

Mid-Year Outlook Mixed for Barley, Wheat, Oats, Hay

Mid-year prospects hold promise of harvest time prices for Oregon feed barley, oats and hay moderately above last summer, but wheat and malting barley prices are likely to be lower.

This is the way Marion D. Thomas, Oregon State University extension agricultural economist, sees the picture in the newly published Oregon Farm and Market Outlook Circular now available from the county extension office or the OSU Bulletin Clerk.

The bright spot for wheat producers in the immediate economic outlook are the income-supporting payments under the new federal program, Thomas said.

Program payments will be especially helpful to growers who experience low yields because of drought. Others should find receipts from sales and payments near 1963's total. All growers are faced with tighter grading and the lowest price prospects since 1945.

Although much depends on decisions both within and outside of government, prices of soft white wheat at Portland now seem most likely to fluctuate around \$1.60 a bushel in the coming season, Thomas believes.

This is 13 cents above the basic loan rate and about where the "world" price has stood much of the time in recent years.

Export payments are likely to influence domestic wheat price behavior even more than in the past, the economist says. Previously, export payments helped maintain domestic prices above world prices. Under the new program, export payments may serve as a means of holding domestic prices below, equal to or above world prices to accommodate changed goals, strategies and other price-making forces, he added.

In the season ahead, whenever the export payment is less than 25 cents a bushel, the effect will be to hold domestic prices below world prices, Thomas explains. Whenever the subsidy is above 25 cents, domestic prices will tend to be above world prices.

New federal grades will be in effect on the 1964 crop. These aim to reward those who produce uniform lots of wheat with fewest defects. How markets will adjust to the supply and demand for each of the new grades remains to be seen, Thomas points out.

Most signs at mid-year point toward prices moderately above last summer for Oregon feed barley, the economist continues, but the winter peak may be no higher than the past year.

Loan rates for the 1964 crop are higher than in 1963, with more growers eligible for support. The Northwest supply will probably be smaller and growers will be inclined to hold their feed barley, he believes.

He expects elevators and other handlers to bid strongly at harvest to get volume and to supply growing outlets in Europe and the Orient.

Premiums for Oregon's malting barley will again depend heavily on the normal supply of the various types, but premiums are not likely to be as large as last year when two-rowed types were scarce, Thomas comments.

Oats may share some of the strength expected in the feed barley market, but prices probably will average about the same as in 1963.

For growers who don't own their own storage, October could be a good time to sell both barley and wheat this year, Thomas says. It has worked that way often in recent years.

For those with storage, there may be some gains in later sales, he adds. January barley prices have been close to the peaks in most of the last ten years, while wheat has tended to peak in April. However, he cautions, no two seasons are exactly alike so developments need watching.

Secretary Freeman Eyes Bread Prices

Secretary of Agriculture Freeman has said again that there is no justification for any substantial increase in flour prices. This is a result of reports that flour would increase 80c a hundred due to the new wheat program.

The increased cost of wheat in a loaf of bread will amount to 1/5 of a cent more than last year but about the same as in 1962-63. Any increase in bread prices beyond the 1/5 cent will be to costs other than wheat. It must be remembered that previous wheat costs in a pound loaf of bread was only 2.4c.

Information received at the Oregon Wheat Growers office says that more flour was milled in the month of June this year than any other month in history. Some reports indicate the production was up over 25% from June, 1963, thus having a larger inventory to start the 1964 year.

Freeman says there is no constitutional question involved in the 1964 voluntary wheat program. Two bills have been introduced in Congress to abolish the wheat program—one by Representative Abbt, Democrat, Virginia, and the other Representative Broyles, Republican, North Carolina. Both of these Congressmen come from areas of small wheat producers—often times called the 15-acre men—where wheat is not a major source of income.

Monn is Selected P. I. Contest Judge

Irvin Mann, Jr., Stanfield cattle feeder, has been selected as a judge in the beef carcass contest to be held at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition in Portland during October, according to Dick Richards, P. I. manager.

The contest is to promote one of the newer concepts of cattle breeding, that of developing a lean type of beef animal retaining a preponderance of high priced cuts and a minimum of low priced cuts. It has proven to be one of the highlights of the livestock show, Richards said. Mann has pioneered this field by study and writing, stressing the importance of such development to other breeders.

Prices on Cattle Likely to Remain Lower than 1963

Oregon cattle prices the second half of 1964 are likely to remain somewhat below levels a year earlier, but lamb and hog prices probably will average a little higher.

That is the livestock outlook at mid-year, Stephen C. Marks, Oregon State University extension agricultural economist, reports in the new Oregon Farm and Market Outlook Circular published by OSU. Copies are available at the county extension offices.

Cattle market prospects appear more optimistic since the June rains relieved the drought situation, Marks observed, but odds are against a sustained upward push on prices mainly because of the record large cattle population and poorer range conditions than a year ago.

