

FARM NEWS

County Agent's Office

Farmer's '65 Tax Guide Now Available at Office

By N. C. ANDERSON

It's income tax time again for the ranchers and in visiting with many we find they are taking advantage of the rainy weather to get records in order. Evidently, some who attended the farm management shortcourse last December, some who attended the farm management shortcourse last December are using the suggestions given by Manning Becker, farm management specialist, in tax management. A rough listing of income and expenses will quickly tell the rancher whether it would be to his advantage to make some sales to add to income or whether it would be to his advantage to make some purchases of needed supplies or equipment in wise management on taxable income this year.

One of the popular helps in preparing income tax returns has been the "Farmers' Tax Guide" which has been made available by the Internal Revenue Service for several years now. We are quite happy that our supply of the 1965 edition has arrived. This is fully a month earlier than past years and will be appreciated by farmers I am sure. A copy can be picked up at our office.

The guide includes this year several new items which include explanations of a deduction of 10¢ a mile for operating your car; a plan for averaging your income; charitable contributions; a new minimum standard deduction; medicine and drug costs now fully deductible under certain circumstances; your auto tags may not be deductible; first \$100 of personal casualty or theft loss is not deductible; some gain on depreciable property as ordinary income as only a few of things that will be helpful.

There are 15 chapters that cover the important aspects of filing an income tax return whether you do it yourself or have someone do it for you. Now is the time to manage your income to minimize taxes. Remember, tax management is part of farm management.

Schneider Assisting Ranchers With Grain Management Study

Gary Schneider, an Oregon State University farm management graduate who recently returned from the armed services, has been spending the past few days in Morrow county assisting ranchers who are participating in a grain management study, with the completion of their records for the first phase of the study. The study is set up over a two-year period with the fallow costs figured for the first year and the crop production year starting with the seedling operation this fall.

The study is a result of interest in actual costs of produc-

tion by a number of ranchers, some of whom were participants in the 1958 study. The information will be used in many ways. The 1958 study has been recognized throughout the Columbia Basin and other areas of like production practices as helpful in keeping informed on costs of various operations of the wheat farmer.

Participating in the study this year are Melvin Moyer, Kenneth Turner, Dean Graves, Heppner, Harry Proudfoot, Echo, Kenneth Smouse, Don Peterson, Louis Carlson and Bob Rietmann, Ione. Gary Schneider is working as county agent-at-large assigned to the Columbia Basin area assisting with farm management enterprise studies and problems. Early next year he will do some work in the area on the value of annual grain pasture for livestock feed including carrying capacity of diverted wheat and barley acres; value of permanent grasses in a grain rotation cost of livestock production; to mention only a few of the projects that Columbia Basin ranchers are interested in keeping abreast with in this time of high production costs and lower income.

National Polled Show Set for Next Week

Barnett Hereford ranch, Boardman; Kirk and Robinson, Heppner, and Herbert Ekstrom and Sons, Ione. Polled Hereford breeders from Morrow county will participate in the National Polled Hereford show which will be held at Portland on December 7, 8 and 9. Their exhibits will contribute to the estimated 360 head that will be on display at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition building in Portland. Polled Hereford breeders from 18 states will participate. This is the first time this show has been held in the Pacific Northwest.

The schedule includes judging of animals beginning at 8:30 a.m. Monday, December 7, with a membership meeting at 2:00 p.m. Judging will continue at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 8, with the women's program scheduled at 2:00 p.m. and a banquet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 9, will climax the event with a sale beginning at 10:30 a.m. Headquarters is the Sheraton-Portland Hotel.

Care, Feed of Ewes Pays Off at Lambing

While cattle growers have had a bad year as far as prices are concerned, sheep men have enjoyed a strong wool and lamb price this year. Wool and lamb prices are predicted to continue strong for the next year. With this in mind, sheep growers might plan some management practices that will return additional income on these products. While it is too late now to increase the potential lamb crop, it isn't too late to give the pregnant ewes some care that will result in a strong lamb at birth, lots of milk for the lamb and increased wool production. With the long dry fall, nutritious feed has been at a minimum.

