

County Agent Gives Tips For Winter Stock Feeding

By N. C. ANDERSON

Now that a blanket of snow covers all of the rangeland and stubble, ranchers are forced to feed all classes of livestock in order for them to maintain weight, produce calves or in the case of yearlings be ready for market this spring. Every year a question comes up concerning rations for wintering calves. One of the best pieces of research on this had been done at the Squaw Butte Experiment Station near Burns. Their results indicated that calves can gain on the order of one and one-half pounds daily and still make good gains on grass the following summer. Replacement heifer calves need to gain from 1 1/2 pounds to 1 3/4 pounds daily if they are to be bred as yearlings and it is advisable to breed them as yearlings in order to get one more calf during their productive lifetime. They will have to be fed a little better after calving as two year olds to breed back but the extra care is more than offset by the extra calf which they will raise. The addition of two pounds of grain and 1/2 pounds of oil meal along with roughage will normally give an adequate growth. Be especially careful of trying to winter calves on bulky low protein forage as they will be able to consume enough for adequate growth. Grass silage cannot be used as the only feed, as moisture content is so great that the calf cannot consume enough of this wet material to make adequate growth. Remember that cold and snow requires additional energy, especially if the livestock have little or no protection from the winter elements. When this is the case a high energy feed must be added to the forage ration. While a good percentage of cows are now calving, those that have not yet started should be sure to check that the pregnant cows are receiving enough protein as pregnancy continues. This protein requirement will generally be met with the addition of a pound of protein supplement such as cotton seed meal or soybean meal along with the alfalfa hay. High quality alfalfa hay can provide all the protein requirement, however.

Did you know that it is necessary now to have firework permits to repel predatory animals and birds which might be doing damage in feed yards and to crops? House Bill 1207 passed by the recent legislature regulates their use and provide that an application must be made for permit to purchase, use and store fireworks to repel predatory animals and birds. We have application forms and information on the regulations for those who might be interested.

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Ranchers attending the annual meeting of the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association held recently were interested in the proposal for a revised pilot brand inspection. Hearings will be held on this proposal, the first to be at Salem on January 30 at 1:00 p. m. in the agriculture building; the second hearing on January 31 in Bend at 1:00 p. m. in the district courtroom of the courthouse. They will receive evidence and testimony on a proposed regulation which calls for brand inspection upon change of ownership of branded cattle. The proposal will prohibit sale of branded animals without a brand inspection. It would be the responsibility of the seller to request and pay for the inspection. It will affect, primarily, county sales and transfers. If the proposed regulation is approved and adopted, the inspection called for will be in addition to regular inspections now performed at auction yards, terminal markets, and slaughter houses. If the pilot program is adopted as a result of the hearings it may be started in early March.

Farming is the nation's largest business. Investment in U. S. Agriculture amounts to 3/4 the value of current assets of all U. S. corporations. Four out of every 10 jobs of private employment are related to agriculture.

Many of our people should be interested in the hearing which will be held by the state Water Resources Board at Pendleton on January 30. This hearing is to be held at the supreme court room at the Umatilla courthouse beginning at 7:30 p. m. for the purpose of hearing views to assist the board in formulation of an integrated, coordinated program for the use in control of the water resources of the Umatilla Basin and to arrive at methods of conserving and augmenting such resources and to determine existing and future needs and uses of such waters for all beneficial purposes. Committees have been busy in Morrow county drafting information on present and future water use and needs in Morrow county which will be presented at the hearing. The first draft of these reports was heard last Thursday evening at the judge's office in the courthouse. Reports indicated that a lot of people had been thinking about water used in Morrow county, both past, present and future. Any person, including public agencies and civil associations may be heard at the hearing.

Now that the days are cold and snowy, it would be a good time to be thinking about building or remodeling fire-fighting equipment which will be needed this spring, summer and fall. It is a little difficult to get in the mood for such things this time of the year, but in many areas, farm work will be in full swing thirty days from now if the season is normal. At a fall meeting of the Morrow County rural volunteer fire control committee, those members asked that everyone be reminded that there is never too much fire fighting equipment in a community when a fire starts. They also reminded



FARM NEWS

Livestock 4-H Club Meets At Pine City

Butter Creek Junction Livestock 4-H club had a demonstration by Sheila Luciani on how to make a rope halter at the meeting January 2 at the Pine City school.

