

## Growers Show Interest In Grain Cost Study

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One of the results of the intense interest and participation in the recent Farm Management Workshop was the desire to bring up to date the 1958 grain management cost study, or as it has sometimes been referred to, the cost of grain production study to reflect 1964 prices. At least 1/2 of the original eight cooperators from each of the communities in the county indicated their interest in this study, as well as several others. As a result of this tentative plans were made for carrying out the study over the next 18 months which would cover the fallow and production costs, beginning with this spring's operation, and carrying through the 1965 crop.

Those who are interested are extended an invitation to attend the planning session with Manning Becker, farm management specialist, OSU, who will assist mechanics for the study. In discussing the study, it was pointed out that while there will be a heavy work load with the reduction of one county agent in Morrow county, this study is important to the economy of our agriculture and subsequent general economy of the area and that the study is quite worthwhile. Those who participated in the study in 1958 are anxious to compare their production costs now with those of 5 years ago and also compare savings which might have made in increased efficiency through a study of their operation.

### Agents Hear Report On Afghanistan Progress

An interesting get-together which I attended last Tuesday night was helpful in understanding some of the foreign aid programs participated in by this country. Several Columbia Basin county agents, who worked for many years with former Wasco county agent Al Nelson, had the

privilege of seeing slides and hearing of his work in Afghanistan, which he recently completed.

Al left The Dalles in late 1956 to work for International Co-operative Administration in agricultural development work in Iran. The past two years has been spent in Afghanistan, his new assignment being made to Punjab state in India.

It was gratifying to see slides and hear of the work that these agriculturists are doing in strengthening the economy of these foreign countries. It convinced me that there is much value to these programs which demonstrate the value of new agricultural practices and provide for agricultural communities to be more self sufficient and to raise their standard of living which is generally very low in these areas.

### Hay Shows Steady Gain

Hay prices are higher in Oregon this fall, although the 1963 crop of 2.2 million tons is up 14% from last year. Part of the increase is offset by the low average carryover of old hay. In some parts of Oregon, good hay is selling for \$25 on up as a result of this demand.

### Vaccination Funds Reduced

The cutoff which we reported in this column last week for Brucellosis calfhood vaccination, which will end December 31, was a result of reduced Federal matching funds because of loss of state tax funds from the October 15 referendum. Funds were cut by \$30,000 for Oregon. It was earlier announced that the vaccination program would continue. It will be up to the owners to "foot" the bill for vaccination from a private veterinarian after December 31.

### Use of Iodine Advised For Calving and Lambing

Now that most everyone is preparing for, or in the midst of calving and lambing, it should

## '64 Farm Outlook Favorable

Oregon's 1964 farm income prospects are more favorable now than a few months ago, although "the economic and political weather ahead is far from settled."

This is the observation of Marion D. Thomas, Oregon State University extension agricultural economist, in the new Oregon Farm and Market Outlook circular just published by OSU. Copies are available from county extension offices.

Changes in the wheat and cattle situation, Oregon's two top farm income producers, are responsible for the improved outlook, Thomas noted.

Poultry and dairy appear headed into a year much like the one just passed. Oregon fruit producers, with better weather, should have more to sell in 1964. Seed crops seem to be slated for another mixture of price and income ups and downs.

Vegetables for processing appear to be in a fairly favorable market position and potato prices could go from bad to better by next fall.

Unprecedented exports now promise to reduce United States wheat stocks by next summer to the lowest level since 1953. Thomas reported, taking much of the power out of the principal price and income-reducing force to which wheat and its producers are exposed by the drastic drop in the 1964 price support level.

The large exports and reduced stocks will give a strong psych-

be reminded that when these newly born animals come, they are subjected to a completely different environment than they have been accustomed to. Diseases that may enter their system in one form or another can cause high mortality at this time. The greatest danger from infection is through the nasal cord, which connects to the liver and kidneys. This provides a perfect avenue for infection in the young animal.