It is well that ewes be fed to maintain or gain a little weight rather than losing condition during the later signs of pregnancy. With growing conditions such as they have been, it is difficult for them to obtain enough dry matter. These ewes need to be supplemented with some excellent quality hay, preferable a legume-grass mixture. If your hay crop was short, a pound of grain and approximately one-tenth pound of protein supplement per head daily will provide an adequate ration. Another way that all lambs that are born can be saved is tagging the heads to clear the vision of ewes as well as around the udder region, up the backside of hind legs, up to and over the dock. Ewes can see then to claim their lambs and lambs can get to the udder to suckle as

Resolution Urges Vaccination Pay

Resumption of the payment by the state for vaccination of calves for brucellosis was urged in a resolution passed November 23 by members of the State Board of Livestock Auction Markets at a meeting in the Agricultural Building, Salem.

Two other resolutions were passed by the board. One recommended that information secured at auction markets in the backtagging program for brucellosis include the name of the immediate past owner when the animal is consigned for sale by someone other than the owner of the herd of origin.

The other resolution urged the U. S. Department of Agriculture to provide a back tag acceptable for use at Oregon auction markets. Board members pointed out that the present tag is difficult to read in the auction ring.

During a discussion of identification tags for swine treated with serum for hog cholera board members proposed that the Oregon Department of Agriculture consider substituting a back tag or some other identification for the paper drop ear tag presently in use.

Dr. Stanley McGough, Pendleton, was re-elected chairman of the board and Albert Julian, Scio, re-elected vice chairman.

soon as they are born.

81 Foreign Countries Report Importing U. S. Turkeys

The United States' foreign turkey trade, rising sharply from about 7 million pounds in 1961, scored gains again in fiscal year 1964, when 81 countries bought about 36 million pounds of U. S. fresh-frozen turkey. While the European Economic Community (EEC) nations, and particularly West Germany, took the largest amounts, sales to many other countries continued to rise. Until recent years, few people outside the three major producing countries—the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom—had ever tasted turkey.

Since 1958, when the United States began active market development efforts abroad, sales have risen in most years and new countries have been added to the market list. Many turkeys sold overseas are used by hotels and restaurants, whose facilities are suitable for the big turkey. The homemaker abroad prefers 4 to 8 pound birds, and sometimes buys economical cut-up parts.

For the fiscal year that ended June 30, 1964, West Germany's purchases again rose above the 20-million pound mark, approaching its 25.5 million pound record of fiscal 1962. Netherlands is now taking 3.6 million pounds of U. S. turkeys. Canada imported 3.5 million pounds last year, almost twice the previous year's purchase. Greater demand in Italy has resulted in imports of 2.3 million pounds. For 1964, Japan's rapid development as a market was the surprise of the Far Eastern scene, with U. S. turkey imports of 355,718 pounds compared to only 38,695 pounds in 1963. Statistics show that 11 years ago only four countries were importing turkeys from the United States—compared to the 81 countries importing our traditional bird in fiscal 1964.

State Wheat Growers Meet

We hope to see many wheat growers at the annual meeting of the Oregon Wheat Growers League in La Grande, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. This annual meeting will be an important one as growers ponder problems and opportunities in wheat production and marketing in the year ahead. We are sure that through the concerted effort of our growers, solutions will be found on many problems that will increase efficiency of both production management and marketing.

Agents to Attend Conference

Extension agents will be out of county during the week of December 7 while attending the annual All-Staff conference at Oregon State University. Monday, December 7, will see a concentrated training session on 4-H records and policies. This year's annual conference theme will be related to foreign marketing, imports, exports and implications. We hope to return to the county better informed on these and other matters which we deal with each day in our extension program.

Chats With Your Home Agent

Committee Plans Housing After Relocation of Boardman

By DONNA GEORGE

A steering committee of Boardman people met November 23 at the Art Allen home with Bernice Strawn, extension home management specialist from Corvallis, and County Extension Agents Nels Anderson and Donna George. Committee members were Zeart Gillespie, Boardman city council member; Mrs. Ron Black, representing the city planning commission; Mrs. Art Allen (Boardman Home Extension Unit), and Ron Black.

