

County Agent's Office

Permanent Feed Grain Proposal Gets Support

By NELS ANDERSON

Wheatgrowers have been concerned with the possibility of feed grain legislation for 1964 because of the provision included in 1963 legislation for the 1964 wheat program. This is in regard to the substitution clause which provides that wheat might be grown on feed grain acres if a feed grain program is in effect at that time.

Last week Congressman Poage introduced permanent feed grain legislation coverage by H. R. 3874. Recent hearings were held and the National Association of Wheat Growers appeared in support of this proposed legislation. The legislation extends the 1963 type program into future years. Because this will affect somewhat the decisions to be made by farmers at the wheat referendum, Mr. Poage indicated that he intended to press vigorously for passage of the feed grain program prior to the wheat referendum date.

Discussion to Center On '64 Program

Talking about the 1964 wheat program, we have deliberately neglected to discuss the aspects of this new program in this column until everyone had firmly in

their mind the 1963 wheat and feed grain programs and had an opportunity to think them through thoroughly and determine whether they wished to participate. With only a week left to make the decision and to sign up for the program at the local ASC office, we would like to discuss various phases of the 1964 wheat program from time to time between now and the referendum which must be held by June 13.

There have been a lot of things said in various farm magazines, newspapers, and other forms of communication on the 1964 wheat program and I am sure that there will be much more said in the next few weeks before the referendum is held. There are special groups and farm organizations that are definitely for and groups that are definitely against the program. We, the Extension Service, as the educational agency of the USDA are charged with informing people so that they can vote intelligently.

The Secretary of Agriculture at a recent public appearance made the following statement. I quote, "Our job is to describe the wheat program; to describe the alternative choices; and to describe the consequences of those alternatives." Secretary Freeman declared, "In effect, we are directed to show what a favorable vote will mean to wheat farmers and wheat states, and to show what an unfavorable vote will mean to wheat farmers and to wheat states. We are preparing diligently to carry out this responsibility."

Cattlemen To Attend Field Day
Ebb Hughes, Terry Thompson, and Ralph Beamer, local cattlemen, have responded to an invitation to attend the annual Squaw Butte Experiment Station Beef Cattle Field Day to be held Monday, March 25. Plans are being made to pool a carload or two of cattlemen to attend so let us know if you are interested.

'Gopher Getter' Machine Gets Into Operation
Jim Lindsay, Ione, was the first to use the new "Gopher Getter" recently purchased by the Heppner Soil Conservation District. Jim used the machine

on 30 acres of his Willow Creek alfalfa and grass bottoms this past week. Kenneth Palmer, Lexington, was second user, baiting about 40 acres later last week. Terry Thompson and Ralph Beamer, Heppner, were scheduled to use the machine early this week and others have indicated their interest.

The machine is a labor saving device which places poison grain automatically in artificially built burrows for the control of pocket gophers that cause so much damage to alfalfa stands, as well as making irrigation more difficult with their many underground burrows. Machine rental and bait cost about 70 cents per acre.

Krebs 'Happy' About Pellet Feeding

John Krebs, Cecil, as well as others who read my news article of last week on the Krebs alfalfa pellet feeding could have been quite confused. The article stated that John Krebs was "quite unhappy" with the ease of feeding pellets. This is far from the truth, for these pellets have taken a lot of the labor out of feeding and John was as happy as everyone involved in the Krebs operation with the ease of feeding this way.

Three Tree Species Available

For ranchers who might be interested in setting out some Black Locust, Caragana, or Russian Olive, I have a supply of these species available. They were left over from an order from the Oregon State Forestry Nursery for fill-ins on established windbreaks. First come, first served.

Barclay Tries Seeding Plot

A fertilizer plot was established on a soil bank seeding at the Max Barclay ranch in the North Lexington community last week. The results of this fertilizer trial will be part of some research into grass and grass-legume seedings to determine more about dry land forages, taking advantage of soil bank seedings that are now established. Rates of 30 and 60 lbs. of nitrogen with 72 lbs. of sulphur; 60 lbs. nitrogen, 80 lbs. phosphate, and 60 lbs. sulphur are being compared. Forage yields will be taken from each of the plots when they have reached their maximum growth this late spring or summer.

Plots will be established on grass-alfalfa seedings to determine yields from this combination. Yields results will be gathered on cereals grown in subsequent years after soil bank seedings are plowed up. This information will be used as a part of recommendations for, and what can be expected in establishing, maintaining and yields after grass and grass-legume seedings.

Family Goes Strong For Angus

The Don Greenup family is fast becoming an Angus breeder. The whole family is in the act with each of the children having one or more registered Angus as their own. The herd consists of mostly registered, but also some commercial. Only recently 19 registered heifers were added to the herd. Don and Colleen are advocates of this fast growing breed claiming hardiness, well doing, good milking and many other qualities that are wanted in a range beef animal.

U. S. Fifth in Beef Consumption

The United States has long been regarded as a people of red meat eaters but were fifth on the list per capita consumption based on information received from the USDA Foreign Agriculture Service. The five leading countries were New Zealand, with 223 lbs. per capita; Australia, 215 lbs.; Uruguay, 212 lbs.; Argentina, 197 lbs. and the United States, 161 lbs. Japan, with 10 lbs. of meat per capita, was lowest on the list.

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FARM NEWS

4-H'ers Urge: 'Belt 'em For Safety'



"Don't be caught dead sitting on your seat belt," was the theme of a safety article by 4-H National Safety Winner Gayle Gillen, 17, of Sparta, Tennessee.