All members were present, and visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ashbeck and Jerry.

Allen Witherrite, president, gave a report on the making of business meeting motions. The next meeting will be February 6, at Pine City school.

No Reactors Found In Cattle TB Tests

No reactors in this county were found in state tuberculosis testing of cattle in 1961, according to the federal-state annual report just released. Animals tested in the county: 371 in 10 herds.

For the state as a whole, 200 reactors came to light in 85,622 cattle tested for TB in 7,174 herds. Percentage of reactors is 23,100th of 1 per cent. Tuberculosis reactors last year numbered 85 more than were found in 1960 when 90,492 tests were made in 6061 herds.

The state department of agriculture says the upturn in tuberculosis reactors, though only in fractions of a percent, is not peculiar to Oregon. It is a problem upon which eradication officials are searching for answers.

that it was much better to have the equipment available locally to be used at once, rather than to wait for equipment to come from town or outlying communities. One of the suggestions made was that a platform ramp be built in the service area where the sprayer or a supply tank or both could be kept full of water for an emergency. In most cases these ramps could be built so that the pickup or truck could be backed up and with the use of pipe rollers be loaded in a matter of a few minutes. Observing in last years fires, the group felt that ranchers were much better prepared in many communities, however, improvements could be made. One suggestion was that cattle sprayers mounted as trailers be converted for pickup mounting during the fire season. This recommendation came after watching several ranchers trying to get around pulling a trailer sprayer behind a four wheel drive pickup at rough range land fires.

Government owned grain sorghum (milo) is available to livestock and poultry producers generally at lower prices than they have to pay for other feed grains. Surplus milo is currently being offered northwest livestock feeders at \$43.40 a ton delivered railhead at all Oregon country points serviced by railroads. This price is subject to change as the season progresses. The current price went into effect January 9 after holding at \$43 a ton since October 26. Any livestock producer who is interested in purchasing surplus milo should place his order directly with the Portland ASCS commodity office. Their telephone number is Capital 8-3361, Extension 616. Their mailing address is 1218 S. W. Washington, Portland 5. Written orders for milo should be addressed to Mr. Sydney Harris, director, telephone orders can be placed with Mr. Boyington, milo marketing specialist. The ASCS office will advise on location of nearest railhead in the producers area.

Interesting Program Planned For 18th Soil District Meet

"Wild Flowers of Morrow County" is the title selected by Mrs. John Graves for her series of colored slides to be shown in opening the 18th annual meeting of the Heppner Soil Conservation District on February 6. The slides are a result of several years of picture taking, a hobby of Mrs. Graves. The 30 minutes showing will also include some conservation pictures taken on the Graves' ranch near Hardman, reports N. C. Anderson, secretary, Heppner Soil Conservation District. The annual meeting will be held at the Lexington Grange hall beginning at 7:30 p. m.

Main speaker for the annual meeting will be Merrill Oveson, superintendent, Pendleton branch experiment station who will discuss cheatgrass control in alfalfa, pasture and grain. There will be election of two supervisors to fill the vacancies of the expiring terms of Raymond French, Heppner, and John Peterson, Iona. A progress and financial report will be given during the evening which will be followed by refreshments.

Supervisors of the Heppner Soil Conservation District planning their annual meeting recently also heard outlined to them conservation plans being set up on their home farms by FFA members William Bill, Ronnie Becket, Frank Osmin, Kenneth Wright, Heppner; and John Wagenblast, Lexington. Excellent farm plans had been prepared by the boys to cover most conservation needs on the ranches.

The supervisors elected first and second place winners in this FFA farm plan contest winners to be presented at the annual parents and sons banquet to be held this spring.