The purposes of this meeting were to decide what topics relating to housing are most desirable for an extension service information program in Boardman and to determine the number and dates of meetings to be held. Since the present site of Boardman will be flooded by the John Day dam, Boardman residents are faced with many decisions including whether to move their present homes to the new town site or to rebuild.

About 20 home owners now plan to move houses and several of these houses will require improvements in order to meet zoning code specifications. Although the moving deadline of June, 1967, seems a long way off the committee felt that some residents are unaware of the amount of time required for careful planning of moving or remodeling. Businesses hope to be moved by April of 1965 as the new highway will then be in use. Utility and paving contracts for the new town are expected to be let early in 1965.

The following topics were selected for three public evening meetings at Boardman in March:

1. "Should You Move Your House?" (Cost of moving, zoning, an electrical code requirements and other aspects of house moving).
2. "Finance of Housing." (Types of loans available and legal aspects of financial arrangements).
3. "Planning of Kitchens, Bathrooms and Utility Rooms."

(This information will be of interest to all who plan to remodel or build.)

Time and place of these meetings and persons instructing will be announced later. If there is sufficient interest additional sessions may be held to deal with special interest topics.

Cranberries Grind Easily

If you grind cranberries for relish or salad, here's a tip from Velma Seat, food marketing specialist with Oregon State University Extension Service. She puts them in the freezer, then grinds them while they are frozen. They grind easier and there's less drip.

By the way, to keep cranberries, freeze them in the plastic bags just as they come from the store. They will keep well for a month, even longer.

Are Electric Carving Knives Safe?

A dull knife that you have to saw with is probably the most dangerous kind. You can't tell in what direction it might take off. But an electric knife requires no pressure, you just guide it. It stops instantly when you take your finger off the switch bar and you feel very much in control.

This type knife needs to be used with the same care as any long, sharp knife. It does a smooth job with everything from turkey to sponge cake and tomatoes.

Teflon Gas Rumor False

Rumors about Teflon coated pans have come to our county extension offices. People ask if a poisonous gas is given off when heating this material. You can be assured there is no danger and this rumor is false.

This question has also been asked by men working in factories and the lumber industry, where some tools are Teflon coated. The safety engineer with a large Oregon lumber company tells us that this fear spread among their workers but there is really no danger.

Wheat Found Good As Barley in OSU Hog Feed Studies

When it comes to feeding hogs, wheat is at least as good as barley—as long as the price is right. D. C. England, research scientist at Oregon State University, reports good results from feeding trials comparing wheat and barley at the Umatilla branch, OSU Agricultural Experiment station.

The trials showed little difference between hogs fed ground wheat and those fed ground barley. Hogs fed pelleted wheat did a more efficient job of converting feed to pork than did the hogs fed pelleted barley. Pelleted wheat also produced higher rates of gain than either whole wheat or ground wheat. In all of the studies, feed efficiency was better with wheat than with barley, indicating a somewhat higher feeding value for the wheat. Wheat and barley produced in the Northwest are generally similar in nutritive content, except that barley contains more than twice as much fiber as wheat.

In the latest series of experiments, a standard protein supplement formula was developed to bring all rations to the same protein level. This OSU supplement, according to England, can be fed with grain. Amount of supplement depends on protein level of the grain being fed.

The OSU protein supplement consists of 200 pounds herring meal, 1000 pounds soybean oil meal, 750 pounds alfalfa meal, 45 pounds iodized salt, and five pounds of either Aurofac 10 or TM-10 per ton of supplement. The amount of supplement added to the ration varies from 500 pounds per ton for pigs weighing between 50 and 100 pounds, to 150 pounds of supplement for pigs between 150 and 200 pounds. Research results are reported in the fall, 1964 issue of Oregon Journal of Research.

Laboratory tests show that there is no poisonous gas given off when Teflon is heated to a high temperature.

