

U. S. Farm Prices Up, Oregon Prices Slip

Prices paid Oregon farmers slipped slightly during April while farm prices over the nation continued upward, reports Mrs. Elvera Horrell, extension agricultural economist at OSC.

Lower prices for poultry and grains other than wheat were largely responsible for the price dip in Oregon farm prices. Mrs. Horrell said. Potato April prices, averaging less than half those of a year ago, also held down the Oregon price index. However, Oregon farm prices still average 2 per cent higher than a year ago.

Meanwhile, farm costs throughout the nation moved up during April for a record high as labor and operation costs and farm family living costs continued to rise. During the last year, farm costs have out-paced farm prices. This has put the buying power of farm products in a squeeze.

At the same time, factory wage earners had a more favorable buying power than a year ago with hourly wages up 5 per cent during the past year and only a 4 per cent increase in prices of goods and services city workers buy.

PLEASE REPORT SOCIETY ITEMS TO GT

The Gazette Times former society editor, Mrs. Jack Bedford, has resigned her position and for the present all social news should be reported to the GT office, phone 6-9228.

The Tuesday evening deadline for such news remains in effect. All social items are appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Mahoney were in Seattle over the weekend to attend the boat races.

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OSC Rooster Has Reason to 'Crow'



Dr. Paul Bernier, poultry geneticist at Oregon State college, is proud of this White Leghorn rooster. It is one of several birds the poultryman says genetically carries both disease resistance and high egg production—the result of 7 years' selection. In 1949, Bernier began selecting healthy families in the agricultural experiment station's White Leghorn line. About half his layers were dying from disease and were averaging only 113 eggs a year in hen houses purposely maintained to encourage growth of disease organisms. Last year, mortality was only 15 percent and production was up to 208 eggs under the same management.

Pesticides Require Careful Handling, OSC Tells Farmers

Pesticide chemicals make it possible for farmers to win the annual battle with insects, but the fight remains a hazardous one each year, reports Robert W. Every, extension entomologist at OSC.

The problem farmers face is to kill insects and other pests without killing themselves. Every says. Chemicals must also be applied in such a way and at such a time that no harmful residue are left on food crops when they reach market.

Nothing is as closely regulated as the nation's food supply. Every adds. The federal food and drug administration, under the Miller bill, has set up tolerances limiting the amount of pesticide that can remain on food crops when they're harvested. Food crops are regularly inspected as they move to market, and any crops carrying more chemical residue than listed, or a residue from a pesticide chemical that hasn't been approved for use on the crop, are subject to seizure.

To protect themselves from personal danger and possible financial loss, Every advises farmers to use only those pesticides approved by the food and drug administration — and to use them in a way that will make it possible for the crop to pass inspection at harvest time. Growers can get information on which pesticide chemicals to use, and the correct rate and method of application, from their local county extension offices.

Some pesticides are extremely dangerous and should be applied only by an experienced person who is fully equipped with necessary safety equipment. Among these pesticides, Every says, are parathion, TEPP, and Systox. These materials should never be used on home gardens or stored around the home.

Mrs. Grace Nickerson had as her guests for three days last week her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Russel F. White of Vallejo, California.

Sagebrush Spraying Brings Increased Yield From Grasses

A three-fold increase in less desirable grasses — bluegrass, junegrass, and squirrel tail—can be expected a year or two after spraying fairly dense sagebrush ranges and increases in the more desirable grasses will come in two or three years.

That's what D. W. Hedrick, range researcher at Oregon State college, and Bill Farrell, Grant county extension agent found, after testing effects of large-scale, range-spraying in May 1955. Some 10,000 acres in Grant county were sprayed with 1 1/2 to 2 pounds of Butyl ester of 2,4-D per acre. Research plots were clipped in 1955 and 1956.

Hedrick and Farrell reported that although the big grass increase was in less desirable species, increases in more desirable grasses such as bluebunch wheatgrass and Idaho fescue can be expected two or three years after spraying.

Research workers in drought-stricken areas have found that these grasses don't recover immediately after a year or two of normal rainfall, although these ranges improve rapidly where bunches of less desirable grasses are well distributed.

Bitterbrush suffered a third to a half top kill the first year. Hedrick and Farrell aren't yet sure this will seriously set back this valuable browse. Early spraying for sage may not hurt as much as late spraying, but until more is known, they suggest ranchers avoid spraying ranges that have large amounts of bitterbrush.

Many spraying strips were missed and good ground control for pilots also is suggested, especially on rough ground or irregular brush stands.

SEE NEW BANK

Those from the Hepner branch of the First National Bank who went to Portland Monday evening for the preview showing of the Uptown Branch of First National were Mr. and Mrs. John Vernard, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Wagoner, Mrs. Dean Gilman, C. J. Coleman, Mrs. James Lovgren, Fern Graves, Gerald O'Malley, Mrs. Theta Stratton, Mrs. Earl Soward and Mrs. Howard Crowell.

DATE CORRECTED

The advertisement for the Episcopal birthday card party appearing in today's paper carries an incorrect date. The correct date for the party is Saturday, June 1 at 1:30 p. m.

BOARDMAN

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Carnegie of Portland were weekend visitors at the home of Carnegie's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Briggs. Mrs. Besse Nickerson had as her guests her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Westlund and three children of Portland.

