

# FARM NEWS

County Agent's Office

## Contrast Limits on Wheat Now Under Revision

By N. C. ANDERSON

The following item is taken from the December 14, 1964 issue of the USDA Farm Paper Letter.

"An increase in the percentage of 'contrasting classes' permitted in wheat grades No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3, has been proposed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The revised standards were requested by wheat growers, grain elevator operators, and exporters in the Pacific Northwest who stated that the rather tight limits of contrasting classes were causing economic hardship to them.

A survey shows that the limits on contrasting classes could be liberalized without adversely affecting the quality of products made from wheat. The changes would increase the percentage of contrasting classes allowed as follows: Grade No. 1, from 1/2 to 1%; Grade No. 2, from 1 to 2%; and Grade No. 3, from 2 to 3%. The proposed revision will be published in the December 15 Federal Register."

Evidentially the protest made by various farm groups and individuals including Al Lamb, manager, Morrow County Grain Growers along with the meeting held in Pendleton last September with the Federal Grain Division authorities, has brought about some favorable reaction.

This is only an example of what can be done in the country if people will make themselves heard.

### Drop Seen in Import Of U. S. Wheat to Japan

A 74% increase in Japan's 1964 wheat crop after last year's crop failure is expected to mean a substantial drop in the imports of U. S. soft wheat, which is similar to Japan's domestic output. A smaller decrease in imports of U. S. hard winter wheat also is forecast. At the same time, imports of Canadian and Australian wheat may show a slight rise. Japanese purchases of U. S. Western White wheat are expected to decline to around 600,000 tons from the 832,700 tons of 1963-64.

### Selenium Seen Effective in Lamb, Calf Losses

White muscle disease continues to take a heavy toll of lambs and calves in Oregon. While this disease has not been as common in Morrow county as in some parts of the state, there have been serious losses in some herds here.

It can be prevented by injecting the mother or the offspring with selenium. Cost is extremely low when related to prevention of lamb or calf losses. The material is available locally and

can be given by the livestock producer.

### Management Specialist Gives Income Tax Tips

Manning Becker, farm management specialist, OSU, gives some last minute pointers on reducing income taxes. "Like many other costs, income taxes can be reduced by good management. A good tax manager is one who thinks about and acts on tax matters during the year while something can still be done about them.

Now is a good time to make out an estimate of your farm business income tax situation. Those on the cash system have several opportunities to shift income or expenses from one year to the next by proper management before the end of the tax year. Remember, tax rates will be lower next year.

Avoiding wide fluctuations in income will usually reduce taxes particularly if the low year's income does not cover personal exemptions and deductions. You may have a new standard deduction, so check the new regulations. You may need to shift some income (or forego some expenses) to this accounting period in order to cover these items.

If your income for 1964 was substantially greater than that of the four prior years, you may be able to compute your tax under the income averaging method and pay a smaller amount of tax. In order to benefit from this method, however, your average income for 1964 must be over \$3,000. Your average income, generally, is the excess of your 1964 income over 133 1/3% of the average of your income for the four prior years, without considering the excess of net long-term capital gain over net short-term capital loss in any of these years.

For a detailed explanation concerning this method you may obtain a free copy of Document No. 5533, 'Income Averaging,' from your local Internal Revenue office."

### Crested Alfalfa Pasture Gives Good Forage Quality

For those who still question the desirability of seeding alfalfa with grass for pasture, results of some research comparing crested wheatgrass with crested wheatgrass-alfalfa pastures might be convincing.

In this grazing experiment, yearling steers were used to graze established pastures of crested wheatgrass and crested wheatgrass-alfalfa. The average grazing period during the study was 56 days. Steers on both sets of pastures gained a little over 2 pounds per head per day during the study period.

Results of the study showed that the crested wheatgrass-alfalfa pasture produced about 27% more forage than crested wheatgrass alone. This increase in forage production resulted in an approximate 33% greater carrying capacity for crested wheatgrass-alfalfa pasture. In addition to producing more forage, the crested wheatgrass-alfalfa pasture was utilized approximately 27% more than the crested wheatgrass alone.

Over the 7-year period, beef gains per acre averaged 117.3 pounds on the crested-alfalfa pasture and only 88.4 pounds per acre on the straight crested wheatgrass. Researchers concluded that this approximate 33% greater gain per acre on the crested-alfalfa pasture was primarily attributed to the greater forage production, but may also be related somewhat to forage quality of the crested-alfalfa pasture.

They found, however, that pasture stands did not deteriorate significantly during the 7-year grazing trial except for the large loss in the alfalfa from the crested wheatgrass-alfalfa pastures. In their experience, there was no bloat of steers grazing either the crested wheatgrass or crested-alfalfa.

**Extension To Be Active In Economic Opportunity Act**  
Week before last, while attending annual extension conference, discussion was held summarizing the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964. The exten-

## Chats With Your Home Agent

# Timely Holiday Tips Shared With County Homemakers

By DONNA GEORGE

Your home agent extends a special Christmas wish to each of you Morrow county folks. May you find happiness and success in the years ahead.

### Wooden Salad Bowls

Some of you homemakers may find a wooden salad bowl among your holiday gifts. Here are some tips for its care.

Fine-grained hardwoods make good salad bowls, according to the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture's Forest Service. Look for bowls made of walnut, beech, gum, birch, myrtle, cherry or maple. Bowls may be either finished or unfinished. If you finish your own bowl, be sure to use a water-proof varnish.

Many people, however, prefer to leave the inside of their salad bowls unfinished so they take on the seasonings of salads—the garlic, salts and oils. Or, they season the bowl first with mineral oil or some other sweet oil.

Avoid letting acid dressing or any liquid stand long in a wooden salad bowl.

To clean, use warm or cool mild suds, whisking the bowls quickly through the water, or simply wipe them out, rinse and dry thoroughly. Do not stack bowls nor store them until they are completely dry inside and out. Keep your wooden salad bowls in a dry place away from heat.

(For ideas on making various salads to be served in that bowl, ask for a free copy of "Adventures in Salad Making" at the Morrow County Extension Office.)

### Home Efficiency Comes With Good Use of Time

Traditionally, as the New Year approaches, we become very time-conscious. Perhaps the rush of holiday preparations increases the feeling that "days are never long enough."

Home service will be involved in this program in working with low income families, as we have since we came into existence in the early 1900's.

It was interesting to have explained the many ramifications of the program and how it will work. The office of Economic Opportunity will have separate staffs that will operate a job corps, a program for Volunteers In Service To America (VISTA), a community action program and special programs for migrant workers.

The facilities of existing agencies will operate a variety of programs authorized under the bill including work-training programs through the Labor Dept., work study programs and adult basic education through the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare; special loan programs to combat farm poverty through the Department of Agriculture; small business loans through the Small Business Administration; community work and training projects for welfare-recipients through the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare.

A total of \$947.5 million is authorized by the act.

Governor Hatfield has made the necessary moves to participate in this program in Oregon. Many agencies are already involved and activities are well underway. Several job corps camps have been designated and are in the process of being readied to receive the young men and women participants by late winter.

The program is aimed at alleviating an annual expenditure of \$100 billion a year (equal to the Federal Budget) spent on what can be classified as "welfare" by federal, state and county.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of our readers!

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methods. In addition to learning such methods, you can be your own efficiency expert by constantly watching for faster ways to work or have someone else watch and make suggestions.

## Best Wishes for Christmas



At this joyous time, when hope and good spirits are high, we express appreciation for your continued loyalty, and wish you the best of everything for Christmas as always. Thank you.

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