Gayle was typical among eight national winners of \$400 General Motors scholarships for outstanding 4-H farm, home and highway projects. The winners also received all-expense trips to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago.

The "safety-prone" boys and girls pointed out that all new model cars since 1962 are equipped with front seat belt connections.

Safety authorities estimate that some 5,000 lives would be saved annually if everyone wore a seat belt. Moreover, traffic accident injuries could be reduced more than one third.

"Despite increasing purchases of the belts and widely published information on their effectiveness, many people who have belts don't use them," said Gayle.

"They feel they're safe just driving to the store," she added, "but it has been established that three out of four traffic fatalities happen within 25 miles of home. Over half of traffic accidents resulting in either injury or death involve speeds under 40 miles per hour."

The national winners were selected from a group of 42 state safety winners. General Motors, now in its 19th year as safety awards donor, also gave state winners all-expense trips to the Club Congress.

The 4-H safety program is conducted by the Extension Service of Agriculture and the National 4-H Service Committee.

Other national winners include: Leeland Alexander, 17, Okmulgee, Okla.; Jeanette Arbura, 18, Bakersfield, Cal.; Phyllis Brooks, 18, Auburn, Mass.; Bobby Cofer, 18, Forest, Va.; Jim Lowe, 17, Morrison, Col.; Sandra Price, 18, St. Francis, Kan. and Jewell Yordy, 21, Morton, Ill.

Their advice for the nation's motorists:
WHEN YOU GET IN YOUR CAR, FIRST FASTEN YOUR SEAT BELT, THEN FLIP THE KEY.

See Demonstration

Karla Luciani and Calvin Ashbeck gave a demonstration on how to select a beef cow at the March 5 meeting of the Buttercreek Junction Livestock club. Tom Ashbeck was a visitor at the meeting.

Ed French, reporter



DR. ORVAL EATON, Medford optometrist, will serve as chairman of the April crusade for the American Cancer Society's Oregon division, according to Dr. James M. Whitely, Portland physician and president of the division. The newly appointed chairman said the month-long campaign, beginning April 1, will stress education as well as fund-raising. Considerable emphasis will be placed on acquainting the public with cancer's 7 danger signals.

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Farmers Prepare Plans To Support Referendum

A special committee composed of prominent Oregon farmers, livestock growers, and farm association representatives met this week in Portland to organize support for an affirmative vote on the upcoming national referendum on the Department of Agriculture's proposed 1964 Wheat Program.

Announcement of the conference and its objectives in the referendum campaign was made by Paulen Kaseberg of Wasco, chairman of the committee and former president of the Oregon Wheat Growers League.

"The ingredients of the Government's proposed wheat program for 1964 are essentially those which Oregon wheat growers and associated farm interests have endorsed for nearly 20 years," Kaseberg stated.

"We are convinced that a 'Yes' vote on the referendum will benefit consumers and taxpayers as well as the American farmer."

The committee chairman outlined five objectives which his group feels the program will accomplish. These are:

1. An orderly reduction of wheat inventories to balance long-run supply and demand.
2. Maintenance of adequate reserves to meet unforeseen shortages, crop failures and national defense requirements.
3. Stabilized wheat prices at a level fair to both producers and consumers.
4. Curtailment of overproduction in other farm commodities because of wheat acreage diversion.
5. Reduction in Government expenditures through lower wheat storage and administrative costs.

"Our committee," asserted Kaseberg, "is organizing an all-out effort to acquaint Oregon wheat growers with the benefits of the proposed 1964 Wheat Program, and to garner their support in favor of the measure."

The referendum is tentatively scheduled for the late spring of 1963, with substantially all U. S. wheat growers eligible to cast ballots. Announcement of the exact referendum date by Agriculture Secretary Freeman is expected in early April.

In addition to its chairman, the statewide committee membership includes Roger Dumdi, Yamhill; Robert Elkins, Molalla; J. W. Forrester Jr., Pendleton; William T. Guerts, Salem; James Hill Jr., Pendleton; Glen L. Hutchinson, Ontario; Al Lamb, Heppner; Elmer McClure, Milwaukie; Don McKinnis, Summerville; E. Harvey Miller, Portland; Robert Nixon, Junction City; Charles W. Smith, Corvallis;

Edgar Smith, Portland; Jens Terjeson, Pendleton; Charles A. Tom, The Dalles; Frank Tubbs, Adams; and Allen Wheeler, Portland.

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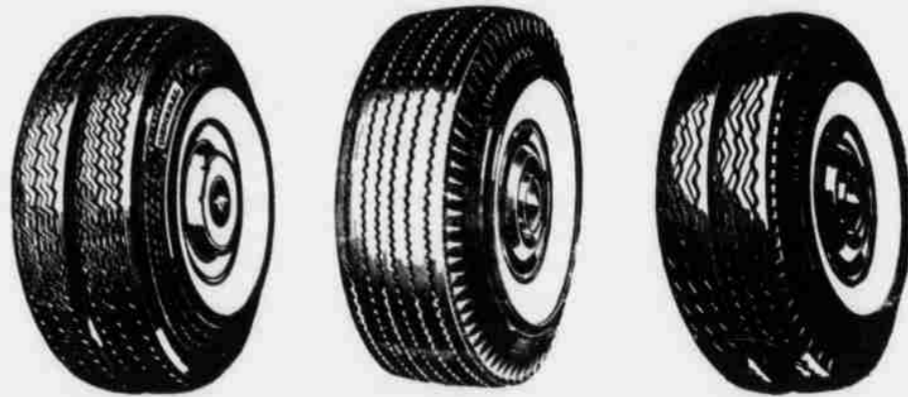
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