Mrs. Clifford Pool entertained with a party at her home last Saturday afternoon in honor of her son, Mike's fourth birthday. Present were Mrs. Ronald Black and Diane, Mrs. Tony Zielinski and Toni Kay and Ronnie, Mrs. Ralph Skoubo and Bobby, Mrs. Stanley Partlow and Jerry, Mrs. Ed Skoubo and Janelle, Mrs. Arnold Hoffman and Linda, Mrs. Jack Getz and Kathy, Mrs. Roy Partlow and Ricky, Jody Tatone, Linda Tatone, Jim Crouch, Mrs. Maxine Cimmiyotti and Scott, Judy, Chuck and Bradley, and Mrs. Dale Eades.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Minor and daughter Louise were callers Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Troedson. They were here to attend the funeral of Mr. Potter, an uncle of Mr. Minor. The Minors live near Lyle, Wn., and Miss Minor at Goldendale where she teaches.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Turner and Mrs. Floyd Adams were in Portland Tuesday.

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HOSPITAL NEWS

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Medical—Maravene White, Ione, dismissed; Leora Van Winkle, Lexington, dismissed; Vincent Allen, Kinzua; Neva Britt, Fossil; John Thomas, Condon; David Hams, Hardman, dismissed; Lawrence Redding, Salem; Johnnie Medlock, Kinzua; David Baker, Ione; William Hynd, Hepner.

Minor Surgery—Calvin Brooks, Condon, dismissed; Corabell Norone, Hepner, dismissed; Claude Brandt, Kinzua, dismissed.

Major Surgery—Laura Lee Sumner, Hepner; William Leo Johnson, Hepner.

Justice And Municipal Courts

Jack Vernon Griffin, no brakes, \$10.
Winn L. Crist, no motor vehicle license, \$10.
Reese Forrest Burkenbine, no motor vehicle license, \$10.
Ronald Clifford McCabe, excessive motor noise, \$10.

CIRCUIT COURT

Marvin Casebeer, plaintiff, granted divorce from Irene Casebeer, defendant. Defendant was granted custody of two children.

Grain Exports Reach All-Time High Point

Exports of grain from Portland and Astoria reached an all-time high during the month of April with over 9,000,000 bushels moved to overseas points.

T. Ralph Harry, division of grain inspection chief, with the state department of agriculture, states the figure represents 27 cargos which kept department inspectors working around the clock during some portions of the month.

Exports from Portland totaled 7,800,000 bushels with Astoria contributing 1,290,000 bushels to the total figure.

In addition, incoming grain shipments to the inspection points in Oregon went over the 10,000,000 bushel figure with Portland handling over 8,000,000 bushels, Astoria over 1,000,000 and Pendleton approximately 64,000 bushels.

PLAN FOOD SALE

The Christian Women's Fellowship is sponsoring a food sale on Saturday, June 1 at the Hepner Red and White, starting at 10:00 a. m.

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4-H CLUB NEWS

IONE JOLLY CHEFS

We held our mother's luncheon at Mrs. Baker's home Saturday, May 18 at one p. m. The girls prepared the luncheon by themselves and served chicken pot pie, vegetable salad, rolls, strawberry shortcake, and coffee.

The program consisted of a welcome by Merrie Jo; poem by Michele; piano solo by Marilyn; a vocal solo by Dianna; a reading by Linda Halvorsen; and presentation of a gift to Mrs. Baker by Marilyn.

We chose members to attend 4-H summer camp.

Marilyn Morgan, News Reporter

FOOD SALE PLANNED

Women of Valby Lutheran church will hold a traveling food sale Wednesday, May 29 in Hepner and Ione. Swedish coffee breads, cake and pie will be featured. For reserve orders call Mrs. William Bergstrom 8-7226 Ione or Mrs. Laurence Becket 6-5374 Hepner.

Marshall Spaulding of Parkdale was a visitor here over the weekend with his father, C. F. Spaulding, Sr. and his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Spaulding, Jr.

Local News In Brief

Mrs. Erwin Anderson and Rev. Earl Soward went to Salem on Tuesday to bring her father, L. Redding to Hepner. He has been recovering from eye surgery and will be in Pioneer Memorial hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Neal arrived Wednesday for a visit at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Penland.

Visiting at the Henry Hoppold and Norman Florence homes last weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Harley Hall and daughter Marilyn and Mrs. James Lane, all of Portland. Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Lane are Mr. Hoppold's sisters. Mr. Hall and Mr. Florence are cousins.

Mrs. G. Timm of Gladstone, Oregon, arrived Sunday to visit her sister-in-law, Mrs. Frank Hamlin and Mr. Hamlin. The ladies motored to Redmond on Wednesday to visit Mrs. Hamlin's son and family.

Mrs. Kemp Dick and Mrs. Arnold Pieper were in Portland Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. K. R. Mendenhall (Viola Brown) of Portland spent a short time in Hepner Saturday.

Mrs. Dorr Mason of Hines, Oregon, was in Hepner Tuesday. She will visit in Ione until after the graduation of her daughter, Mrs. Alyce Rea, from the Ione high school.

Al Mattoon was in Spokane for a few days last week on business.

Dr. and Mrs. E. K. Schaffitz were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. McClintock in Cecil Sunday. They brought back their children, Diane and Jimmy, who had been weekend guests at the McClintock home.

Mrs. Gene Palmer of The Dalles, former Hepner resident, visited over the weekend at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Farley and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson.

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