The Selective Service office in Condon will be closed on Friday December 26 and also on Friday January 2, as will all Selective Service offices in Oregon.

DON GILLIAM GRADUATES FROM OSC

Don Gilliam, son of Len Gilliam, graduated in the School of Forestry from Oregon State college at mid-term. He is at home visiting over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Pfeiffer of Seattle are spending the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Orville Smith and family, and their son, John Pfeiffer and family.



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Merry Christmas