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From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

As calf weaning time draws near, there is considerable discussion by livestockmen in wintering over calves to utilize grass next year to be sold as yearlings. Then too, there are a few who are talking about feeding out their calves for the fat market.

For those who want to winter their weaners, expecting their big gain from grass pasture, might use one of several methods in carrying them through. First, a ration of legume hay; legume hay and silage and three to four pounds of grain and oil meal, ten to one mixture, are suggestions. A gain of approximately a pound a day can be expected with the first two rations, and a gain of approximately one pound and a half per day for the latter. Silage for those who have it is full fed in all instances and legume hay limited to a pound per hundred weight daily, except in the first ration where it is full fed.

Generally speaking more gains from grass can be expected from cattle making from one half to one pound of gain per day in a winter period. However, if cattle are to be grain fed on grass or dry lotted, additional gain in winter may be justified.

Some are considering the possibility of self-feeding these calves and regulating the amount they eat through loose salt mixed grain, grain or meals. This will control the amount of supplements, that beef cattle will eat and has been accepted as a labor saving practice. Supplements such as cottonseed meal, grain or mixtures of meal and grain can be put out this way weekly instead of every day. The required portion of salt to meal or grain varies with age and weight of animal, with the quality and quantity of other available feed, and with the length of feeding period. Research shows that larger, older animals can take more salt. Cattle on good range or hay can be expected to take less of the salt-meal mixture, and cattle seem to be able to take more salt after being on a salt-meal mixture for a while.

Things to remember concerning salt meal or salt grain mixtures are that thorough mixing and plenty of water available for the stock at all times is a must.

Even though barley did not turn out to be the drug on the market that many of us expected a year ago, there is quite an amount of it that will be fed out this winter. With the exception of growing rations where barley is used to a limited extent, it will be used mostly in rations for fattening. When barley is used as the only grain in a fattening ration, and a legume hay as the only roughage, bloat often results. There are many ways to get around this difficulty, depending upon availability and cost of other feeds that can be used in the ration to provide variety. Substituting the grass hay for half the alfalfa or using oats or beet pulp in addition to the

barley often is successful in eliminating bloat in fattening rations. Where silage is available, it is helpful in cutting down digestive upsets.

Several suggested rations are given for various uses. First, for fattening calves weighing up to 600 pounds, a mixture of six pounds barley, two pounds oats or beet pulp, four pounds alfalfa hay, four pounds grass or grain hay, and one half pound oilmeal supplement makes a good daily feed. Heavier yearling steers can be fed six pounds barley, four pounds wheat, mixed feed or wheat middlings, two pounds legume hay, four pounds straw, and 15 pounds peavine silage. Where a barley-wheat mixture is available, this can be used the same as straight barley, giving a little better ration. There are many possibilities of variance from these suggested rations. If any of you have questions, I would be glad to discuss them with you.

The executive committee of the Morrow County Wheat Growers Association, meeting last Thursday evening, agreed on Saturday, October 30, as the date for their fall meeting. At this time, the various committees will make their recommendations that will be taken to the annual meeting of the Oregon Wheat Growers Association, which this year will be held at Portland.

Adding to the committees of Wheat Disposal and Market Development, Federal Agricultural Programs, Taxation and Legislation, Production and Land Use, and Youth Activities, will be a new Home Economics Committee. This committee is established to work with the home economist which the Oregon Wheat Growers League hired this past winter.

Notices will be sent out to all wheatgrowers inviting them to attend the fall meeting. The committee looks forward to a large attendance this year.

No doubt all are aware of the fact that the 1954 census of agriculture will be taken in October and November of this year. The actual census will get under way here shortly after mid-October. The 1954 census of agriculture will bring up-to-date the books regarding farms, farm resources, farm production and farm products. This year's census is the sixteenth in the nations history. The purpose of the 1954 census of agriculture is to tell us what we have, how many farms we have, how much land is in these farms, how this land is used, and how much of each crop and livestock products is produced in a year, how many of each kind of livestock and poultry are on the farms, how many and what kinds of farm machinery are on our farms, how many persons work on our farms, how much our hired farm worker is paid and how many hours they work, how much do farmers spend for such as television, piped running water,

telephones, etc.

A week before the census starts, a copy of the farm census questionnaire will be mailed to every boxholder on rural routes and in small towns. Farmers are being asked to fill out this questionnaire and have it ready when the census taker calls. The cooperation of the farmer is essential for a successful census. We hope our Morrow county farmers will have their questionnaire ready when the census taker comes.