Dipping the stump navel cord in a solution of iodine will aid materially in the reduction of disease conditions entering in this manner. Best results will be obtained if this is done immediately after the birth. The iodine may be applied from a small jar. It should be of veterinary strength which will run approximately 10% of iodine. Using iodine meant for human use will be of very little benefit as it does not contain a high enough percentage iodine.

### Season's Greetings!

Christmas slipped up on us this year without realizing it was so near, so we didn't get to wish you a Merry one. We hope you did have a nice Christmas and are all prepared to get off to a Happy New Year!

logical boost to the 1964 market. Even more, they bring the day of larger allotments closer, Thomas said. Chances also remain for price support and diversion payments to help bolster 1964 wheat incomes, depending on Congressional action and administrative response to various pressures now developing.

Larger wheat marketings are another income-sustaining possibility, the economist pointed out. Even without federal program changes, new higher-yielding varieties and other technology seem likely to push output up.

"In any event, lower wheat prices, if they come, will be less disastrous than if they did not coincide with the introduction of higher-yielding varieties," Thomas said.

However, Thomas added, much uncertainty seems likely to continue throughout the 1964 wheat production and market season. Uncertainties and unforeseeable developments "will be a trying challenge to those who must make operating and policy decisions on farms and off-farms."

The big worry in 1964 for Oregon's cattlemen revolves around beef supply, which will depend on weather, domestic slaughter and imports. Demand prospects are encouraging, Thomas said.

But, he noted, beef supplies can and do increase faster than demand at times. This is one of those times. As a result prices have declined. This will encourage consumption and, in time, either slow down the rate of increase or temporarily decrease supply.

For 1964, the economist said, there is little prospect that U. S. beef supply will decrease, although lower prices may discourage imports. On the other hand, he continued, barring a severe drought, there is little

reason to anticipate large increases in supplies or cow and calf prices much below recent levels.

On the whole, the year ahead should find both wheat and cattle moving toward stronger supply positions, Thomas said. Even so, it may be a better time to go into, than get out of, cattle ranching.

It will be a good time to make cost-cutting, output-increasing adjustments in the farm business. It will also be a good time to consider off-farm employment and investment possibilities, Thomas said.

Opportunities for farm youth and farm adults to learn new skills and better methods will be available, although somewhat restricted by state budget cuts, he added.

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## Tigers Down Lone In League Tilt

Lone's Cardinal basketball five took half again as many shots at the bucket as the Weston Tigers Friday night but hit only .275 to the Tigers' .408 as they fell, 62-40, in the league opener for both clubs.

Lone managed to jump to an early 10-9 lead at the end of the first stanza but fell behind in the second quarter as the Tigers bombed the basket with abandon. When the buzzer ended the first half of play, the Tigers were ahead 29-24.

The third quarter was a nightmare for the Cards as the Tigers continued their hot shooting streak and canned 17 markers while holding the Redbirds to five. The Weston crew was on top of a 46-29 count as the teams squared off for the final stanza.

A weak Card rally in the final period netted the lone squad nothing as the rampaging Tigers popped the net for another 16 counters and held the cold Card-

inals to 11. Weston's Walt Clark led all scorers in the tilt with 18 points. Clark's team mate, reserve Terry Peterson chipped in 14 counts for the Tigers.

High gunner for the Cardinal quint was Jay Ball who tinged the twine for 10 digits.

### Scoring:

Weston (62)	(40) Lone
Turney 7	F 10 Ball
Dauble 4	F 6 M. Halvorsen
Winn 7	C 3 Hausler
Sams 6	G 7 J. Halvorsen
Clark 18	G 8 Heimbigner

Reserves: Weston, Peterson 14, Lawrence 6, Lone, Klingler 2, Magill 4.

Mrs. Eugenia Huston is spending the Christmas and New Year's holidays with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Parker in Pasco, Wn., and visiting there with other relatives.

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