Return From Meet

LEXINGTON—Mr. and Mrs. Oris Padberg flew via jet plane from Portland to Palm Springs, Calif., last Wednesday, where they attended a Massey-Ferguson dealers convention in that city on Thursday. On Friday they enjoyed a day of sight seeing which took them into Disneyland and way points. They returned home Saturday evening.

Responsibility Of Children Topic of Session

By ESTHER KIRMISS

Have you ever said "Kids today are so irresponsible?" or "The problem is, kids don't have enough chores to do?"

Mrs. Roberta Fraiser, OSU Family Life Specialist, will discuss this topic of "Developing Responsibility" via tape recording when the third session of extension's man-and-wife short-course on "Understanding Boys and Girls" meets on Wednesday evening, January 31, at the Heppner Annex, starting at 7:30 p. m. The same session will be held at the Irrigon school on Tuesday evening, January 30, at 7:30 p. m.

N. C. Anderson, county extension agent, will lead the discussion that evening. Some questions to be considered are:

1. What do we mean by responsibility?
2. How do we help children develop a feeling of responsibility? If they aren't showing signs of responsibility, what can parents do?
3. Do chores really teach responsibility?

Mrs. Fraiser urged parents that attended the Growth and Guidance session to talk over the following questions between them in order to reach a common understanding on disciplining their boys and girls. Want to hear them?

1. How were the children made to mind in your home when you were a child?
2. How did you feel about the methods used?
3. Can you remember any particular time when you were punished? How did you feel about it? What did it teach you?
4. What is your most pleasant memory about your childhood home? What do you think your children will have as their most pleasant memory of their home?
5. In what way is each of your children different from the others?
6. In what ways are they alike?
7. Which child is the easiest for you to live with? Why do you think this is so?
8. Which child is most difficult for you? Why do you think this is so?
9. What is your goal—for your dream—for each of your children?
10. How do you suppose your children will answer these questions when they are your age? We again urge all you parents to attend these shortcourse meetings. You will grow as a parent

Public Rangeland Study Planned

The Forest Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the Bureau of Land Management of the U. S. Department of Interior have been chosen to make a preliminary study to assemble public rangeland information for Congress.

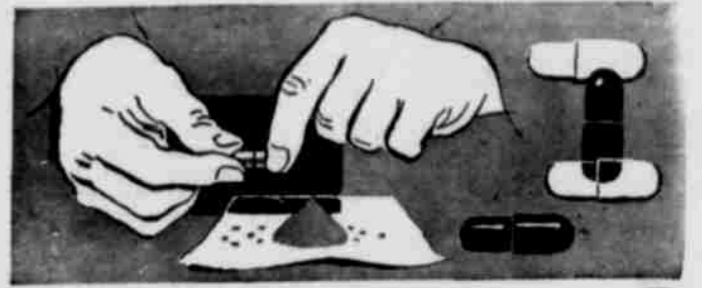
Cattle and sheep ranges of the Fremont National Forest and the Bureau of Land Management Oregon will be included in this preliminary study, it was announced today by J. Herbert Stone, regional forester, Forest Service, and Russel E. Getty, state director, Bureau of Land Management. Areas in Montana and Colorado also were selected for the trial program.

Six cattle and six sheep allotments will be studied on the Lakeview district. These include allotments on large and small summer ranges and spring-fall ranges. Stone and Getty said the joint study will provide background information for a report to Congress on how a nationwide range resource review could be made.

Data will be assembled on range conditions, trends, management levels, range improvement and needs, and related factors. The program will meet specific objectives outlined in Senate Appropriation Committee Report No. 294 accompanying the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriation Bill. The report asked that the trial study cover such items as water management, protection of range from misuse, and providing better vegetative cover. Information is to be used to develop an improved range management program for full productive potential of the lands.

Workers involved in the trial program will also make projections of future demands on public rangelands.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Connor and family of Forest Grove were among those coming from out-of-town for the funeral services Jan. 15 of Timothy W. Rippee, grandfather of Connor. They visited here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Connor, and with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cary Hastings, from Saturday until Tuesday evening.



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