However, slaughter cattle prices this fall are not expected to drop below the spring low, the economist said, as there are economic forces working in favor of holding prices above that point.

These forces include smaller feedlot supplies of cattle in the top slaughter grades, strong consumer demand for beef, smaller pork supplies than in other recent years, decline in beef imports, increase in U. S. beef exports, improved range feed prospects for summer and fall grazing following the June rains, and prospects of abundant feed grain harvests and larger total feed grain supplies.

Record large marketings of cattle from feedlots during the second quarter of this year apparently depleted supplies of heavyweight slaughter steers by mid-June, Marks said.

However, this could be reversed in a relatively short time, depending upon how fast feeders fill their lots with cattle over 700 pounds and how generally they hold back cattle now on feed for additional gain, he noted.

There are plenty of heavy feeders available on the range and western feedlots have as many cattle on feed as a year ago, Marks added.

Cow-calf operators' fortunes rise and fall with the ebb and flow of price levels for fed cattle, Marks noted. Feeder cattle and calf prices in the past have responded quickly to an advance in prices for slaughter steers and heifers.

However, in view of the prospective record large 1964 calf crop, calves sold or contracted for sale this summer likely will bring better prices than this fall when seasonally more of them will be looking for a home off the range, he said.

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County Court Proceedings

County Court met in regular session on June 3, 1964. The minutes of the previous term were read and approved.

A motion was made, seconded and carried, that the County accept the deed to the Cutsforth Park and the Road Dept. would assume the cost of maintenance as provided in O.R.S.

A motion was made, seconded and carried, that the Forest Service Special Use Permit be accepted for a certain road up Shaw Creek, for the purpose of construction, reconstruction and maintenance to Arbuckle Mountain.

It was moved, seconded and carried that certain repairs be made to the Jury Room, Law Library and Assessor's Office.

The Court agreed to replace the amount needed to balance the budget at the County Agent's office from the Emergency Fund.

It was agreed by the Court to purchase tires and tubes from Piri Howell.

It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the Morrow County Budget as published for the year, 1964-65.

Based upon opinions and orders by the State Tax Commission, it was ordered that the following tax refunds be made:

- Standard Off. Equip., 33.38
- Cik's Inc. 1.35, J. P. 6th, 9.90; Sher. Inc. 1.65 13.10
- C. J. D. Bauman, Sher. Inc. 8.50, Civ. Def. 1.50 10.00
- Kilham Sty. & Print. Co., Tax Coll. 13.47
- James Driscoll, P.M., Stamps & Env. 65.00
- Texaco, Inc. Sher. Car 10.24
- Standard Oil Co., do 36.83
- Dunham Print. Co., Treas. 109.55
- Roderick Thomson, Assess. Fld. Wk. 90.83
- Edna Chally, R.N., H. Nurse (petty cash) 30.00
- Edna Chally, R.N., H. Nurse 2.90
- Today's Health, do 2.50
- L. D. Tibbles, D. O., do 60.00
- Standard Oil Co., H. Nurse Car 4.75
- Ernest Jorgensen, Just. Ct., 5th, Off. Rent, 25.00, Sup. 29.02 54.02
- Frank Smalley, et al., Just. Ct., 5th, Jurors 31.92

Co. Grain Growers, \$2,410.10; Mattie B. Green, \$42.61; Cornett Green, \$217.43; Sadie Parrish, \$44.63; Lowell D. and Edna H. Chally, \$57.90; Jordan Elevator Co., \$74.84.

Due to improper assessment, it was ordered that \$261.14 be paid Fred West, and the improperly assessed taxes be assessed to the property owned by Melvin and Janet Patter.

The following warrants were issued on the General Fund:

