

From The County Agent's Office

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Spring applications of nitrogen, phosphorous and sulfur were applied to two of the wheat fertilizer experiments in Morrow county, last week. Applications along with soil sampling for moisture and nitrogen content was discontinued due to frozen ground and snow flurries. They will be finished as soon as the weather clears up.

Applications of 20 and 40 pounds of nitrogen in combination with 50 pounds of phosphorous and 50 pounds of sulfur are being applied to 16 plots in each of the nine experiments in Morrow county. The experimental plots are located this year at the Frank Parker, Kenneth Batty, Frank Anderson, Nelson Bros., H. G. Campbell, Raymond Lundell, Dee Cox, L. L. Howton, and Ralph Crum farms. Nitrogen and soil moisture tests are being taken to correlate the amount of nitro-

gen and moisture this spring with that of last fall at the time of application. Moisture and nitrogen will be taken at harvest time to determine the amount of nitrogen that was taken from the soil, as well as that that was furnished through commercial fertilizer to produce the various yields expected.

Oscar Peterson and Henry Baker, South Lone farmers, are two of the more recent farmers to add shelter and beauty to their farmsteads by planting trees. Henry Baker has a two row windbreak, using Austrian pine as the main planting, with Caragana as the ground windbreak. Oscar Peterson has planted Austrian pines between each of his Chinese elm trees that are growing old and will need to be removed as the pines develop and take over for the purpose for which they were

set out. Interest has not been as high this spring for windbreak plantings as in the past. However, with the few that will be added this year to our ever growing list, many farms are becoming better sheltered by plantings.

According to the last weekly grain market reviews, Oregon wheat farmers have put large quantities of wheat under the 1953 price support loan program. A total of nearly 21,000,000 or 60% of the 1953 wheat crop is under loan. This is 109% larger than a year ago. In Washington, the increase is 122% over 1952. Nationally, the total holdings of wheat under the price support program is at a record high, with 594,000,000 bushels under loan.

The U. S. D. A. announced this week that farmers could re-sell farm stored grain and that the storage payment would be in line with the 1954 uniform grain storage agreement rates. On the other hand, exports of wheat from the Port of Portland so far this season have totalled nearly 11.3 million bushels. This is down 34% from the same period a year ago. Exports from the Pacific Coast ports so far this season have totalled 32% of the national exports.

Morrow county ranchers who have been doing such a good job of cleaning up Brucellosis in their herds during the past few years are economically one step ahead of those that have been slow in accepting the practice throughout Oregon. This statement is made considering the fact that word has just been received that the current proposed budget of the federal government does not contain any provisions for participation by the federal government in payment of indemnities to owners of animals infected with Brucellosis and Tuberculosis. During the last fiscal year, July 1, 1952 thru June 30, 1953, approximately \$33,000 was expended by the federal government in Oregon in matching sums provided by state law for the payment of indemnities. At the start of the present fiscal year, a reduction was made in the federal budget which reduced the payment of indemnities 57%. This cut was from \$16 to \$9 from the federal government for grade animals, and \$18 in the case of purebreds. State and county have each provided \$8 for grades and \$12 in the case of purebreds.

Several organizations of national scope, are protesting the deletion of these funds from the federal budget. Word from the State Department of Agriculture recently indicates that whether or not they are successful, state indemnities in the amount provided for by law will be continued to be paid until the legislature should see fit to change the procedures currently outlined in our law.

Those who have cleaned up their herds of these diseases under the past indemnities appear to be one step ahead if this proposed budget is approved without providing continuing indemnities.

Recent word from the Agricultural Economics Department at Oregon State College, indicates that the purchasing power of farm products lost some more ground during the month ending February 15. Prices received by farmers dropped, but prices paid stayed the same. With these lower farm prices and no change in farm costs, the parity ratio has dropped to 91 on February 15, a point below January 15 and three points below a year ago. Prices paid by farmers as measured by this parity index are now higher than they were a year ago. There are only five major commodities that stayed above parity list. These were hogs at 122% of parity; apples for fresh use, 116%; eggs 112%; lemons 106%; and soy beans 105%. With these facts staring our farmers in the face, it might be well to think of some of the pointers in making farm adjustments in 1954, that were pointed out by Dr. Blanch of the Agricultural Economics Department at Oregon State College, who spoke before the Boardman Soil Conservation District Annual meeting last month. He stressed the need for more efficient farm management if a high standard of living and income were to be received by our farmers. Stressing ways to do this, increasing the price per unit on what the farmer had to sell, such things as taking advantage of seasonal prices, advantage of new markets, increasing quality without cost, cutting down unnecessary

CONSERVATION REPORT SHOWS MUCH PROGRESS BEING MADE IN COUNTY

A total of 787 acres of strip cropping was established in the Heppner Soil Conservation district during February according to the progress report presented at the monthly meeting of the district supervisors held Monday night at the county agent's office.

New farm plans were completed on the ranches of Don Peterson, Ione, 1,120 acres; Verner Truedson, Ione, 2,000 acres; C. A. Marquardt and son, Lexington, 6,794 acres and Barnett and Parker, Lexington, 1,834 acres. Conservation surveys were completed on 4,022 acres in January and 7,244 acres in February bringing the total of conservation surveys to 679,036 acres in the district.

Wheat acreage in Morrow county has exactly doubled from 1939 to 1954. Gordon Hood, state extension agent, Corvallis, said in reviewing the livestock and crop trends in the county. Hood stated that 166,000 acres are now in wheat production in the county compared to 83,000 acres in 1939, showing that a lot of land that was considered unsuitable for farming is now being tilled and

expenses and more care and repairs to machinery instead of buying new, were some of the things that were important in receiving more income.

ber of the state committee, gave additional information on the meetings with supervisors which are being held throughout the state.

Officers re-elected to serve for the coming year include Charles Carlson, Ione, chairman; John Wightman, Heppner, vice chairman; Raymond Lundell, Ione treasurer and Anderson, secretary. Rudy Mayko, Pendleton, district conservationist, was present for the meeting.

Additional conservation practices performed in the district last month include 31 acres of land leveling, staking of 11,000 feet of irrigation ditches, 600 feet of stream channel alignment and 110 acres of grass legume seedings.

Mr. and Mrs. William Barratt were in Corvallis during the weekend to attend the NCAA basketball playoffs. While there they visited Mr. and Mrs. James Barratt.

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