

Farm Outlook Shows Some Hopeful Signs, Economist Says

The farm market outlook is still far from rosy red, but a little more sun is shining through, reports Marion Thomas, extension agricultural economist at Oregon State college.

Crops have been good this year, he says, and incomes, including government payments, are up some from last year's lows. Costs are also increasing, but on the average, not quite as much as prices received.

Marketings of farm products seems likely to continue heavy for large storage stocks and from this year's big output of crops and livestock. But along in 1957, marketings may decline some as effects of the soil bank are felt.

Thomas thinks. Government payments will take up much of the income slack, however.

Meanwhile, Thomas reports farm debts and farmer use of credit have continued to grow. This may slow up as the tighter money supply and higher rates are felt through. Thomas says farm markets would be hurt if the tighter money policy slows off-farm activity and leads to fewer jobs.

Commodity-wise, the farm outlook is still spotty. Cattle and hog prices aren't likely to go as low this fall as last, Thomas believes, and there's less reason to rush the market this year. The peak of the hog slaughter seems likely to come earlier this fall than last, he explained. Beef marketings are also likely to be less bunched this winter.

Milk is also bringing more

money now with government programs helping to maintain prices a year ago.

Wheat, barley and oats are higher priced than a year ago and aren't likely to be much lower next year. The national supply of feed grains and concentrates is expected to total practically the same as last season's record amount, with supplies per animal a little larger. Even so, prices are up some due mainly to higher supports, Thomas says.

Feed grain production in Oregon will probably continue large in 1957, since soil bank regulations permit barley and other feed grains on land held out of wheat in summer fallow areas. A small wheat crop is in prospect next year though, Thomas says, because Uncle Sam's "acreage reserve" contracts look good to many wheat growers.

Supplies of hairy vetch and crimson clover seed are well below average and prices next summer seem likely to be above average, despite recent weakness in the cover crop seed market. Thomas also reports that price on fine fescues and alsike clover seeds were sent skyrocketing by shorter crops in Canada and Europe as well as in the U. S.

Oregon's ryegrass growers haven't been so fortunate, however. Large stocks of perennial ryegrass seed are being carried over and odds are that prices will be lower next year unless production is cut, the economist says. Lower prices for perennial rye-

Lexington News

Mr. and Mrs. Morris McCarl and daughter motored to Redmond over the weekend taking Adeline McCarl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Myron McCarl to her home after a few weeks visit in Lexington.

Mrs. Nora Shaw of Salem and Mrs. Cassie Shaw of Heppner were visitors at the Frances McMillan home one day last week.

Miss Paula Barak was a visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barak from her school St. Paul's academy in Walla Walla.

Freshman initiation was held on Wednesday with the freshmen being dressed crazily and having to do entertaining things for the school. This was followed on

Friday night with a party at the school house at which time games were enjoyed as well as some dancing. Refreshments were served.

Guests at the Earl Warner home on Sunday were the following brothers of Mr. Warner. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Warner, and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Warner and Mrs. Warner's mother, all of Walla Walla.

4-H Club News

IONE JOLLY CHEFS

A group of girls met Saturday, October 27 at the E. M. Baker home for the purpose of organizing 4-H clubs.

Cooking II and III will be combined in one club with Mrs. Baker as leader. Officers elected include Dianna Pettyjohn, president; Linda Halvorsen, vice president; Arleta McCabe, secretary; treasurer; Marilyn Morgan, news reporter; and Kathy Rea, song leader. Other girls in the club include Sherry Corley, Sandra Eubanks and Mary Jo Morrison.

Mrs. Baker served refreshments of hot cocoa, cinnamon rolls and brownies.

Our next meeting is tentatively set for November 10.

Marilyn Morgan, news reporter

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grass may give alta and other forage grasses tough competition in the nation's seed stores.

Late potatoes are in a fairly good position with marketing agreements and diversion programs helping to bring satisfactory returns to most Oregon growers, but high prices in July and August this year set the stage for a big rush into summer crop potatoes next year, Thomas says. Commercial processing of potatoes seems likely to expand, however, and may help stabilize potato prices in time.

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By Shirlee Upton

October 31 sets the date for this year's Hayride. For part of the entertainment program we will see participants from Mr. Snyder's eighth grade perform in three skits, of which titles and stars are as follows:

1. Such As Life—starring Dan Brosnan, Sheryl Harris, and Charles Smallwood.
2. It's in the Book—starring: Rodney Flug.
3. The Lie Detector—starring: Larry Angell, Larry Tibbles, and Fern Albert.

Popcorn Sale

A popcorn sale to be given by Snyder's room November 2 will be held in the hall of the grade school. Five cents will be charged for each popcorn ball.

This week's P E volleyball standings for the eighth grade are:

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Brinda	6	2
Gribble	5	2
Griffin	3	5
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Basic to his farm program is Wayne Morse's belief that family farms and ranches must be preserved.

- Wayne Morse will renew efforts to create a realistic farm credit program. His plan is for low interest rate loans to be paid off on a flexible repayment schedule. This method will tide farmers over bad years and let them pay off debts in good years.
- Wayne Morse will continue to press for an end to the current high interest rate policy which has led to increased interest rates on farm home and other loans and has made all farm borrowing tougher and more expensive.
- Wayne Morse will continue to work for a long range soil conservation program to replace makeshift year-to-year efforts.
- Wayne Morse will work again for the domestic parity plan for wheat. He was successful in steering domestic parity through the Senate this year only to have the plan killed by President Eisenhower's veto.
- Wayne Morse will work for federal programs to help protect tree crop farms from foreign price-cutting.
- Wayne Morse will renew efforts for authorization of high Hells Canyon Dam to provide cheap power and aid to irrigation.
- Wayne Morse will persist in championing expansion of Rural Electrification. He was instrumental in increasing 1954 REA funds by \$35-million and has fought against efforts to undermine the power preference clause, under which REA expands.

Wayne Morse will continue to work and vote for legislation to increase the purchasing power of the farm farmer.

Wayne Morse's effective work for farmers is recognized by Oregon farmers and farm leaders.

ELMER McCURE, Master of the Oregon State Grange

" . . . I want to express my own personal appreciation and to extend to you the thanks of the State Grange for the support—and hard work—you have done on Hells Canyon legislation and much other legislation that is in line with our State Grange program."

FLOYD ROOT, of the Oregon Wheat League:

"Senator Morse has let all his other work pile up in his office for two days and has done nothing else except contact Senators and explain to them the merits of Domestic Parity. I can count at least ten votes that Senator Morse picked up. If Senators Carlson and Morse had not dropped everything and spent their entire time upon this amendment, it is doubtful if we would have been successful."

NORRIS E. DODD, Baker wheat rancher, former Under Secretary of Agriculture:

"I think you people of Oregon have another man in the Senate as good as Senator McNary. I hope you keep him there. I mean, of course, Senator Wayne Morse. I'm not a politician . . . but we can advance our cause only as we farmers stick together."

E. M. NORTON, Secretary of the National Milk Producers Federation:

"We wish to express (to Wayne Morse) our appreciation for your interest and support of issues contributing to the welfare of our dairy farmers."