This is National Fire Prevention Week. We hope that all of our farm and townspeople have taken steps towards making their homes and farms safe from fire. The 1954 slogan is "Let's Grow Up, Not Burn Up." In observing this week, it might be important to point out that there is a need for such observance. Last year there were 11,303 home fires in Oregon. Causes of these were careless smoking and matches, 32%; stoves, furnaces, flues, overheated or defective, 22%; hot grease and oils, 15%; hot metals, sparks from friction and combustion and explosions, 10%; hot ashes and open fires, 8%; electricity and defective wiring, 7%; sparks on roof, open lights, exposure to nearby petroleum and its products, rubbish, litter and spontaneous combustion, 6%. These hazards can be removed in many cases by just a little checking. The main thing is to be prepared if a fire starts. A minimum of fire fighting equipment for your farm should include an adequate supply of water available at any season of the year for the use of fire trucks and portable pumps; approved fire extinguishers conveniently placed near all hazardous locations such as the barn, machine shed and storage tanks of gasoline and kerosine. (Of course fire extinguishers are of no value unless they are kept in operable condition and you know how to use them); garden hose or filled water barrels and buckets strategically located; safe ladders long enough for rescue purposes and to reach the highest farmable roof top; a back pack pump; fire swatter, wet brooms, or wet burlap bags to fight fires.

The agent will be out of Morrow county during the week of October 10. He leaves on the 9th for Salt Lake City to attend the National Association of County Agricultural Agents. This is the 39th Annual Convention. It will be held at the Hotel Utah, October 10th through 14th. Seventeen county extension agents from Oregon will be among an estimated 750 county agents from all over the United States.

Secretary of Agriculture, Ezra Taft Benson will be the key speaker of the five day event. He has accepted a bid from his native state to speak on a policy subject not yet assigned. Other speakers during the meeting will include C. M. Ferguson, Federal Director of Extension Service; Walter Garber, manager of the Agricultural Department of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce; Henry Aldous Dixon, president of Utah State College; E. R. Theophilus, president of the University of Idaho; and Carl Frischnecht,

Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc.

LICENSED AND BONDED ELEVATORS UNDER

U. S. GOVERNMENT SUPERVISION

Lexington, Oregon

Balance Sheet

MAY 31, 1954

Assets

Current Assets	\$155,487.83
Memberships Receivable	2,942.05
Fixed Assets	
(After Depreciation)	728,592.27
Investments	68,519.36
Prepaid Expenses	2,930.78
Total Assets	\$958,472.29

Liabilities

Current Liabilities	\$ 21,712.80
Other Liabilities	509.56
Long-Term Liabilities	266,200.00
Ownership Certificates	144,715.90
Total Liabilities	\$433,138.26
Net Worth	\$525,334.03
Total Liabilities and Net Worth	\$958,472.29

Current assets consist mostly of cash or obligations of the U. S. Government for storage and handling services. Your Association has about seven dollars in current assets for each one dollar of current obligations. Total assets exceed total liabilities of \$670,000.00 and exceed both liabilities and ownership certificates by over \$525,000.00. Where have you seen a sounder balance sheet?

Come to the Annual Meeting Nov. 8

It will be held in the Lexington Grange hall beginning at 10 a. m. Lunch will be served free at noon. Amendments to the by-laws providing death benefits by partial payment of capital reserve certificates will be acted upon. In addition three regular and seven associate directors are to be elected. This is to be an extremely important meeting. You, as a patron, are a part owner of this organization and owe it to yourself to attend.

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AL LAMB, MANAGER

STAR THEATER, Heppner

During September, Sunday Shows start at 4:00 p. m. All other Evenings at 7:30
Boxoffice open until 9:00. Phone 6-9278.

Thursday-Friday-Saturday, Oct. 7-8-9

THE NEBRASKAN

Roofin', tootin', shootin' Technicolor western with Phil Carey, Roberta Haynes, Wally Ford.

SEA OF LOST SHIPS

Walter Brennan, Barton MacLane, John Derek, Wanda Hendrix. The U. S. Coast Guard and the international ice patrol.

SPECIAL ADDED ATTRACTION

MARCIANO-CHARLES FIGHT

Sunday-Monday, Oct. 10-11

THE MAGNIFICENT OBSESSION

Jane Wyman, Rock Hudson, Barbara Rush, Agnes Moorehead, Otto Kruger. From Lloyd C. Douglas' great novel comes a magnificent motion picture. In Technicolor. Sunday shows at 4, 6:25 and 8:50

Tuesday-Wednesday, Oct. 12-13

RIOT IN CELL BLOCK 11

Realistic, impressive drama masterfully produced within the walls of California's maximum security Folsom Prison. Among the many excellent actors, some professional, some genuine guards and state police, are Neville Brand (riot leader in Stalag 17) and Emile Meyer (leader of cattlemen in Shane).