- Herman Winter, D. A. Cler. Help, 1125; Rent 65.00; Sup. 9.89; Tel. 27.85 \$215.24
- E. O. Ferguson, Co. Comm. Mileage 20.50
- Walter H. Hayes, Co. Comm. Mileage 31.66
- Sadie Parrish, et al. Elections 846.54
- Lifeco Ins. Co., Sal. 24.58, Ins. 8.29 32.87
- First Nat'l Bk., Sal. Pub. Emp. Ret. Bd., Sal. 185.00, Soc. Sec. 185.00 371.20
- State Tax Comm., Sal. 160.80, Ind. Accid. Comm. Sal. 41.25; Elec. 2.06 43.31
- N. W. Hosp. Serv., Sal. 119.80, DA Misc. 11.45, Ins. 56.00 187.25
- Finzer Bus. Machines, Co. Ct. 1113; Cik's Inc. 11.12, Assess. Inc. 11.13 33.38
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John A. Pfeiffer, do 6.19	Cornett Green Feed, do 6.02	First Nat'l Bank 497.60
City Water Dept., do 7.50	Margaret Jorgensen, Off. Clk. 78.58	St. Ind. Accid. Comm. 257.43
Herman Green, do 3.00	L. D. Tibbles, Phy. 24.09	N. W. Hosp. Serv. 141.85
Lott's Elec., Cbse, Rep. 102.34	Charles V. Knox, Juv. 132.51	Heppner Auto Sales, Inc. 25.00
Donald E. Clark, Sher. Jail Exp. 14.00	W. C. Driscoll, Sher. 47.59	D. H. Jones & Son 40.40
Heppner Clinic, do 10.00	Comm. Fd. 87.41	Goodyear Service Stores 398.33
Hotel Grill, do 1.00	Maurice Byrd, Ct. Rep. 31.25	Padberg Mach. Co. 855.44
Gene Ramsey, Just. Ct., 6th, Jurors & Wit. 14.60	Nancy B. Dixon, Surp. Fds. Cler. Help 31.25	Heppner Auto Parts 171.39
Gene Pierce, do 5.08	St. Ind. Accid. Comm., Sal. 42.08	Gilliam & Bisbee Hdwe. 15.24
Columbia Copy Co., Plan. Comm. 3.55	First Nat'l Bank, Sal. Pub. Emp. Ret. Bd., Sal. 201.45, Soc. Sec. 201.45 402.90	Tum-A-Lum Lbr. Co. 46.12
Morrow Co. School Dist. R-1, do 2.10	St. Tax Comm., Sal. Assess. Inc. 37.56, Cir. Ct. 35.65, Cbse, Rep. 76.02 149.23	H. W. English, Inc. 198.39
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Gene's Chev. St. do 43.67	Case Furn. Co., Cir. Ct. 14.67	Becket Equipment Co. 30.00
Charles V. Knox, Juv. Farley Mtr. Co., Civ. Def. 15.80	Dept. of Fin. & Admin., Surp. Prop. Acct., Surp. Fds. 38.75	General Fire Equip. Co. 5.75
Raymond French, et al., Equal Bd. 42.00	Pendleton-Heppner Prt. do 140.53	C. J. D. Bauman, Sher. Trustee 3.00
Heppner Gaz. Times, Elec. 442.62, Off. Pub. 901.09	G. E. or Mary Nikander, Surp. Fds. Exp. 15.00	H. W. English, Inc. 21.25
Ore. St. Univ. Ex. Serv., Emerg. 836.63	Portland Stamp & Seal Co., Cik's Inc. 4.00	Union Pac. R. R. 33.75
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Col. Basin Elec. Cbse. 134.24, Surp. Fds. 5.77	Fullerton Chev. Co., Emer. (Amb.) 1.50	Pacific N. W. Bell 18.30
James Typewriter Exch., Cik's Inc. 20.00	Pacific N. W. Bell, Cur. Exp. 90.00	John A. Pfeiffer 35
Pac. N. W. Bell, Sher. Comm. Fd. 15.00	St. Tax Comm., Re-evaluation Div., Part Time-App. 1,394.75	City Water Dept. 4.90
Phil's Pharmacy, Sher. Inc. 2.12	Lexington Oil Co-op. 1.60	Columbia Basin Elec. 11.04
Oregon St. Bur. of Labor, Cbse. 20.00	Mary Bryant, Dep. 271.82, Co. Ct. 25.00 296.82	Industrial Air Prod. Co. 46.85
N. W. Ind. Laundry, do Heppner Gazette-Times, Tax Coll. 265.74	Elvira Irby, Dep. 268.77	Lexington Imp. Co. 65.12
Frank Smalley, et al., Just. Ct., 5th, Jurors 31.92	Lillian Sweek, Off. Clk. 261.03	Union Oil Co. 70.13
	Lorraine Ball, Off. Clk. 219.29	Standard Oil Co. 281.60
		Shell Oil Co. 242.56
		N. W. Ind. Laundry 4.62
		Clyde Equip. Co. 431.05
		Donald V. Downey 129.00
		Standard Oil Co. 5,800.00
		Pacific N. W. Bell 14.75
		N. W. Hosp. Serv. 141.85
		Lifeco Ins. Co. 48.44
		Goodyear Serv. Stores 662.65
		Howard Cooper Corp. 1,776.00
		Finzer Mach. Co. 63.51
		Sadie Parrish, Co. Clk. 3.00
		Gilliam & Bisbee Hdwe. 9.75
		Union Pacific R. R. 10.20
		Labor 4,306.06
		Set Salaries 1,210.12
		Roadmaster 498.74
		St. Ind. Accid. Comm. 263.01
		First National Bank 519.70
		Pub. Emp. Ret. Bd. 458.54
		St. Tax Comm. 141.20
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		Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co., Weed Cont. 12.42
		West Publishing Co., Law Lib. 375.53
		Inland Chem. Serv., Weed Cont. 322.43
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