Cookerettes Meet

The Eager Cookerettes held a meeting at Diana Cutsforth's. Three dollars was donated to the Esther Kirmis Library book shelf from the 4-H window award we received for first place. We discussed menu planning for the lesson. Mrs. Max Barclay, Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Gene Cutsforth were present as our guests. The next meeting is at Mitchell Millers December 14.

Judy Barclay, reporter

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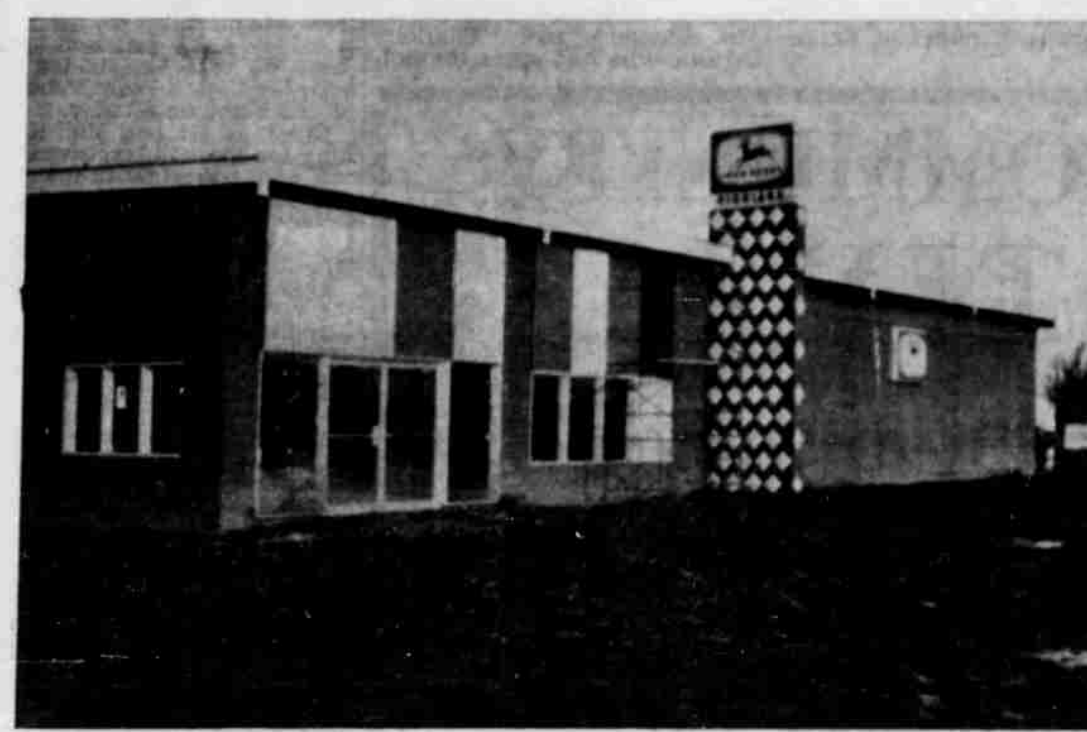
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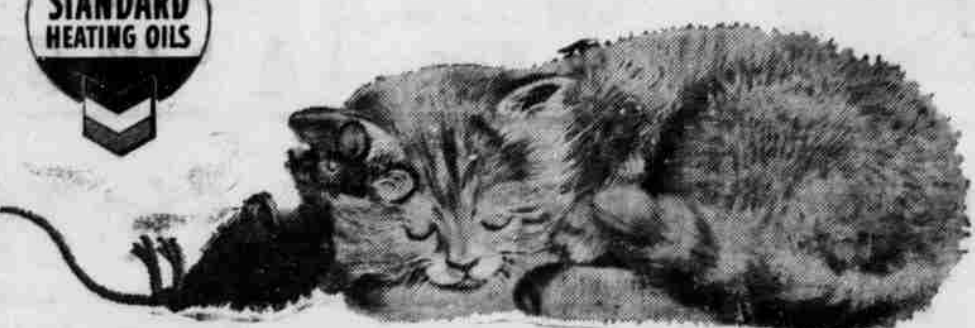
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